
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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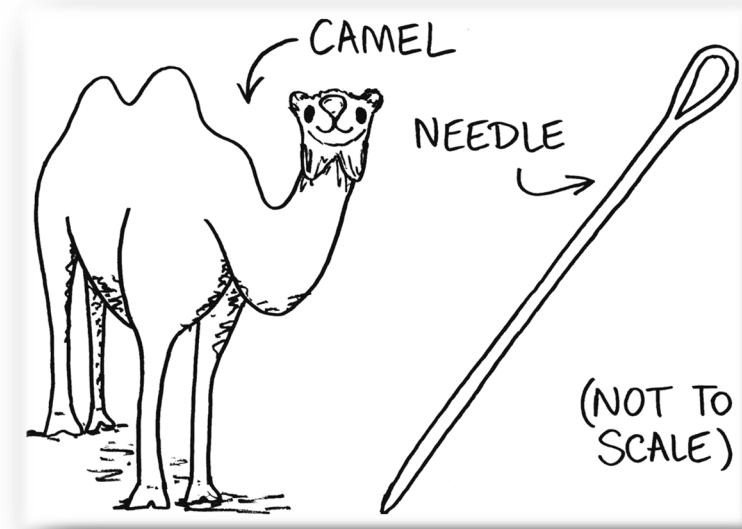
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Looking Ahead

Hard Sayings of Jesus

Upcoming Sermons

The Violent Bear it Away	Matthew 11:7-19
I Came to Set the Earth on Fire	Luke 12:49-53
Let the Dead Bury their Dead	Luke 9:57-62
Let Your Yes Be Yes	Matthew 5:33-37
Love Your Enemies	Luke 6:20-36
Unabashed Prayer	Luke 11:5-13



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September 10, 2023

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: Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

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

The falseness of your own hearts, if you look not to them, may undo you.
~ *Richard Baxter, 1615-1691, Pastor/Author, The Saints' Everlasting Rest*

To be found is to be exposed. No wonder so many of us are still lost.
~ *Craig D. Lounsbrough, Counselor/ Author*

Love is the very difficult understanding that something other than yourself is real.
~ *Iris Murdoch, 1919-1999, Anglo-Irish novelist*

A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money. ~ *W. C. Fields, 1880-1946*

...what the heart loves, the will chooses, and the mind justifies. The mind doesn't direct the will. The mind is actually captive to what the will wants, and the will itself, in turn, is captive to what the heart wants.

~ *Rev. Dr. Ashley Null, Anglican scholar*

Nothing can be more cruel than the leniency which abandons others to their sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe reprimand which calls another Christian in one's community back from the path of sin.
~ *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together: The Exploration of Christian Community*

Human beings never think for themselves; they find it too uncomfortable. For the most part, members of our species simply repeat what they are told - and become upset if they are exposed to any different view.

~ *Michael Crichton*

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- L This is the day that you have made, Lord.
A *Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!*
L Open our eyes to see you, Lord.
A *Open our ears to hear your Word.*

All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.
Blessed be his glorious Name,
His glorious Name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with his glory, alleluia!
(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)
(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Ps 90)*

- L Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
A *A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*
- L Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
A *Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*
- L May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
A *May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

Pastoral Prayer

- L O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we thank you for the gift of faith worked within us by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for having called us to yourself, for consecrating us to your service, for having set us apart to the sacred ministry of prayer.

We pray for the church this morning in all her breadth and variety, gathered out of every nation, family, people, and tongue, to be a kingdom of priests serving you. Grant to the church genuine humility where there is pride, unity where there is division. Grant to her truth where there is error and wisdom where there is folly, that you might fulfill your purposes for her.

Grant that in our own community and those to whom we have influence, for those who are troubled, those who suffer, and those who are discouraged might find support in time of need especially from your church.

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

Adoration

- L It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.
How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!
You, O LORD, are exalted forever. —from Psalm 92:1-5, 8, NIV
Let us exalt Your name in the words Jesus taught us Praying:
- 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*

O Worship the King

Joseph Martin Kraus

Robert Grant



O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O
O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose
Your boun-ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It
Frail child-ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in



grate - ful-ly sing his power and his love: our
robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His
breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it
you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your



shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pav-
char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and
streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, and
mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end, our



- i - lioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.
dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.
Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - deem-er, and Friend!

All Sing: The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Refrain: Oh the wonderful Cross,
Oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown (Refrain)

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all (Refrain)

Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Mark 10:17-27 (*found on Page 15*)
Series Hard Sayings of Jesus
Sermon Camels, Needles, Riches, Goodness

Profession of Faith

A *Christ, having redeemed us by his blood,
is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image,
so that with our whole lives we may show
that we are thankful to God for his benefits,
so that he may be praised through us,
so that we may be assured of our faith
by its fruits, and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.*

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

A *Lord, you are a God who keeps promises.
In our prayers and songs we say
that we want to be Christians,
but then we forget our promises.
Our actions do not match up with our words.
The manner in which we speak of others,
Of how we think of ourselves first,
and, of how we ignore you.*

*Lord, please show us your mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

How Long?

Pacific Gold

William Cowper



To see the law by Christ ful - filled, to hear His par - doning
No strength of na - ture can suf - fice to serve the Lord a -
Then to ab - stain from out - ward sin was more than I could
Then all my ser - vile works were done, a right - eous - ness to



voice Will change a slave in - to a child and du - ty
- right And what she has she mis - ap - plies for want of
do Now If I feel its power with - in, I feel I
raise Now, free - ly cho - sen in the Son, I free - ly



in - to choice
clear - er light How long, How Long, be - neath the Law I lay How
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choose His ways How long, How Long, be - neath the Law I lay How



long, How Long, I strug - gle to o - bey,
long, How Long, I strug - gle to o - bey, How long, How Long,



in bon - dage and dis - tress How long, How Long, I try with - out suc - cuss

Renewal

L Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." – based on 1 Timothy 1:15

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Let each of us use whatever gift we have received, faithfully sharing God's grace in many forms.

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