
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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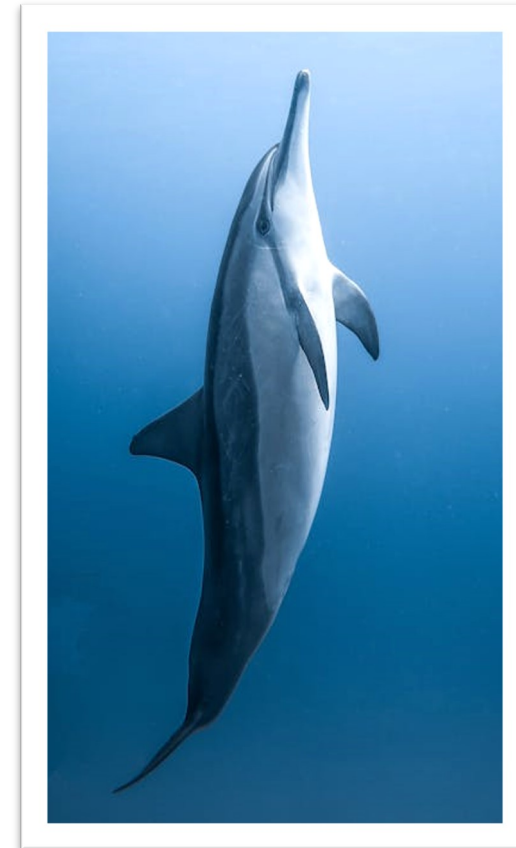
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Looking Ahead

The Gospel According to Moses

Thru the Book of Exodus

Beginning in September



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

August 18, 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 Psalm 130 (NLT)

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

- 1 From the depths of despair, O Lord,
I call for your help.
- 2 Hear my cry, O Lord.
Pay attention to my prayer.
- 3 Lord, if you kept a record of our sins,
who, O Lord, could ever survive?
- 4 But you offer forgiveness,
that we might learn to fear you.
- 5 I am counting on the Lord;
yes, I am counting on him.
I have put my hope in his word.
- 6 I long for the Lord
more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord;
for with the Lord there is unfailing love.
His redemption overflows.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel
from every kind of sin.

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

You must not fool yourself – and you are the easiest person to fool.... I'm talking about a specific, extra type of integrity that is not lying, but bending over backwards to show how you're maybe wrong. ~ Richard Feynman, 1918-1988, *Theoretical Physicist*

The problem we have with forgiveness does not have to do with forgetting the past. Rather, our problem with forgiveness is our strong resistance to viewing ourselves accurately. ~ Larry Barber, *Counseling Psychology*, article 'Forgiveness' Gutenberg College

Growth in grace is growth downward. It is the forming of a lower estimate of ourselves. It is a deepening realization of our nothingness. It is a heartfelt recognition that we are not worthy of the least of God's mercies.
~ A.W. Pink, 1886-1952, *English Bible Teacher*

For too long, we have maintained a confidence in the power of God's Word by pretending that things aren't as bad as they are and that God's call to love means something less than He intended. If we find the power to keep our relationships pleasant and our personal lives disciplined, then we congratulate ourselves for our maturity. ~ Lawrence J. Crabb, 1944-2021, *from forward of 'Bold Love'*

But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God.
~ Thomas Merton, 1915-1968, *Trappist monk, theologian*

If I crave happiness, I will receive misery. If I crave to be loved, I will receive rejection. If I crave significance, I will receive futility. If I crave control, I will receive chaos. If I crave reputation, I will receive humiliation. But if I long for God and His wisdom and mercy, I will receive God and wisdom and mercy. Along the way, sooner or later, I will also receive happiness, love, meaning, order, and glory.
~ David Powlison, *from Seeing With New Eyes*, 1949-2019, *Teacher / Counselor*

PRELUDE

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

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

A Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord.

To Thee O Lord - I Lift My Eyes (Ps 123)

Kaitlyn Ferry

As ser - vants watch their mas - ter's hand, Or mai - dens
O, Lord our God, your mer - cy show For man's con -
The nail pierced hands and bleed - ing side Our guilt and
4 by their mis - tress stand, So to the Lord our eyes we
- tempt and scorn we know. Re - proach and shame your saints en -
shame now cru - ci - fied. Our sa - vior sits at God's right
7 raise Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays. To Thee, O
- dure From wick - ed men who dwell se - cure.
hand In His free mer - cy we will stand.
10 Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies To Thee, O
14 Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies

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 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

A *for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*

L Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

A *Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. – Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world. You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need. God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin. You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world. God, our Comforter, you are with us always. You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth. Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.

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*

From the Depths of Woe (Ps 130)

Martin Luther

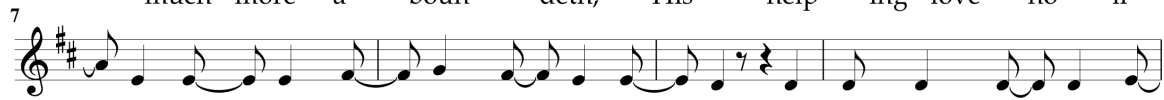
Chris Miner



From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice
To - wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace
There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not
Though - great our sins and sore our woes His grace



of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear
a - lone a -vail - eth; Our works, a - las! Are all
in my own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest,
much more a - boun - deth; His help - ing love no li -



to me And hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If Thou in - i - quit - ies
in vain; In much the best life fail - eth; No man can glo - ry in
His word Up - holds my faint - ing spi - rit; His pro - mised mer - cy is
- mit knows, Our up - most need it soun - deth. Our She - pherd good and true



does mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall
Thy sight, All must a - like con - fess Thy might, And live a -
my fort, My com - fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for
is He, Who will at last His Is - rael free From all their

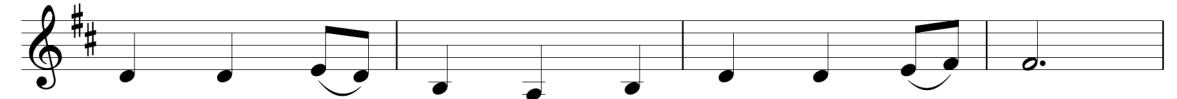


stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?
- lone by mer - cy And live a - lone by mer - cy
it with pa - tience I wait for it with pa - tience
sin and sor - row From all their sin and sor - row

Be Thou My Vision

tr. Mary Byrne

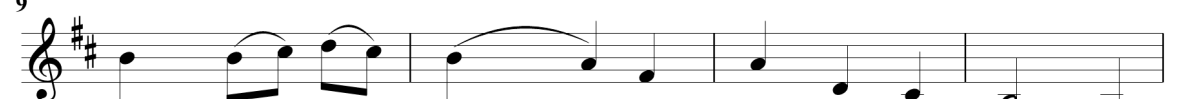
Trad. Irish Melody



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
High King of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—based on Psalm 85:8

Scripture Psalm 130 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Pilgrim Journey (Psalms of Ascents)

Sermon Hope

Response

A *God of all history, thank you for your Word.*

*Through your Word we learn that you love your people dearly,
and we learn that we are your people.*

Thank you that your Word shapes our identity.

Thank you that your Word gives us hope for the future.

As your Word is read and preached, we receive your Word.

*Send your Spirit so that we can know our role in your ongoing work
in our world. 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

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

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.