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## 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

The Gospel According to Moses

Thru the Book of Exodus



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## October 27, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-5, 27-35

- 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."
- 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."
- 27 Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. Then the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out." 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
- 31 The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.'"
- 33 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come."
- 34 As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law, so that it might be preserved. 35 The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

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## 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.

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## Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*Total need requires total help*  
~ Karl Barth

Guidance, like all God's acts of blessing under the covenant of grace, is a sovereign act. Not merely does God will to guide us in the sense of showing us his way, that we may tread it; he wills also to guide us in the more fundamental sense of ensuring that, whatever happens, whatever mistakes we may make, we shall come safely home. Slippings and strayings there will be, no doubt, but the everlasting arms are beneath us; we shall be caught, rescued, restored. This is God's promise; this is how good he is.

~ James I. Packer, *Knowing God*, Hachette UK, 2011, p.212.

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It's not denial. I'm just selective about the reality I accept.

~ Bill Watterson, *Calvin and Hobbes*

If I am in denial about my own weaknesses and sin, there will be a concomitant blindness to the greatness and glory of God.

~ Timothy Keller, *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*.

The easiest way to solve a problem is to deny it exists.

~ Isaac Asimov, 1920-1992, writer / professor of bio-chemistry

They say that love is blind, but it's trauma that's blind. Love sees what is.

~ Neil Strauss, 1969- , American writer

Trauma fractures comprehension as a pebble shatters a windshield. The wound at the site of impact spreads across the field of vision, obscuring reality and challenging belief. ~ Jane Leavy, 1951- , sports writer, biographer, 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

### Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

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Je - sus, Sa - vior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem -  
Though the sea be smooth and bright, Spark - ling with the  
As a mo - ther stills her child, Thou can hush the  
When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful  
4  
- pest - uous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
stars of night, And my ship's path be a - blaze  
o - cean wild; Boist - 'rous waves o - bey Thy will,  
break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,  
7  
Hi - ding rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and  
With the light of hal - cyon days, Still I  
When Thou says to them, "Be still!" Wond - rous  
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I  
9  
com - pass come from Thee; Sa - vior, pi - lot me.  
know my need of Thee; Sa - vior, pi - lot me.  
Sov - reign of the sea, Sa - vior, pi - lot me  
hear Thee say to me, "I will pi - lot 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 Hear our prayer, O LORD; give ear to our supplications in your faithfulness; answer us in your righteousness. – Psalm 143:1, NRSV

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## 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*

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## Call to Worship

L I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.  
A *Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.*

L Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles.

A *Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness.*

L Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

A *The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.*

### *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*

*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,  
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  
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  
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.

*I Asked the Lord*

John Newton

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I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith, and love,  
'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, And He, I trust,  
I hoped that in some fa - vored hour, At once He'd an -  
In - stead of this, He made me feel The hid - den e -



and ev - ry grace; Might more of His sal - va - tion know,  
has an - swered prayer! But it has been in such a way,  
- swer my re - quest; And by His love's con - strain - ing pow'r,  
- vils of my heart; And let the an - gry pow'rs of hell



And seek, more earn - est - ly, His face.  
As al - most drove me to des - pair.  
Sub - due my sins, and give me rest.  
As - sault my soul in ev - 'ry part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed Humbled my heart and laid me low

"Lord why is this," I trembling cried, Wilt thou pursue Thy worm to death?"  
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou may'st find thy all in Me."

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## 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 16: *(beginning on Page 14)*

**Series** Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

**Sermon** Food

### 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*

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## 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

## *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Fredrick Wm. Faber



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the  
For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of the



5 sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-  
mind, and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful-ly



9 - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the  
kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up - on God's



13 good. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his  
word, and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our



17 blood. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.  
Lord. and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our Lord.

## Renewal

L You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

– Romans 8:15-17, 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.*