
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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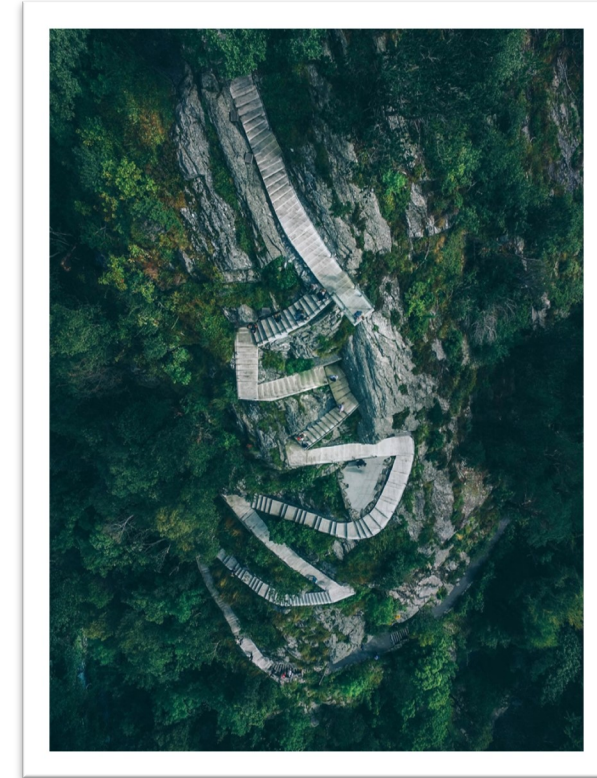
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Looking Ahead

The Gospel According to Moses

Thru the Book of Exodus



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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 Exodus 4:10-17

- 10 Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."
- 11 The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."
- 13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."
- 14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

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—Sending Out

- L Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. —1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NRSV

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 would not have called to me unless I had been calling to you," said the Lion.
~ C. S. Lewis, The Silver Chair*

What does your kingdom stand against? What is it opposed to, in particular, because to say I'm against evil, you must ask, 'what is uniquely given to 'You' to oppose evil in a way that nobody else can do. The way you uniquely can do. And in the same sense what are you meant to create; A beauty of goodness and truth, that is meant to draw people into an even deeper relationship with the goodness of God.

~ Dan Allender, 1952- , therapist, author, professor

Most of us use 'I'm waiting for God to reveal His calling on my life' as a means of avoiding action. Did you hear God calling you to sit in front of the television yesterday? Or to go on your last vacation? Or exercise this morning? Probably not, but you still did it. The point isn't that vacations or exercise are wrong, but that we are quick to rationalize our entertainment and priorities yet are slow to commit to serving God. ~ Francis Chan, 1967- , author, teacher, preacher

I just want to lie on the beach and eat hot dogs. That's all I've ever wanted.

~ Kevin Malone (Brian Baumgartner), *The Office*, Season 3, Episode 23

Calling is where our talents and burdens collide. Our talents are our birthright gifts, the gifts that make our hearts sing, come alive. Our burdens are found in our stories, in what breaks our hearts. God was inviting me to use the gifts that made me come alive, to redeem the things that broke my heart.

~ Rebekah Lyons, writer, speaker, pod-caster

We get our calling wrong when we imagine that God needs us, to be the hero of our own story, rather than Christ. Second, we routinely misdiagnose the problem of our world, underestimating the brokenness of sin and overestimating our ability to fix things. Third, our witness of God often depicts a Lord who is domesticated to serve our causes. Fourth, a justifiable focus on external problems can easily blind us to the depth of our complicity in the pain of the human condition.

~ Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, 1977- , Preacher, writer: *The World Is Not Ours to Save*

PRELUDE

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

- L In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!
- A *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.*
– from Psalm 22:22; 97:12; 145:1, 3, NRSV

All Sing: You Shine

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble
But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow you.

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 Triune God: To you be glory and praise to you, 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 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 Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

A *Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.*

L Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

A *He is the Lord our God. His justice is seen throughout the land.*

L He always stands by his covenant – the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

A *This is the covenant he made with Abraham and the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, and to the people of Israel as a never-ending covenant: "I will give you the land of Canaan as your special possession."*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L O God of all creation, you alone are God.
And you alone can satisfy our longing
for a support that earth cannot give
and that heaven will not take away.
Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you,
to acknowledge our need of one another.
Let the oneness of our worship make us one in love and service.

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

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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.

The Summons

Peacock Maule & Bell

Scottish Folk Song

Will you come and fol - low me If I but call your
 Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but call your
 Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your
 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but call my

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name? Will you go where you don't know And ne - ver be
 name? Will you care for cruel and kind And ne - ver be
 name? Will you quell the fear in - side And ne - ver be
 name. Let me turn and fol - low you And ne - ver be

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the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare,
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 the same. In your com - pan - y I'll go

21

Will you let my name be known, Will you let my
 Should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 To re - shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 27 Where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 4:10-17 (*beginning on Page 15*)

Series Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

Sermon Calling

Response

A Gracious God, in Jesus words
we are invited to be partners in his work
of witnessing to your kingdom on earth.
In his words,
we are reminded of the mission and responsibility
that we received in our baptism.
Keep our hearts, eyes, and ears open,
so that daily we will respond to your call.
With courage and humility,
relying on your grace,
may we be agents of healing,
bearers of truth,
and messengers of hope.
We offer this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name — he is holy.

A *Holy God,*

You are beyond our knowledge, yet eager to be known by us. Mysterious, yet revealed to us in your Word, and in your Son. You are Holy, yet merciful to your children.

Father, teach us to honor and fear you as we should. You are a powerful God and a consuming fire. Forgive us for our tendency to treat you as our errand boy, or good luck charm, whose job it is to serve us and do our bidding. Forgive us for our failure to trust you, for mistaking your hand of love for a fist of anger. Help us to understand your heart— to worship you with a holy reverence and a great joy. Help us to see our sin for what it is, to mourn for it, then to celebrate in the finished work of Christ. In flame our hearts with love and gratitude, and transform our sluggish souls until we are filled with joy and devoted to obedience. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Before the Throne of God Above

Arr Vicki Cook

Charitie Lees Bancroft



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -
Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb My per - fect, spot - less Right - eous -



5 plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev - er lives and pleads for
- in Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my
- ness The great un - change - a - ble I AM The King of glo - ry and of



9 me My name is gra - ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His
sin Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace One with Him - self, I can - not die My soul is pur - chased with His



13 heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can
free For God the Just is sat - is - fied To look on
blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my



16 bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part
Him and par - don me To look on Him and par - don me
Sav - ior and my God With Christ my Sav - ior and my God

Renewal

L But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ~ From 1 Peter 2

A Thanks be to God!

Doxology

L Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
— from Hebrews 13:16, 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.