
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

Psalms of Ascents

Psalm 120

Psalm 121

Psalm 122

Psalm 123

Psalm 124

Psalm 125



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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 122 (NLT)

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 And now here we are,
 standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is a well-built city;
 its seamless walls cannot be breached.
- 4 All the tribes of Israel – the Lord's people –
 make their pilgrimage here.
They come to give thanks to the name of the Lord,
 as the law requires of Israel.
- 5 Here stand the thrones where judgment is given,
 the thrones of the dynasty of David.
- 6 Pray for peace in Jerusalem.
 May all who love this city prosper.
- 7 O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls
 and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say,
 "May you have peace."
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
 I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.

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

One of the afflictions of pastoral work has been to listen, with a straight face, to all the reasons people give for not going to church.
~ Peterson, Eugene H.. *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Only the person who is completely safe can understand that judgment is good news.
~ Fleming Rutledge, 1937-, "Why Did Jesus Choose The Cross?", *Episcopal Priest*

Only our concept of time makes it possible for us to speak of the Day of Judgment by that name; in reality it is a constant court in perpetual session.
~ Franz Kafka, 1883-1924, *Writer*

Christians are not mere wayfarers en route to the next life, but rather pioneers of God's kingdom in advance, a sign of what will follow. By living out lives of grace in a spoiled environment, we point forward to a time of restoration.
~ Philip Yancey, *Vanishing Grace Study Guide, Zondervan*

The kingdom is not an exclusive, well-trimmed suburb with snobbish rules about who can live there. No, it is for a far larger, homelier, less self-conscious caste of people who understand they are sinners because they have experienced the yaw and pitch of moral struggle. ~ Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*

We structure our churches and maintain them so as to shield us from God and to protect us from genuine religious experience...The adult members of churches today rarely raise serious religious questions for fear of revealing their doubts or being thought of as strange. There is an implicit conspiracy of silence on religious matters in the churches. This conspiracy covers up the fact that the churches do not change lives or influence conduct to any appreciable degree.
~ Clyde Reid, 1967-, *Pastoral Counselor, writer, 'The God Evaders'*

Knowledge, not improved and well employed, will only increase our condemnation at the last day. ~ J. C. Ryle, 1816-1900, *Anglican Bishop*

PRELUDE

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

- L Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,
- A *that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

All Sing: I Was Glad

I was glad when they said unto me
I was glad when they said unto me
I was glad when they said unto me
Let us go to the house of the Lord (2x)

[Bridge]

So glad (so glad), so glad (so glad)
So glad (so glad), so glad (so glad)

Pastoral Prayer

- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
- L Gracious Father, giver of all good things: For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,
A *we give you thanks.*
- L Christ, our Redeemer: For your sacrifice on the cross and for rising from death so that we might live,
A *we give you thanks and praise.*
- L Holy Spirit, giver of life: For your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting and guiding us,
A *we give you thanks, praise, and glory.*
- L O triune God: To you be glory and praise now and forever. Let us pray:

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 Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us, in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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 It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High

A *We proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.*

– Psalm 92:1-2, NIV

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew and to center our small worship on your great glory.

Hear us now, as we pray together, the words 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*

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

JEFFERSON

John Newton



Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
See the streams of li - ving wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, Washed in the Re -
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's ci - ty, I, through grace, a



of our God; He, Whose word can - not be bro - ken,
- ter - nal love. Well sup - plies Thy sons and daugh - ters,
- deem - er's blood; Je - sus, Whom their souls re - ly on,
7 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pi - ty,



Formed thee for His own a - bode On the Rock of
And all fears of want re - moves. Who can faint while
Makes them kings and priests to God 'Tis His love His
10 I will glo - ry in Thy Name Fa - ding is the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
such a ri - ver E - ver flows their thirst to quench? Grace which like the
pe - ople rais - es, O - ver self to reign as kings And as priests His
14 world - ling's plea - sure, All his boast - ed pomp and show Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Ne - ver fails from age to age.
sol - emn prais - es Each for a thank off - 'ring bring.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's child - ren know.

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
6 King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac -



drives a - way our fear. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit
10 - 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
15 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.
20 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 Give us, Lord, a clear vision of the truth, faith in your power, and confident assurance of your love.

Scripture Psalm 122 *(found on Page 15)*

Series Pilgrim Journey (Psalms of Ascents)

Sermon Home

Response

A *From the beginning
you have given your promises of loving care
and have been forever faithful to those promises.
When your people were in bondage,
you did not hesitate to rescue them through the sea
and lead them into the land of your promise.
And we praise you most of all for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,
born of the virgin Mary, baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and anointed by your Holy Spirit.
We praise you for his gracious ministry
of teaching, healing, and comforting,
and for his death and resurrection in victory.
We praise you that through his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death.
You give us baptism as a sign of the cleansing
and rebirth we have through our Lord Jesus Christ.
And we rejoice that you are renewing us by your Spirit,
leading us to be ambassadors of your love,
until that day when your kingdom will fully come.
To you be all glory, now and forever.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

– Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

A *Dear Lord, You are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children – the heirs of Your kingdom – and we give You our thanks and praise. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. We have found our identity in earthly things like work, money, family, reputation, our homes, our friends, even our country.*

We have worshiped them more than You. We have turned away from being part of Your Kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. We have broken Your heart with our sin, and we are sorry. Please forgive us. Help us open our hearts to receive the gift of forgiveness that You offer through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with Your presence. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

I Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Andrew Bast

♩ = 84



I lift my eyes up to the Hill - - From
He will not let your foot be moved - - The
He is your Lord, HE is your Keep - er He
The Lord will keep you from all e - vil The



where does my - help - come? My help it comes -
One who keeps you will not sleep Be - hold, he who keeps
is the shade at your right hand. The sun shall nei - ther
Lord will keep you all your life. The Lord will keep your



from the Lord - Who made heav - en and the earth. My
Is - ra - el will Nei - ther slum - ber nor - sleep
strike you by day Nor the moon by night - -
go - ing out and Com - ing in for - ev - er more.



help it comes from you Lord, My help it comes from you. My



help it comes from you Lord, My help it comes from you.

Renewal

L Brothers and sisters, God does not leave us in our distress. He does not abandon us to our poor decisions. While we choose to starve ourselves on a diet of our own making that leads to spiritual atrophy, God provides us with the Bread of Life. Pursuing us, Jesus declares (John 6:51), "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." The bread that he gives is for the life of the world, for you and me. It is his very body pierced and broken which reunites us to the wisdom, truth, life, and light of God. In Him and through Him, we are forgiven.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people. — *from Psalm 116:12, 14*

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.*