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## 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

### May 08, 2022

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: Galatians 6:1-10

My dear family, if someone is found out in some trespass, then you – the 'spiritual' ones – should set such a person right, in a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves: you too may be tested. Carry each other's burdens; that's the way to fulfil the Messiah's law. If one of you thinks you are something when you are not, you deceive yourself. Every one of you should test your own work, and then you will have reason to boast of yourself, not of someone else. Each of you, you see, will have to carry your own load.

If someone is being taught the word, they should share with the teacher all the good things they have. Don't be misled; God won't have people turning their noses up at him. What you sow is what you'll reap. Yes: if you sow in the field of your flesh, you will harvest decay from your flesh, but if you sow in the field of the spirit, you will harvest eternal life from the spirit. Don't lose your enthusiasm for behaving properly. You'll bring in the harvest at the proper time if you don't become weary. So, then, while we have the chance, let's do good to everyone, and particularly to the household of the faith.

L      This is the Word of the Lord.

A      *Thanks be to God!*

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## 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.

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## Reflections

You are not a Christian for your own sake, you are a Christian so that through you, God's new creation can come about. God wants to make his transforming love known through you.  
~ N.T. Wright

We speak to one another on the basis of the help we both need. We admonish one another to go the way that Christ bids us to go. We warn one another against the disobedience that is our common destruction. We are gentle and we are severe with one another, for we know both God's kindness and God's severity.  
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from 'Life Together'

Christ never promises peace in the sense of no more struggle and suffering. Instead, he helps us to struggle and suffer as he did, in love, for one another. Christ does not give us security in the sense of something in this world, some cause, some principle, some value, which is forever. Instead, he tells us that there is nothing in this world that is forever, all flesh is grass. He does not promise us unlonely lives. His own life speaks loud of how, in a world where there is little love, love is always lonely. Instead of all these, the answer that he gives, I think, is himself. If we go to him for anything else, he may send us away empty or he may not. But if we go to him for himself, I believe that we go away always with this deepest of all our hungers filled.  
~ Frederick Buechner, from 'Listening to Your Life'

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## PRELUDE

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

*All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God*

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds,  
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,  
and may all be filled with his glory, alleluia!

*(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)*

*(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)*

### Call to Worship *(from Psalm 30)*

L I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.

A *You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death.*

L Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!

A *Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

L Your favor, O LORD, made me as secure as a mountain. Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered. I cried out to you, O LORD. I begged the Lord for mercy, saying, "What will you gain if I die, if I sink into the grave? Can my dust praise you? Can it tell of your faithfulness? Hear me, LORD, and have mercy on me. Help me, O LORD."

A *You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!*

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## Pastoral Prayer

L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

### 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*

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## 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*

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

L God: Father, Son and Spirit,

Jesus is the brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. For you are the Resurrection and the Life. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the living one, our immortal Savior and 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*

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*All Sing: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we'd first begun.

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*All Sing: Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Galatians 6:1-10 (found on Page 15)  
**Series** Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom  
**Sermon** Sow & Reap

### *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*

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## 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 *Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
Lord, bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
Lord, bring forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;  
Lord, may we find the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

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## Confession & Renewal

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L To all and to each, on his community and on his friends,  
where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.

A *Thanks be to God!*

### *Gloria Patri*

Karl Digerness, 2009

*♩ = 90*



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.

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## 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.*