
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

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Looking Ahead

Summer in Psalms

07/02/23 - Finding Certainty	Psalm 14
07/09/23 - Anxiety	Psalm 27
07/16/23 - Beauty of God	Psalm 27
07/23/23 - Confession	Psalm 32
07/30/23 - Thirst for God	Psalms 42/43
08/06/23 - In Search of ...	Psalm 63
08/13/23 - Worship	Psalm 95
08/20/23 - God's Love	Psalm 107
08/27/23 - (Guest)	Psalm
09/03/23 - Rejoicing and Weeping	Psalm 126

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9:30am Discussion

10:30am Worship

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We are glad you're here!

This is a community which strives to worship and serve God together. Within this community, people freely explore their personal questions about God and the Bible. It's together that we can better learn the breadth and depth of the Gospel and how it works out in our lives. Then, through the grace and hope of the gospel, we serve those in need and work together towards a thriving community.

This program is organized under five headings as described below:

Gathering: We remember God of Creation. The creator is amazing, perfect, powerful, good and is worthy of our worship and praise. This helps center and prepare our hearts for a time of worship.

Confession and Renewal reminds us that this world is not as God originally intended it. We express our grief and sorrow over the brokenness of this world and of our own lives. Our need for grace never goes away, and it is only by faith in Jesus that we can be made right with God. Within these words of renewal we recognize the truth that God's redemption of his people has been accomplished in Jesus.

Thanksgiving is our response to the redemptive plan of God. It is also an opportunity to express our thanks tangibly.

Ministry of the Word is expressed through reading our scripture passage for the day, listening to the Word preached, and responding with words of prayer from the congregation.

The **Benediction** is a good word to be sent out on.

We encourage you to spend some time before the service begins and note how it flows. You are also encouraged to take this bulletin with you to use for personal devotional time throughout the week.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95 (NIV)

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- 7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
- 8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
- 10 For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.'
- 11 So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.
A Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

*God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. ~ from Micah 6:8, NIV*

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

L The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Peace be to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Amen.

A Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make you love me more, and nothing I have done that makes you love me less. Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection. Amen.

Reflections

As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life.
~ *Richard Foster, 1942, Theologian/Author*

If God created us in his own image, we have more than reciprocated.
~ *Voltaire, 1694-1778, French enlightenment philosopher*

If our identity is in our work, rather than Christ, success will go to our heads, and failure will go to our hearts. ... When people say, "I know God forgives me, but I can't forgive myself," they mean that they have failed an idol, whose approval is more important than God's. ~ *Timothy Keller, Author: Counterfeit Gods*

You're always making something look big. ... inevitably [you] show that someone or something else rules your heart. ~ *Ken Sande, Founder: Peace-maker Ministries*

Despite the frequent claim that we are living in a secular age defined by the death of God, many citizens in rich Western democracies have merely switched one notion of God for another — abandoning their singular, omnipotent (Christian or Judaic or whatever) deity reigning over all humankind and replacing it with a weak but all pervasive idea of spirituality tied to a personal ethic of authenticity and a liturgy of inwardness...At the heart of the ethic of authenticity is a profound selfishness and callous disregard of others.
~ *Simon Critchley and Jamieson Webster in The NY Times, June 29, 2013*

Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So, one hundred worshipers met together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.

~ *A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God: The Human Thirst for the Divine*

PRELUDE

Micah 6:6 – With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

Opening

- L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
A *Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

O Sing to the Lord

Brazilian Folk Song

O sing to the Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the
By His ho-ly pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our
7
Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, and
pow'r our God has done won - ders. By His ho - ly pow'r our
God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our God, who
12
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, Yes! sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
gave us the Spi - rit, O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Pastoral Prayer

- L Almighty God, Father of mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Open Petition

After each petition the Leader will say:

- L Lord in your mercy
A *Hear our prayer. (Response from Congregation)*
~or~
L *Let us Give God Thanks*
A *We give You thanks O Lord.*
L May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

– from Psalm 19:14, NIV

The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

Invitation to the Table

- L Professing & baptized members of a church in which Jesus Christ is professed as Lord and Savior: the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.
- A *We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our lifegiving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*
- L Let us give thanks together:

Prayer of Thanks *(from a fourth-century liturgy from the city of Alexandria.)*

- A *It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:*

All Sing: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are filled with Your Glory. (2x)
Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest! (2x)*

Words of institution

- L The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor 11:23-26, NIV

Distribution of the Elements

Call to Worship

- L Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
A *We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*
- L We will be glad and exult in you;
A *We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

Adoration

- L Almighty and ever present God, you uphold heaven and earth and all creatures. All things come from your generous hand: You send the nourishing rain, the refreshing wind, the warming sun, the blustering snow. You make buds appear, flowers bloom, fruit grow, and harvests mature. Through each day of our lives, whether in sickness or health, prosperity or poverty, joy or sorrow, you are in control. Help us to be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and always confident that nothing could ever separate us from your love. For your unending faithfulness, we thank and praise you. To you be glory, now and forever.
~ based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 27-28

- A *Our Father,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

All Sing: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
As we wait upon the Lord, as we wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
As we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Bridge Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer

Chorus You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

You are the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles

(2nd time thru)
Hope will rise as we wait upon the Lord
As we wait upon the Lord, as we wait upon the Lord
Hope will rise as we wait upon the Lord
As we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (Bridge)

O Let Our Inward Joys Arise

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)

O let our in - ward joys a - rise, and
Lord on Your thirst - y chil - dren now show'r
Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus -
Why do we boast and con - de - scend and
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I
fill us with a song, Let ho - ly
mer - cy from Your throne For Christ has
pic - ions, and com - plaints? Is he a
think our - selves as strong? When Christ has
have en - graved your name; My arm shall
love in - spire our hearts; Sub - mis - sion tune our
ri - sen from the grave and rained sal - va - tion
God, and shall his grace Grow wear - y of his
bowed and washed our feet, and bids us sin - ners
brace your wound - ed wing, and mend your bro - ken
tongues. sub - mis - sion tune our tongues.
down. and rained sal - va - tion down.
saints? Grow wear - y of his saints?
come: and bids us sin - ners come.
frame." And mend your bro - ken frame."

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 95 (*found on Page 15*)
Series Summer in the Psalms
Sermon Worship

Profession of Faith

A *Loving God, we gather each week to meet you.
We come to listen to you, to seek you, and to worship you.
You are the beginning of all things,
the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.
In you we become; in you we live.
Loving God, you are here and everywhere,
around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.
In you we hope; in you we live.
You are the source of serenity,
giving peace that is beyond our understanding.
In you we are still; in you we live.
Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.
Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L *When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.*

A *Eternal God, you do not change.
You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.
But we confess that we often worship
not your true self but who we wish you to be.
We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
before your unspeakable majesty
and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

None Other Lamb

Christina G. Rossetti

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None o - ther Lamb, none o - ther name,
My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;



none o - ther hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
on - ly my heart's de - sire cries out in me
love's fire thou art, how - e - ver cold I be:



none o - ther hi - ding place from guilt and shame,
by the deep thun - der of its want and woe,
nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,



none be - side thee! none be - side thee!
cries out to thee. cries out to thee.
nor home, but thee. nor home, but thee.

Renewal

L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

A *Thanks be to God! – Romans 8:15-17, NRSV*

Doxology

L *Freely you have received, freely give. – Matthew 10:8, NIV*

A *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Dedication

A *Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness.
Thank you that we can always trust in You.
You are an abundant God and out of your great kindness
you have given us so much.*

*We give you this offering today, and with it we also give ourselves.
Use this congregation, for your kingdom and your glory.
Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray.
And may we be a great blessing to many. Amen.*

Preparation

L Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. – based on Psalm 119:105, NRSV