
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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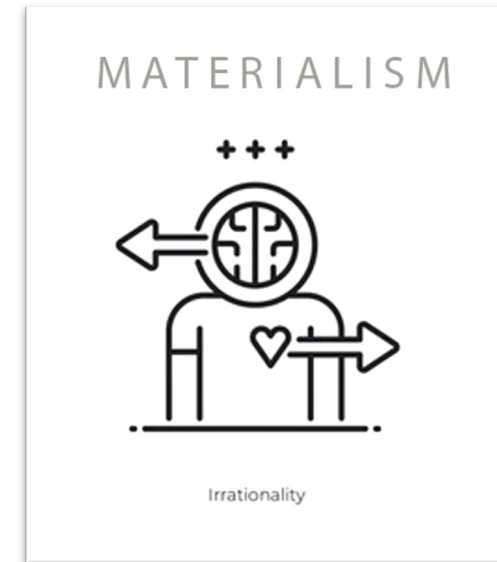
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Looking Ahead

Epistle of James

<i>Wise Relationships</i>	<i>James 3:9-18</i>
<i>Fights and Wars</i>	<i>James 4:1-3</i>
<i>Relationship</i>	<i>James 4:4-10</i>
<i>Guest</i>	<i>2 Peter 1:1-11</i>
<i>Communication</i>	<i>James 4:11,12 5:12</i>
<i>Forgetting</i>	<i>James 4:13-17</i>
<i>Materialism</i>	<i>James 5:1-6</i>
<i>Patience</i>	<i>James 5:7-11</i>
<i>Healing</i>	<i>James 5:13-18</i>
<i>Renewal</i>	<i>James 5:16-20</i>



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

May 19, 2024

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 James 5:1-6 (NTFE)

- 1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.
- 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

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

BENEDICTION

- L 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 As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
~ based on Colossians 3:12-14
- May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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.

Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

...man is an animal suspended in webs of significance he himself has spun...
~ Clifford Geertz (1926-2006), noted American anthropologist

The world says: "You have needs -- satisfy them. You have as much right as the rich and the mighty. Don't hesitate to satisfy your needs; indeed, expand your needs and demand more." This is the worldly doctrine of today. And they believe that this is freedom. The result for the rich is isolation and suicide, for the poor, envy and murder.
~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

Our mistake is to think that following Jesus consists in loving our enemies, going the "second mile," turning the other cheek, suffering patiently and hopefully -- while living the rest of our lives just as everyone around us does.
~ Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives*

The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers.
~ M. Scott Peck, 1936-2005, Psychiatrist & Author, 'People of the Lie'

We must accept the circumstances we constantly find ourselves in as the place of God's Kingdom and blessing. God has yet to bless anyone except where they actually are, and if we faithlessly discard situation after situation, moment after moment, as not being 'right', we will simply have no place to receive his kingdom into our lives. For those situations are our life.
~ Dallas Willard, 1935-2013, Am. Philosopher

A fire broke out backstage in a theatre. The clown came out to warn the public; they thought it was a joke and applauded. He repeated it; the acclaim was even greater. I think that's just how the world will come to an end: to general applause from wits who believe it's a joke. ~ Soren Kierkegaard, *Either/Or, Part I*

PRELUDE

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

L God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh, and our daughters and sons shall prophesy. Our old ones shall dream dreams, and our young ones shall see visions; and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

A *Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord. – based on Acts 2:17-21*

All Sing: Spirit of Gentleness (319 in hymnbook)

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (refrain)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (refrain)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (refrain)

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (refrain)

James K. Manley ~ Published in Everflowing Streams (1981). "Spirit," l. 1-4 (1978)

Pastoral Prayer

L Gracious God, your Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation. You made a world that was breathtaking and life-giving. Sin invaded this world and shattered it. Pollution, disease, and natural disasters plague our world. God, our provider, heal the sick, give peace to the dying, shelter the homeless, and protect the vulnerable.

A *With your Holy Spirit, renew your creation.*

L When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty. Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden.

A *Holy Spirit, point us to new life in Christ.*

L You called a people to be your own and to be a light to the world. Throughout the world your church suffers. Some are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for praying to you. Some pursue personal preferences rather than loving unity. God, our refuge, shield from harm those who love you, surround us with your mercy, and gird your church with the fruit of your Spirit.

A *With your Holy Spirit, empower your church to witness to your glory. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit 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 Our prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer us. – from Psalm 69:13, NRSV

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

A *With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

* *The Mystery of Faith –*

Christ has died, Christ is Risen Christ will come again! (2x)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel Christ will come again! (2x)

Christ has died, Christ is Risen Christ will come again!

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 Lord, the variety of what you have made! In wisdom you have made them all.

A *The earth is full of your creatures. Here is the ocean, vast and wide, teeming with life of every kind, both large and small.*

L See the ships sailing along, and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea. They all depend on you to give them food as they need it.

A *When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hand to feed them, and they are richly satisfied.*

L When you give them your breath, life is created, you renew the face of the earth.

A *May your glory continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!*

L The earth trembles at his glance; the mountains smoke at his touch. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath!

A *May all my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let all sinners vanish from the face of the earth; let the wicked disappear forever. Let all that I am praise the Lord!*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L O Lord, How we marvel at the depth of your love. How we wonder at the waves of your grace. How we are astounded by the glorious balance of the earth. We are in awe of the vastness of the universe. We are so privileged to be called your children. We are accepted and forgiven and embraced. You are almighty, above and beyond everything. You are victorious. Darkness, sin and death are under your feet. You are holy, beautiful and full of love. How we adore You.

Hear us now, as we pray together, the words you taught your 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

Come, Thou Almighty King

Unknown

Arr. by Luke Morton

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Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help
 Come, Thou in - car - nate word, Gird
 Come Ho - ly Com - fort - er Thy
 To Thee great One in Three, E-



us Thy name to sing, Help us to Praise.
 on Thy Might-y sword Our Prayer at - tend,
 Sa - cred wit-ness bear In this glad hour,
 - ter - nal prais-es be Hence ev - er - more



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vict - or - i - ous
 Come and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess,
 Thou who Al - might - y art, Now rule in ev - ry heart,
 Thy sov - ri - eign ma - jest - y May we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o-ver us, An-cient of Days.
 Spi - rit of ho-li-ness On us de-scend.
 And ne'er from us de-part, Spi - rit of power
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore

** Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success, Spirit of Holiness, On us descend.

Begone Unbelief

Kevin Twitt

John Newton



Be - gone un - be - lief, My Sa - vior is
 Though dark be my way, Since he is my
 Why should I com - plain, Of want or dis -
 Since all that I meet will work for my



near, And for my re - lief Will sure - ly ap -
 guide, 'Tis mine to o - bey, and His to pro -
 - tress Temp - ta - tion or pain? He told me no
 good, The bit - ter is sweet, The med - i - cine



- pear: By faith let me wrest - le, with God in the
 - vide; Though cis - terns be bro - ken, And crea - tures all
 less The heirs of sal - va - tion, I know from his
 food; Though pain - ful at pre - sent, will cease be - fore



storm And help me my Sa - vior, the faith to a -
 fail, The word he has spo - ken will sure - ly pre -
 word Through much trib - u - la - tion Must fol - low their
 long, And then, O! how glo - rious, The con - quer - or's



- dorn And help me my Sa - vior, the faith to a - dorn -
 - vail. The word he has spo - ken will sure - ly pre - vail.
 Lord Through much trib - u - la - tion Must fol - low their Lord
 song! And then, O! how glo - rious, The con - quer - or's - song!

* Refrain after vs. 2 & 4 – Begone unbelief, the savior is here (3x)
 Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail;
 The word He has spoken will surely prevail (2x)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture James 5:1-6 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Faith on the Ground

Sermon Materialism

Response

- L Do you believe in God the Father?

A *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

- L Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

A *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

- L Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

** catholic – Through-out the whole, meaning limitless, a growing
reality through time.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, "You must be born again." What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us enter our time of confession before God.

– based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

- A Gracious God,

who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:

we confess before you and to each other

that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.

We have been satisfied with ordinary things,

suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things.

Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire.

Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency,

and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand.

Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

All Sing: Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove,
With all Thy quick'ning pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look, how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go,
To reach eternal joys.

Refrain: Come, Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove,
 With all Thy quick'ning pow'rs;
 Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
 And that shall kindle ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies. (Refrain)

And Father, shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate,
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And Thine to us so great? (Refrain)

Renewal

L All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ. That is why we utter the "Amen" through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed. *– based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. *–Psalm 72:18-19, NRSV*

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 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.*