
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

Hard Sayings of Jesus

Upcoming Sermons

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
Lead us not into Temptation	Luke 11:2-4
Judge Not	Matthew 7:1-6
How to Hate Your Parents	Luke 14:25-27
I Came to Set the Earth on Fire	Luke 12:49-53



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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: Luke 11:1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

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 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

A coat that is not used, the moths eat; and a Christian who is hung up so that he shall not be tempted--the moths eat him; and they have poor food at that.

~ Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-1887, Congregationalist Clergyman

No evil dooms us hopelessly except the evil we love, and desire to continue in, and make no effort to escape from. *~ George Eliot, 1819-1880, Novelist/Poet*

The main temptation is not to reject God outright, but to embrace God as something secondary and use God as an instrument for our own ends. *~ Miroslav Volf*

For Hannah Arendt, it was not that Adolf Eichmann did not know what he was doing. It was that he did not think about what he was doing. The thoughtlessness that allows evil to flourish cannot be dispelled with new facts or better information, and the society that has forgotten how to think needs to do more than inform its citizens. Instead, like stretching unused muscles, it must relearn the daily habits of thinking.

~ Hannah LaGrand in "Thoughtlessness, Sloth, and the Call to Think"

In our members there is a slumbering inclination toward desire, which is both sudden and fierce. With irresistible power, desire seizes mastery over the flesh. All at once a secret, smoldering fire is kindled. The flesh burns and is in flames. It makes no difference whether it is sexual desire, or ambition, or vanity ... or greed for money. Joy in God is in course of being extinguished in us as we seek all our joy in the creature.

At this moment God is quite unreal to us, he loses all reality, and only desire for the creature is real . . . Satan does not here fill us with contempt of God, but with forgetfulness of God . . . The powers of clear discrimination and of decision are taken from us. The questions present themselves: "Is what the flesh desires really sin in this case?" "Is it really not permitted to me, yes - expected of me, now, here, in my particular situation, to appease desire?" . . . It is here that everything within me revolts against the Word of God. Powers of the body, the mind and the will, which were held in obedience under the discipline of the Word, of which I believed that I was the master, make it clear to me that I am by no means master of them . . .

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- L Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind.
A Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may joyfully honor your name.

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)*

Pastoral Prayer

- L Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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*

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 *(from Ps 135)*

- 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 Loving God, we have gathered to meet you. We have come to listen to you, to seek you, 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.

May we glorify you in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

- 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*

Lead On, O King Eternal

Henry Smart (Tune)

Ernest W. Shurtleff



Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with



come; Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy
cease, And ho - li - ness shall whis - per the
fears; For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where -



tents shall be our home: Through days of pre - par -
sweet a - men of peace; For not with swords' loud
e'er Thy face ap - pears; Thy cross is lift - ed



- a - tion Thy grace has made us strong, And now, O King e -
clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums, But deeds of love and
o'er us; we jour - ney in its light: The crown a - waits the



- ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

William Moore

John Newton



How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - lie - ver's
O Je - sus, sheph - erd, guar - dian, friend, my Pro - phet, Priest, and



ear! It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and
King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac -



- drives a - way our fear. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit
- cept the praise I bring. How weak the ef - fort of my
Till then I would your love pro -



whole and calms the troub - led breast; 'tis man - na to the
heart, how cold my warm - est thought; but when I see you
- claim with ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath; and may the mu - sic



hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.
of your name re - fresh my soul in death.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path. Give us understanding to keep your law and obey it with all our hearts.

— based on Psalm 27:11, Psalm 119:33-34, NRSV

Scripture Luke 11:1-4 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Hard Sayings of Jesus

Sermon Lead us Not ...

Profession of Faith

- A *Our Father, you are in heaven,
high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts.
Holy is your name; beside you there is no other!
You are God, and you alone!
Receive us into your kingdom – the coming kingdom –
the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus,
whose name we bear.
Receive us, for we come to you in his name –
we pray in him and with him.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen. – based on Matthew 6:9-10, 13*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

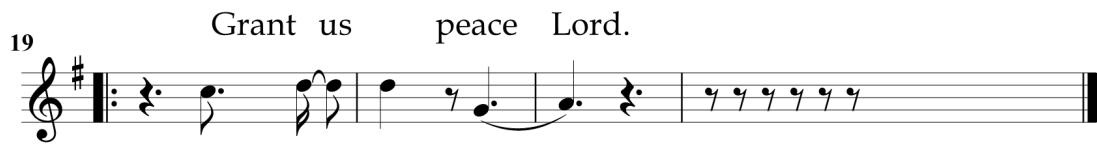
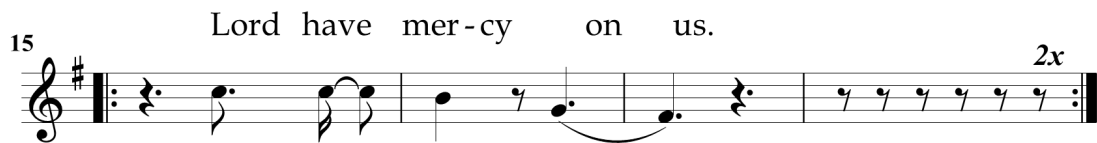
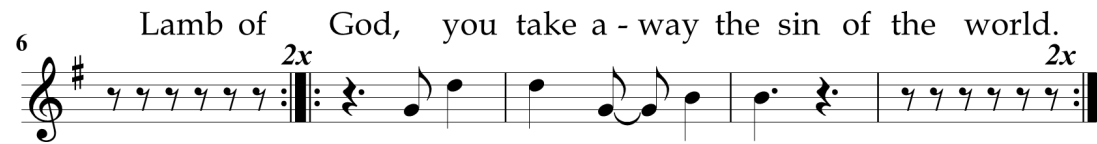
- L When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

- 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

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge



Grant us peace Lord.

Renewal

L In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. – *Psalm 50:14, NRSV*

*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.*