
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

Jesus and The Law

Spiral of Anger

Education Weekend (Special Speaker)

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The Way



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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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 Matthew 6:19-24

- 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!
- 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
A Thanks be to God!

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 God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give you a contrite heart.
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace. Amen.

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.

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

*Fasting from any nourishment,
activity, involvement or pursuit—
for any season—sets the stage for
God to appear.*

He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain. He who spends his life moving toward his treasures has reason to rejoice. Are you despairing or rejoicing?

~ Randy Alcorn, 1954- , Pastor & Author

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. *~ Thornton Wilder, 1897-1975, Playwright & Novelist*

Our ideal self is revealed in what we value (passion), how we understand the world (belief), and what we do to reach our ideal (behavior). Our passion, belief, and behavior fit together so intimately that I can say this with confidence: What we do is what we really value.

~ Dan B. Allender, To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future

A carefully cultivated heart will, assisted by the grace of God, foresee, forestall, or transform most of the painful situations before which others stand like helpless children saying "Why?"

~ Dallas Willard, 1935-2013, philosopher, work in Christian spiritual formation

Peter Singer's argument depends on a fairly straightforward moral principle: "if we can prevent something very bad from happening without sacrificing anything of comparable moral importance, then we are morally obligated to do so...."

Because giving money is regarded as an act of charity, it is not thought that there is anything wrong with not giving. The charitable man may be praised, but the man who is not charitable is not condemned. *~ Peter Singer, 1946- , Australian Philosopher*

Everyone has treasures. It is an essential part of being human. A main part of intimacy between two persons is precisely the mutual knowledge of their treasures. To discuss our treasures is to deal with the fundamental structure of your soul.

~ Dallas Willard, from The Divine Conspiracy

PRELUDE

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

- L Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving.
- A *In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.*

Give Ear to My Words (Psalm 5)

Bill Sprouce Jr.

5 Give ear to my words O Lord Con-sid-er my med-i-ta

8 - tion Hark-en un-to the voice of my cry My

12 King and my God For un-to Thee will I pray My

15 voice shalt Thou hear In the morn-ing O Lord in the morn-ing Will

I di-rect my prayer Un-to Thee and will look up

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 Journey with us, holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

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

Call to Worship

- L When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.
- A *Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.*
- L Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- A *The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*
- L Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.
- A *Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.*

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*

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



My hope is built on
When dark-ness veils His
His oath His cov-en-
When He shall come with



no-thing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness; I
love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace; In
-ant, His blood Sup-port me in the 'whel-ming flood: When
trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found. Dressed



dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on
ev-ery high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-
all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my
in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less we stand be-



Je-sus' name.
- hope and stay. in the veil. On Christ the so-lid rock I stand; All
- fore His throne.



o-ther ground is sink-ing sand. All o-ther ground is sink-ing sand.

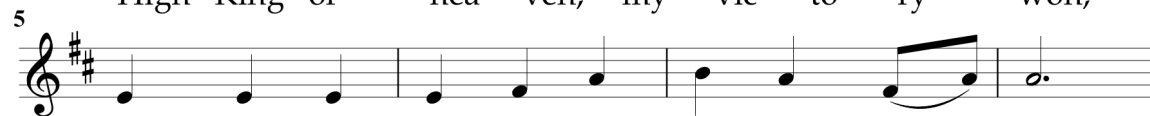
Be Thou My Vision

tr. Mary Byrne

Trad. Irish Melody



Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word;
Rich-es I heed not, nor vain emp-ty praise,
High King of hea-ven, my vic-to-ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I e-ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways:
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa-ther, I thy true son;
thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,



wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pre-sence my light.
thou in me dwell-ing, and I with thee one.
High King of hea-ven, my trea-sure thou art.
still be my vi-sion, O Ru-ler of all.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 6:19-24 (*Found on Page 15*)

Series Sermon on the Mount

Sermon *Treasures*

Response

- L This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

- A *That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. –

~ based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
– Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Lent is a journey of deepening reflection and renewal, an opportunity to make new commitments in faith. May we walk this journey by setting aside the burdens that would weigh us down.

- A *God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them. But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are.*

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. But we have not mourned over our sins, instead we have insulated ourselves from those around us, from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering. We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance. But we have valued toughness over gentleness. We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our brothers and sisters and neighbors. Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves rather than our Father.

Lord, please show us your mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

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

Renewal

- L Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit. — Psalm 32:1-2, NRSV
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

- L With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we
give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

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.*