
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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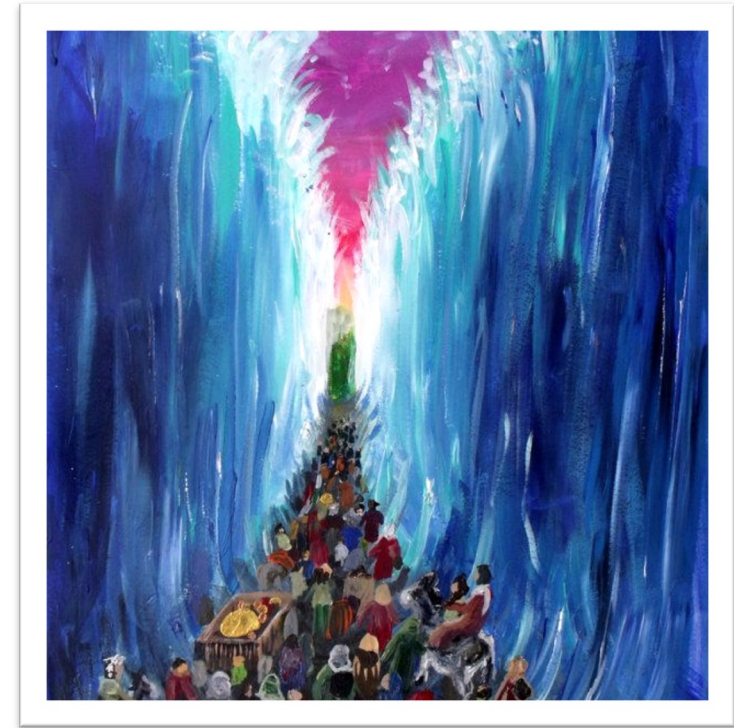
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Looking Ahead

The Gospel According to Moses

Thru the Book of Exodus



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435 Hamline Ave. South
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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 14:10-21

- 10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"
- 13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."
- 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."
- 19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.
- 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

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

Total need requires total help
~ Karl Barth

Taste and see that the Lord is sweet. He was made sweet to you because he liberated you. You had been bitter to yourself when you were occupied only with yourself. Drink the sweetness. ~ Augustine of Hippo, Sermon on the 33rd Psalm

“I said, ‘The truth is whatever you can get away with.’ ‘No, that’s journalism. The truth is whatever you can’t escape. ~ Greg Egan, 1961- , Australian Sci-fi writer

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’

When people long for some kind of escape, it’s worth asking: What would “back to the land” mean if we understood the land to be where we are right now? Could “augmented reality” simply mean putting your phone down? And what (or who) is that sitting in front of you when you finally do?

– Jenny Odell, 1986- , American Artist and writer

While the truth that we cannot escape God’s all-seeing eye may weigh us down at times, it is finally the only remedy for our uneasiness. If we wish to hide from the penetrating gaze of holy love, it is because we know it falls on what is unholy and unloving within us. Only under God’s steady gaze of love are we able to find the healing and restoration we so desperately need.

~ Marjorie Thompson, Author & Minister, ‘Soul feast’

When we begin to talk about hope, it isn’t just some kind of mild-mannered, ‘I hope things get better’ whim, a mere fleeting desire. It’s really the depths of what our hearts most deeply, deeply long for – and that is the very presence of God.... This is what we’re being invited by God to: hope in him requires our imagination, our eagerness, our suffering. [...] If we’re actually being called by God to hope in him, then it has to be a full-bodied hope. ~ Dan Allender, Psychologist & Author

PRELUDE

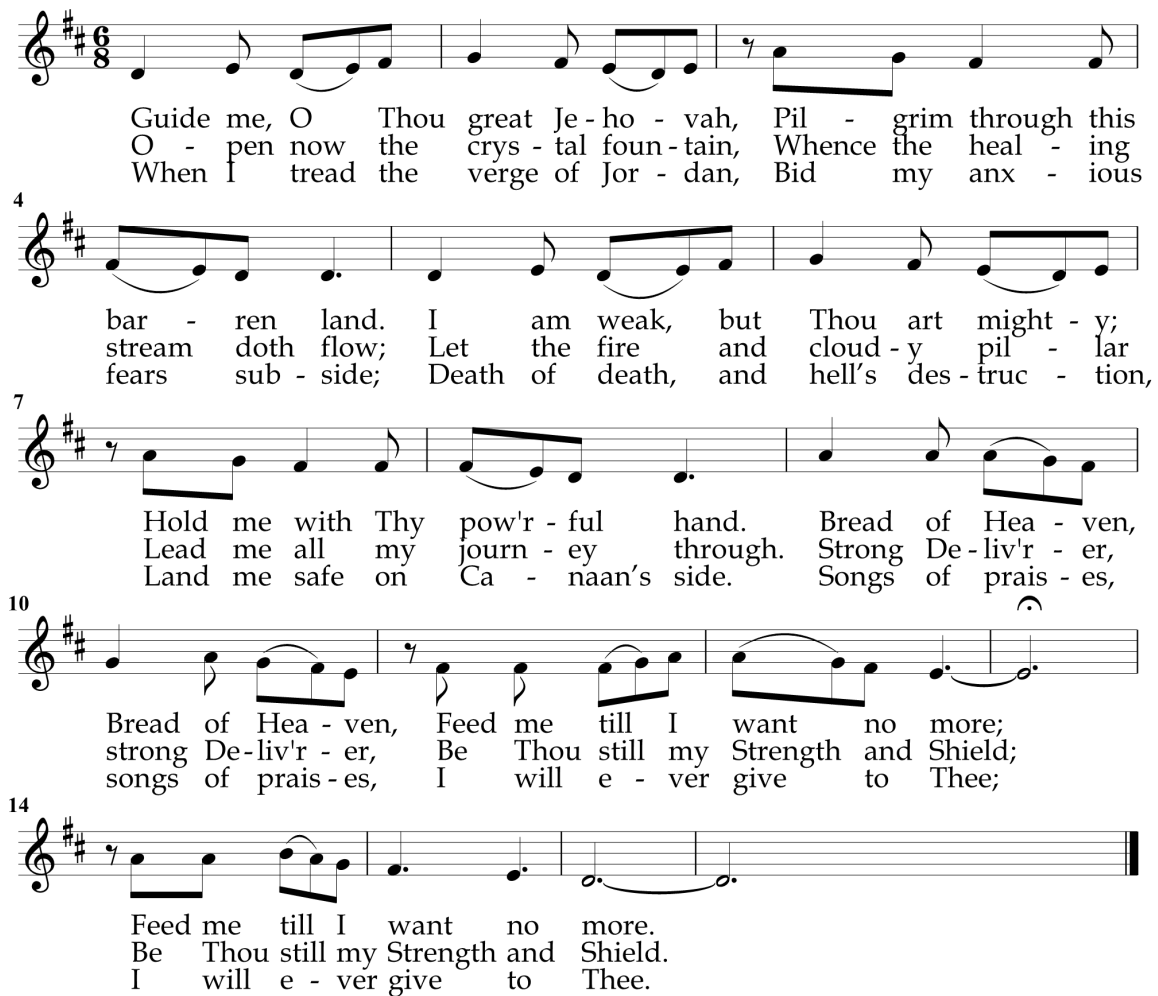
Micah 6:6 – With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

- L God said, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."
A Let us worship the Lord, who continues to bring us out of the places of our bondage.
– based on Exodus 20:1-2

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams

Rowland Hugh Pritchard



Guide me, O Thou great Je-ho-vah, Pil-grim through this
O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's des - truc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of Hea - ven,
Lead me all my journ - ey through. Strong De - liv'r - er,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
Bread of Hea - ven, Feed me till I want no more;
strong De - liv'r - er, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
songs of prais - es, I will e - ver give to Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
I will e - ver give to Thee.

Pastoral Prayer

- L Almighty God, Father of mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 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 Congregation of Jesus Christ, 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 as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.*

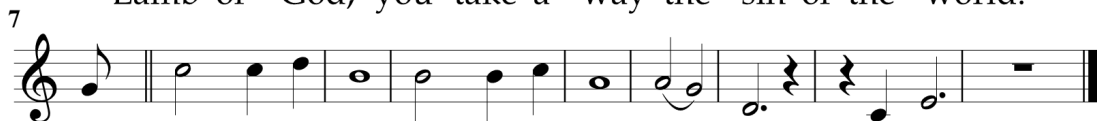
L Let us give thanks together:

Prayer of Thanks

A *Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



Have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer - cy, on us.

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,*

Distribution of the Elements

Call to Worship

L Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

A *I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."*

L Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

A *I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.*

L I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

A *You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses.

Now incline our hearts to You, Lord, to walk in Your ways, and to keep Your commandments, Your statutes, and Your ordinances, which You commanded our ancestors.

— 1 Kings 8:23, 56-58, NRSV

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

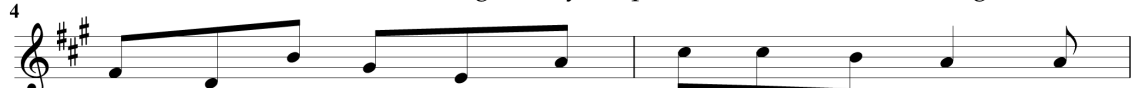
Immortal, Invisible

Welsh Melody

Walter Chalmers Smith



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor
Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine



light in - ac - cess - i - ble hid from our eyes, Most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy
an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All



bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'Tis



- might - y, vic - tor - ious, Thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!



God is im - mort - al, the An - cient of
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to



Days; Per - fect in pow - er, and might - y to save.
see 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hi - deth Thee!

God Moves in A Mysterious Way

Wm Cooper

K. Jason French



God moves in a mys - ter - ious way His won - ders to per -
Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But trust Him for His
His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, Un - fold - ing ev - 'ry
Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And scan His work in



- form; He plants His foot - steps on the sea And rides u -
grace; Be - hind a frown - ing pro - vi - dence He hides a
hour; The bud may have a bit - ter taste, But sweet will
vain; God is His own in - ter - pre - ter, And He will



* Refrain after vs 2,3,4

- pon the storm.
smil - ing face. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age
be the flow'r.
make it plain.



take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mer - cy



and shall break In bless - ings on your head.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 14:10-21 (*beginning on Page 14*)

Series Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

Sermon Escape

Response

A *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

– Psalm 46, NRSV

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 *There are many times we think we love you well, O God.
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.
Our love seems pure only for brief moments;
soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies.
Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us,
despite our lost first love for you;
in grace rekindle our love for you
And in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

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

3
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

5
- 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

7
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

9
- 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)

Renewal

L If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
– Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Our gifts are a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord.

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.*