
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

Sermon on the Mount

Beatitudes Pt 1

Beatitudes Pt 2 'Mercy & Purity'

War & Peace

Salt & Light

Jesus vs. The Law

Healing Relationships

Education Weekend (Special Speaker)

Keeping Your Word

More than a Prayer



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

January 26, 2025

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 Matthew 5:11-16

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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 May almighty God make you faithful to his calling,
cheerful in his service, and fruitful for his kingdom.
The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you,
and through you with all those to whom he sends your way.
Amen.

Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*Blessed are they who have no
locks on their door.
~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

Being salt and light demands two things: we practice purity in the midst of a fallen world and yet we live in proximity to this fallen world. If you don't hold up both truth in tension, you invariably becomes useless and separated from the world God loves. ~ *David Kinnaman, 1973- , president of Barna group, author, from 'unchristian'*

We should not ask, "What is wrong with the world?" for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather, we should ask, "What has happened to the salt and light?"
~ *John Stott, 1921-2011, Anglican priest & theologian*

The men and women who are truly filled with the light are those who have gazed deeply into the darkness of their own imperfect existence.
~ *Brennan Manning, from The Ragamuffin Gospel*

I make it my rule, to lay hold of light and embrace it, wherever I see it, though held forth by a child or an enemy.
~ *Jonathan Edwards, 1703-1758, theologian, philosopher*

Yet even of [the souls as have the catholic faith and seem to have good works in the church of God], it is said, 'Five are wise, and five are foolish.'
~ *Augustine of Hippo, from The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*

If you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you? ~ *Anonymous*

A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer. ~ *Bruce Lee, 1940-1973, martial artist, actor, filmmaker*

PRELUDE

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

- L Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem. Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable, nor so familiar as to be conventional.
- A *Prepare us for the unexpected. Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in praise of our Savior. Amen.*

Psalm 72 'Blessed be the Lord Our God'

Luke Brodine

Wild Mt Tyme

Bless-ed be the Lord, our God, the God of Is-ra - el, who a-

6

- lone does won-drous deeds, who a - lone does won-drous deeds, Bless-ed

10

be his glo-rious name, His glo-rious name for - ev-er; and may all the earth be

15

filled with His glo-ry al-le - lu-ia Bless-ed be His Glo-rious Name!

21

lu-ia A - men! A - men! A - men! A - men!

Pastoral Prayer

- L O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggles. Have mercy on its weaknesses, give strength and courage to love the truth...

Look also upon the ministry of this congregation. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to those in our sphere of influence and beyond, even to the ends of the earth. Have courage to join in Jesus' mission to build and strengthen one-another.

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior.

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 O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.
– based on Ephesians 3:18-19

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.*

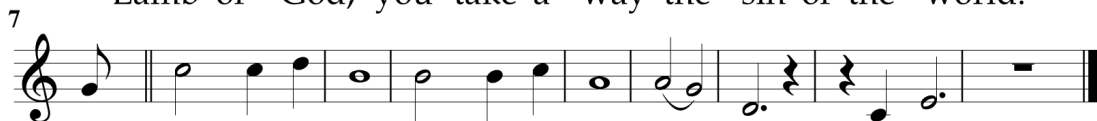
L Let us give thanks together:

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 Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands.
- A *Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.*
- L Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.
- A *Those who are righteous will be long remembered. They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.*
- L They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.
- A *The wicked will see this and be infuriated. They will grind their teeth in anger; they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

- L God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. But You Flood the path with light, You run our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; You tune our hearts to brave music; You give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so You quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Your honour and glory.

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*

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards



Praise the one who breaks the dark-ness With a lib - er - a - ting
Praise the one who blessed the child-ren With a strong yet gen-tle
Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ who suff - ered in our



light. Praise the one who frees the pris - oners, Turn - ing
word. Praise the one who drove out de - mons With a
9 place. Je - sus died and rose for man - y That we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
13 pierc - ing two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



King - dom, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
17 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done. Praise the



storms and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quen - ching thirst in ev - 'ry land.
one re - deem - ing glo - ry, Praise the One who makes us one.

Your Will Be Done

Wes Reagan



Spi - rit give us ears to hear The Fa - ther's voice, the king -
Beck - on out of bro - ken worlds De - liv - er us - from
Spir - it give us eyes to see The Fa - ther's love, the king -
Shine your light u - pon our hearts, Trans - form us here, re - new



- dom come - Tune our hearts to hear your call Your will be done
our woes And in - to your a - bun - dant grace Your will be done
- dom come - Vi - sion for a world in need Your will be done
our minds - Grant your sight un - to the blind Your will be done



Oh Je - sus, help us Lord, to fol - low you When you call our souls Your will,



be done You've called us out from death to life The Spi - rit's work, the King -



- dom come So bless the la - bor of our hands Your will be done

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. –based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV

Scripture Matthew 5:11-16 (*Found on Page 15*)

Series Sermon on the Mount

Sermon Salt & Light

Response

A *We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)*
We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV)
There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, NRSV)

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about our own story of who we are, about how we recognize our personal brokenness, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us enter a time of confession before God and one-another.

A *Eternal God,*

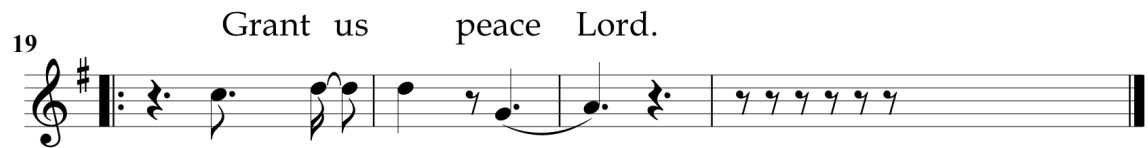
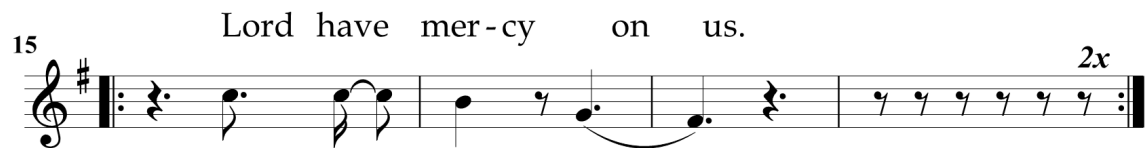
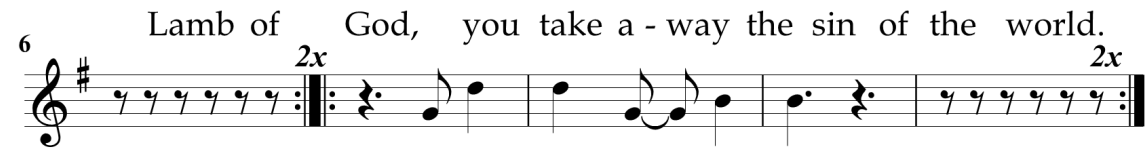
You do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge



Grant us peace Lord.

Renewal

L God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. Because of this, you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.

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.