
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (Zoom)

6:30 pm Small Group (Zoom)

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Looking Ahead

Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel

03/27/22	A Startling Word	4:8-11	
04/03/22	Always Re-forming	4:12-20	
04/10/22	Child of Promise	4:19-31	
04/17/22	Resurrection 1	5:1-8	(Easter)
04/24/22	Resurrection 2	5:5-18	
05/01/22	Resurrection 3	5:16-25	
05/08/22	To Sow & To Reap	6:1-10	
05/15/22	The Main Thing	6:11-14	
05/22/22	Two Challenges	6:4-8;16-18	



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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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: Galatians 5:16-25

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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*

Send Out

- L Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do. May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ based on Hebrews 13:20-21

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.

A Meditation on the Fruit of the Spirit

The Bible says the opposite of love is fear. Fear defined as self-protection, while love is self-opening. Love is making yourself vulnerable. Love is serving somebody else. Love is putting yourself out.

Love is opening yourself to someone for the intrinsic value of who they are, not for what they do for you. The counterfeit of love is selfish affection. Which is using people to get a good feeling for yourself. *Joy* is delight in God for the intrinsic value of who he is. The counterfeit of joy is what you call elation, where you are rejoicing in the blessings, not the Blessor. Joy and love are very much alike.

Peace is confidence and trust in God's wisdom and control of your life as opposed to worry. Peace comes from not thinking you're smarter than God is about how your life ought to go. *Patience* is forgiveness versus being angry, irritable. The only possible way to have spiritual life is to be a forgiving person. A forgiving spirit versus an irritable one. Patience as opposed to unforgiveness.

Kindness is generosity as opposed to envy. Generosity of spirit. It's a delight to see other people doing well and lifted up. There is no envy or smallness of spirit at all. *Goodness* really means sincerity or integrity. Goodness as opposed to hypocrisy. *Integrity* comes from having enough love and having enough joy, and having enough peace so you are the same with one group of people as another. You're the same in public as in private. You're the same on Sunday as you are on Monday. You're the same all by yourself as with others.

Faithfulness is dependability, being wholehearted as opposed to being a halfhearted person. Reliable. Dependable. Absolutely there. Utterly committed as opposed to somebody who's always setting goals and never reaching them, always making promises, and never fulfilling them.

Gentleness, is actually humility. It's not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. It's the blessedness of self-forgetfulness. Humility as opposed to pride, self-absorption, self-consciousness. *Self-control* is the ability to always choose the important thing over the urgent thing.

By the way, he doesn't say 'fruits' of the Spirit. He says, the 'fruit'. Then why nine? Think of it as one diamond being held up and each character quality is a facet of the whole. You really can't have one without the other. You can lag behind, but ultimately, if you're too far behind in one, they will all fall apart.

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time, to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God... Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 77)*

- L I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven...
- A O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.
- L By your strong arm, you redeemed your people. When the Red Sea saw you, O God, its waters looked and trembled! The clouds poured down rain; the thunder rumbled in the sky, it roared from the whirlwind; Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters – a pathway no one knew was there! You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep, with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.
- A I will recall all you have done, O LORD; I will remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.

Pastoral Prayer

- L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.
- L By the fire with which you made the disciples hearts burn within them as you talked with them, inflame with devotion every heart that is not already burning with love for you, consume with zeal those that you have kindled.
- A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L By the power by which God raised you from the dead, may our faith in the power of your resurrection be increased, strengthen and confirm this faith in us.
- A *Hear us, blessed Jesus.*
- L O blessed Jesus, who, when the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered, came and stood in the midst and said, "Peace be unto you," may no fear ever place a barrier between our souls and you or hinder us from the peace which the world cannot give.
- A *May the peace that you gave your apostles, sending them forth in your Father's name as you yourself were sent, be also upon us and remain with us always. 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 May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.
– from Psalm 19:14, NIV

The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

Invitation to the Table

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

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.*

Prayer of Thanks

A *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

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, NIV

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 My Soul the King of Heaven

Jeff Koonce, 2013

Henry Lyte, 1834



Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet thy
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him



tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise him still the same for ev - er,
frame he knows; in his hand he gent - ly bears us,
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,



ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
slow to chide and swift to bless:
res - cues us from all our foes.
dwel - lers all in time and space.



ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Praise the e - ver - last - ing King
Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Praise with us the God of grace.

*** Alleluia, praise the ever-lasting King

The Strife is O're

Jeff Koonce



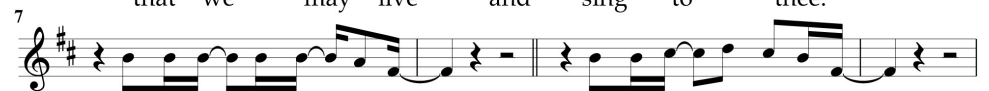
The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,
The powers of death have done their worst,
The three sad days are quick - ly sped,
He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,
Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - tor - y of life is won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
the bars from heav'n's high port - als fell;
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.
let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst.
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell!
that we may live and sing to thee.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu!
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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 5:16-25 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom
Sermon Resurrection 3—Growth

Profession of Faith

L Now, as you publicly declare your faith, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.

A In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—from A Brief Statement of Faith

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!
—Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

A *If, at times, we deny you, God forgive us. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found. God forgive us. When we wash our hands of responsibility. God forgive us. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver. God forgive us. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it. God forgive us.*

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Confession & Renewal

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

— Romans 8:9-11, NRSV

A Thanks be to God!

Glory Be to God the Father

Horatio Bonar

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther,
Glo - ry be to him who loved us,
Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!

Glo - ry be to God the Son,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Hear the choir of an - gels sing; Glo-ry be to God the Spir-
Glo-ry be to him who bought
Glo-ry to the King of na-

- it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!
us, Heav'n and earth your prais - es bring! Sing-ing
- tions; Hear the praise cre - a - tion brings. Sing-ing

glo-ry, sing-ing glo - ry. Glo-ry to the Lamb that once was
glo - ry. Glo-ry, glo-ry to the King of

Doxology

L Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude.

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

A *God of the greatest gift:
This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory, we give you thanks!*

*With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our thoughts tuned to your story,
we present these gifts to you,
in gratitude, and hope,
And for your kingdom to come!
Amen.*