
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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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 128 (NLT)

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

- 1 How joyful are those who fear the Lord –
all who follow his ways!
- 2 You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.
How joyful and prosperous you will be!
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine,
flourishing within your home.
Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees
as they sit around your table.
- 4 That is the Lord's blessing
for those who fear him.
- 5 May the Lord continually bless you from Zion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live.
- 6 May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.
May Israel have peace!

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

The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.
~ Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, Evangelist / Teacher

The national anthem of Hell is 'I did it my way.' ~ Peter Kreeft, 1937- , Philosopher

Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.
~ C.S. Lewis, Author / Professor

Where transformation is actually carried out is in our real life, where we dwell with God and our neighbors. . . . First, 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.
~ Dallas Willard, 1935-2013, Philosopher, Author: *The Divine Conspiracy*

Everything we encounter today is used by God to prepare us for tomorrow. he wastes no trials, withholds no blessings, nor does he hold back on the discipline of his soldiers. All He does prepares us for future usefulness as vessels of honor.
~ Rick Lambert, leadership consultant / author: *Polycarp, A Destroyer Of Our Gods*

Growing into spiritual maturity is becoming less self-conscious and more God-conscious. ~ Mark Batterson, 1969- , Pastor / Author

PRELUDE

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

L O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

– based on Ephesians 3:18-19

A *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen. – based on Psalm 19:14*

All Sing: Blessed be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name

Bridge: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Refrain 2: Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

Bridge: You give and take away (2x)

My heart will choose to say,

Lord, blessed be Your name (Bridge)

Words & Music:

Ben & Matt Redman

Pastoral Prayer

O great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church, be glorified in our worship here this very morning. Though we are so small and you are so grand, help us nevertheless to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before. When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth.

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 To you, O LORD, do we lift up our souls. To you, O LORD, do we lift up our voices, O God, in you we trust. Amen *– from Psalm 25:1-2, 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.*

* *By His Wounds (can be sung as a round)*

*By his wounds, his wounds, will we be healed.
And for our transgressions, His passion, has made us well.
Let us come again and feed on Him, our Lord Emmanuel.*

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 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

A *who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*

L The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

A *The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L God, You are mighty and tender, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive is set free. Guide us by your truth and love until we and all your people make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.

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*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Song

Munster Gesangbuch



Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture, O Thou of
Fair are the mea-dows, fair - er still the wood-lands, Robed in the
Fair is the sun-shine, Fair - er still the moon-light And all the
Beau-ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord - of the na - tions! Son of -



God and man the Son! Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I
bloo - ming garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
twink-ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, ad - or -



ho - nor, Thou, my soul's Glo - ry, Joy, and Crown!
pu - rer, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
- a - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Your Will Be Done

Wes Reagan



Spi - rit give us ears to hear The Fa - ther's voice, the king-
Beck - on out of bro - ken worlds De - liv - er us - from
Spir - it give us eyes to see The Fa - ther's love, the king-
Shine your light u - pon our hearts, Trans - form us here, re - new



- dom come - Tune our hearts to hear your call Your will be done
our woes And in - to your a - bun - dant grace Your will, be done
- dom come - Vi - sion for a world in need Your will be done
our minds - Grant your sight un-to the blind Your will be done



Oh Je - sus, help us Lord, to fol - low you When you call our souls Your will,



be done You've called us out from death to life The Spi - rit's work, the King-



- dom come So bless the la-bor of our hands Your will be done

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.
— based on Psalm 19:14, NRSV

Scripture Psalm 128 (*found on Page 15*)
Series Pilgrim Journey (Psalms of Ascents)
Sermon Blessing

Response

- 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 *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
— Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV*

Silent and Personal Confession

DETRIOT

Do Not I Love Thee

Philip Doddridge



Do not I love Thee O my Lord? Look in my heart and see And
Do not I love Thee from my soul? Then test my ev' - ry love And
You know I Love Thee dear - est Lord And how I long to soar Help
[Do not I love Thee O my Lord?]



turn each i - dol from my heart That dares to ri - val Thee
turn my heart from ev - ry joy Where Je - sus can't be found.
me to know your sa - cred will And learn to love You more.

Renewal

L But the Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone. ~ Ps 33

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

— based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 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 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.