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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

*Sermon on the Mount*

*Beatitudes Pt 1*

*Beatitudes Pt 2 'Mercy & Purity'*

*War & Peace*

*Salt & Light*

*Jesus and The Law*

*Spiral of Anger*

*Education Weekend (Special Speaker)*

*Keeping Your Word (integrity)*

*Turn Your Cheek*

*More than a Prayer*



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### March 02, 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.*

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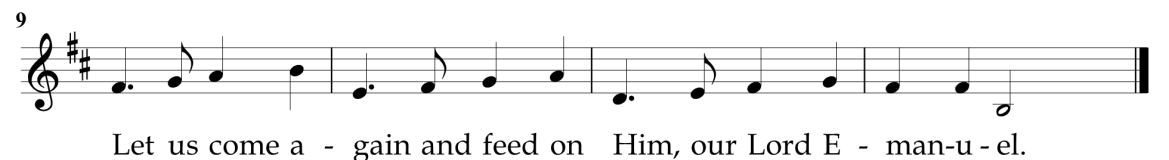
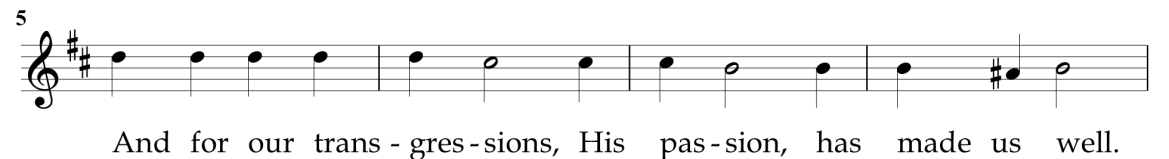
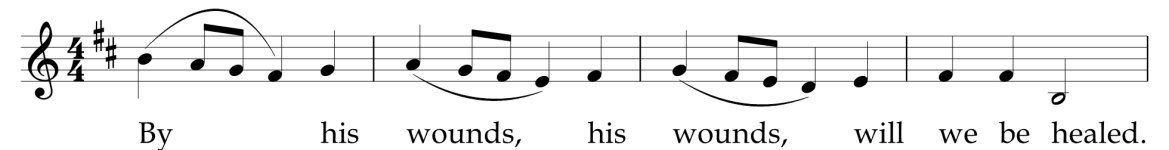
## Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!



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## BENEDICTION

*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.

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## Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*The invincible weapon against  
all our enemies is humility.  
– Theophan the Recluse*

Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends? ~ Abraham Lincoln

Jesus does not call us to do what he did, but to be as he was, permeated with love. Then the doing of what he did and said becomes the natural expression of who we are in him.  
~ Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God*

Anger always thinks it has power beyond its power ~ Publilius Syrus, 85-43 bc  
'Sententiae'

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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 & Author*

Bold love is courageously setting aside our personal agenda to move humbly into the world of others with their well-being in view, willing to risk further pain in our souls, in order to be an aroma of life to some and the aroma of death to others.  
~ Dan Allender, *Psychologist and Author, Director of the Allender Center*

I think Jesus meant something different when He said "enemies." He meant we should love the people we don't understand. The ones we disagree with. The ones who are flat wrong about more than a couple of things. I have plenty of those people in my life, and my bet is you do too. In fact, I might be one of those people sometimes. ~ Bob Goff, 1959- , *Author, Everybody, Always: Becoming Love*

Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work. 'The kingdom is to be in the midst of your enemies. And he who will not suffer this does not want to be of the Kingdom of Christ; he wants to be among friends, to sit among roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the devout people. O you blasphemers and betrayers of Christ! If Christ had done what you are doing who would ever have been spared' (Luther).  
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from 'Life Together'

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## PRELUDE

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

L No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.

A *Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. We trust in you; do not let us be put to shame.*

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Isaac Watts



Un - der the sha-dow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-  
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its  
A thou-sand age-s in your sight are like an ev' - ning



- cure; suf - fi-cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is  
frame, from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the  
gone, short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing



sure. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
same. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
sun. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will



be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:  
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## 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

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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.*

*By His wounds, his wounds, will we be healed  
And for our transgression, His passion, has made us well  
Let us come again, and feed on Him our Lord Emmanuel*

### *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 give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods. I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.
- A *I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.*
- L Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud.
- A *Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.*
- L You reach out your hand, and the power of your right hand saves me.
- A *The Lord will work out his plans for my life – for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.*

### *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 honor 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*

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

10  
 Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies To Thee, O

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 Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies

Amazing Grace (chains are gone)

John Newton (Chris Tomlin)

New Britain

A - maz - ing grace How sweet the sound That saved a  
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my  
 The Lord has pro - mised good to me His word my  
 The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow The sun for -

7  
 wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was  
 fears re - lieved How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The  
 hope se - cures He will my shield and por - tion be As  
 - bear to shine But God, who called me here be - low Will

14  
 blind, but now I see  
 hour I first be - lieved My chains are gone, I've been set free  
 long as life en - dures My chains are gone, I've been set free  
 be for - ev - er mine

21  
 My God, my Sa - vior has ran - somed me And like a flood  
 My God, my Sa - vior has ran - somed me And like a flood

27  
 His mer - cy reigns Un - end - ing love, A - maz - ing grace  
 His mer - cy reigns Un - end - ing love, A - maz - ing grace

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## 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 5:38-48 (*Found on Page 15*)

**Series** Sermon on the Mount

**Sermon** Turning the Cheek

### Response

- L I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if they die, they will yet live; whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
- A *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that, in the end, he will stand upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet I will see God; whom I shall see for myself and my eyes will behold, and not as a stranger. For none of us lives to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Amen*

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## 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 *Father God,*

*We speak the truth about who we are apart from you. Paul summarizes our condition in Romans 3 using the truth found in the sacred writings of the Psalter and Prophets,*

*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes*

*We confess that though we are repulsed by the gravity of these words, that they are a truthful statement of the depravity of our hearts and express the darkness of our souls in the light of your goodness. May you cleanse us, forgive us, and restore the inner person within us to more accurately reflect your image. Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

## None Other Lamb

Christina G. Rossetti

♩ = 64



None o - ther Lamb, none o - ther name,  
My faith burns low, my hope burns low;  
Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;



none o - ther hope in heav'n or earth or sea,  
on - ly my heart's de - sire cries out in me  
love's fire thou art, how - e - ver cold I be:



none o - ther hi - ding place from guilt and shame,  
by the deep thun - der of its want and woe,  
nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,



none be - side thee! none be - side thee!  
cries out to thee. cries out to thee.  
nor home, but thee. nor home, but thee.

## Renewal

L The Lord our God is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounds in steadfast love. He does not pay us back what we deserve, but even while we were his enemies he sent his son to die for us. Christ died for you as God's gift - not because God owed you, but because God loves you. You have been forgiven and you are freed to love others as God has loved you.

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.*