
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 19:2-8; 20:1-3; 24:7-11

- 7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.
- 20:1 And God spoke all these words:
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
- 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.
- 24 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."
- 8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."
- 9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

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.

Exodus 19:2–8; 20:1–3; 24:7–11 Con't on Pg 15

- 19:1 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.
- 3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.
~ William Blake*

Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; Where your treasure is, there is your heart; Where your heart is, there is your happiness. ~ Augustine of Hippo

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. ~ Thornton Wilder, 1897-1975, playwright and novelist

For some, faith begins with a hard shell, a rigid set of answers and platitudes that keep them safe but eventually prevent them from growing into who they could be. The system that was initially protecting them now traps them.

~ Luke Norsworthy, Pastor and writer of 'God over Good'

One of the reasons why I think Christians get tired of hearing about the law is because they never hear why they should obey the law.

~ Kevin DeYoung, Taken from *The Hole in Our Holiness*

Receive every day as a resurrection from death, as a new enjoyment of life; meet every rising sun with such sentiments of God's goodness, as if you had seen it, and all things, new-created upon your account: and under the sense of so great a blessing, let your joyful heart praise and magnify so good and glorious a Creator.

~ William Law, 1686-1761, Clergy within Church of England

We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.

~ A. W. Tozer, 1897-1963, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Laws and principles are not for the times when there is no temptation: they are for such moments as this, when body and soul rise in mutiny against their rigour ...

If at my convenience I might break them, what would be their worth?

~ Charlotte Brontë, 1816-1855, author of 'Jane Eyre'

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

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.
10 hand In His free mer - cy we will stand.
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

- 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 Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

A *You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.*

L Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. Return to us, God Almighty!

A *Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L Lord, your law is perfect, it refreshes the soul. Your statutes O Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your precepts O Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. Your commands O Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. ~ *From Psalm 19*

Hear us now, as we pray together, the words Jesus taught his disciples:

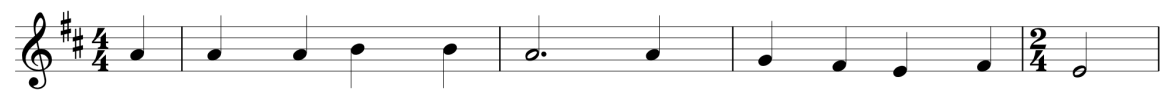
A *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

Martin Rinkart, tr Catherine Winkworth



Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi-
O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near
All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi-



- ces, Who won - drous things has done, in Whom this world re-
us, With e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to
10 - ven, The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in high - est



- joi - ces; Who from our mo - thers' arms has
cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and
14 hea - ven; The one e - ter - nal God, Whom



blessed us on our way With count - less gifts of love, and
guide us when per - plexed, And free us from all ills in
18 earth and heav'n a - dore; For thus it was, is now, and



still is ours to - day.
this world and the next!
shall be ev - er - more.

All People that on Earth do Dwell

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William Kethe, Thomas Ken



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell Sing to the
For God is Lord of heav'n and earth; He gave us
O come in - to His gates with praise; Ap - proach His
5 The Lord our God is al - ways good; His mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice Serve Him with fear, tell forth His
breath by His com - mand; We are the peo - ple of His
courts with thank - ful - ness. And praise and laud His ho - ly
9 is for - e - ver sure. His truth from the be - gin - ning



praise. Come kneel be - fore Him and re - joice!
word, The flock He feeds by His own hand.
name, Ex - alt - ed and for - e - ver blessed.
stood, and shall from age to age en - dure!

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 19:2-8;20:1-3;24:7-11 (*beginning on Page 14*)

Series Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

Sermon *Treasure*

Response

A *God spoke all these words:
"I am the LORD your God.
You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor."
— from Exodus 20:1-17, NRSV*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We must recognize that as your servant we are warned; and in keeping your statutes there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? With the Psalmist we pray: Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

A *O Lord, great God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we humbly come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and as a result we are lost altogether.*

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

— based on Daniel 9:4-19

Silent and Personal Confession

God is My Strong Salvation

James Montgomery

Wedlock



God is my strong sal - va - tion, What foe have I to
Place on the Lord re - li - ance, My soul, with cour - age
In heav'n-ly love a - bid - ing, no change my heart shall
Wher-ev - er he may guide me, no want shall turn me



fear? In dark - ness and temp - ta - tion, My
wait; His truth be thine af - fi - ance, When
fear; and safe is such con - fi - ding, for
back; my Shep - herd is be - side me, and



light, my help is near: Though hosts en - camp a -
faint and de - sol - ate: His might thine heart shall
no - thing chang - es here: the storm may roar with -
no - thing can I lack: his wis - dom ev - er



- round me, Firm to the fight I stand: What
strength - en, His love thy joy in - crease; Mer -
- out me, my heart may low be laid; but
wak - eth, his sight is ne - ver dim, he



ter - ror can con - found me, With God at my right hand?
- cy thy days shall length-en, "The Lord will give thee peace."
God is round a - bout me, and can I be dis - mayed?
knows the way he tak - eth, and I will walk with him.

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.

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,



Glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, Three in One. As it was in the be-gin-ing it



will be for-ev-er A-men, A-men, A-men.

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.*