
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



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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 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

A good conversation always involves a certain amount of complaining. I like to bond over mutual hatreds and petty grievances.
~ Lisa Kleypas, 1964- , contemporary & historical romance novels

Lament is a cry of belief in a good God, a God who has His ear to our hearts, a God who transfigures the ugly into beauty. Complaint is the bitter howl of unbelief in any benevolent God in this moment, a distrust in the love-beat of the Father's heart.
~ Ann Voskamp, 1973- , Canadian Author, blogger

Beloved, have you ever thought that someday you will not have anything to try you, or anyone to vex you again? There will be no opportunity in heaven to learn or to show the spirit of patience, forbearance, and longsuffering. If you are to practice these things, it must be now.
~ A.B. Simpson, 1843-1919, founder of Christian Missionary Alliance

Gentleness is very close to patience. It's not surprising to find them both included in Paul's list of the fruit of the Spirit. What's the similarity and difference? Well, if patience is the ability to endure hostility and criticism without anger, then gentleness is the ability to endure such things without aggression. Gentleness shows itself when I've learned that the Christlike way to respond to conflicts and quarrels, rejection, unfairness, or harsh words spoken against me, is not with bluster and self-defense, not with harsh and aggressive words, not with angry gestures and facial expressions, not with prickles and spikes—but rather, with softness, controlling my tongue and my temper.
~ Christopher J. H. Wright, 1947- , Anglican Clergyman & Scholar

The problem is, many of the people in need of saving are in churches, and at least part of what they need saving from is the idea that God sees the world the same way they do. ~ Barbara Brown Taylor, 1951- , writer speaker and spiritual contrarian

Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you remember Christ crucified and be silent.
~ John of the Cross, 1542-1591, Spanish Priest, Doctor of the church

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

All Sing: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You,
I want to see You *(Repeat Section)*

To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy *(Repeat Section)*

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

Pastoral Prayer

- L Praise the Lord, O my soul;
A *In all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*
L Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits –
A *who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.*
L Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Let us Pray:
– Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12, NIV

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

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.*

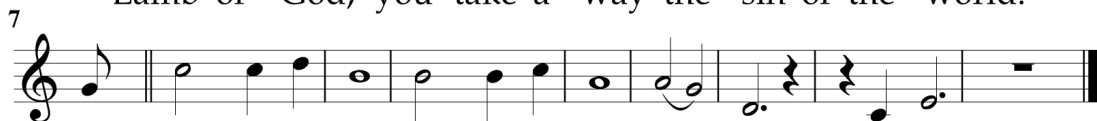
L Let us give thanks together:

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 O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.
- A *No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.*
- L Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.
- A *Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past. Remember me in the light of your unfailing love, for you are merciful, O Lord.*

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*

Rock of Ages

Thomas Hastings

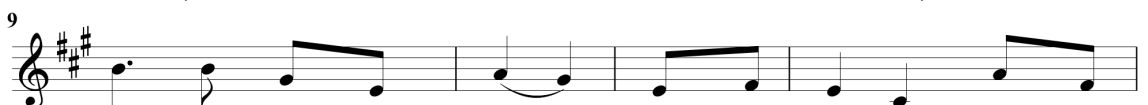
Augustus Toplady



Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in
Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de-
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Simp - ly to Thy cross I
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in



5 Thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy
- mands; Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my
cling; Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; Help - less,
death, When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee



9 ri - ven side which flowed, Be of sin the dou - ble
tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could not a-
look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the foun - tain
on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of Ag - es, cleft for



13 cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
fly; Wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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



4 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,



7 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,



10 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;



14 Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
I will e - ver give to Thee.

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 17:1-7 (*beginning on Page 14*)

Series Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

Sermon Water

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 The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

— based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

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

All Sing: The Wonderful Cross

*When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

Refrain:
*Oh the wonderful Cross,
Oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown (Refrain)*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all (Refrain)*

Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves

Renewal

L Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. – *Isaiah 44:21-22, 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.*