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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

6:30 pm Small Group

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## Looking Ahead

### Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel

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	
05/29/22	(Guest Speaker)		
06/05/22	Series in Acts Part 2		



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### May 22, 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: 6-8,16-18

The one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A *Thanks be to God!*

### *(The Message for Sunday School)*

Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a *generous common life* with those who have *trained you, sharing all the good things* that you have and experience.

Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others – ignoring God! – harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

It is what *God* is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God – his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

Quite frankly, I don't want to be bothered anymore by these disputes. I have far more important things to do – the serious living of this faith. I bear in my body scars from my service to Jesus.

May what our Master Jesus Christ gives freely be deeply and personally yours, my friends. Oh, yes!

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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

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### 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

It is not the fact that we are united in common goals or purposes that makes us a community. Rather, it is the fact that we share a common life in Christ.  
~ Jerry Bridges, *True Community: The Biblical Practice of Koinonia*

God worked in their lives in proportion to the degree of the koinonia, the quality of love between believers. Their favor with God flowed largely from his pleasure of their depth of fellowship. ~ John Franklin

Christianity asserts that we are going to go on forever...Now there are a great many things that wouldn't be worth bothering about if I was only going to live eighty years or so, but I had better bother about if I am going to go on living forever. Perhaps my bad temper or my jealousy are getting worse so gradually that the increase in my lifetime will not be very noticeable but it might be absolute hell in a million years. In fact, if Christianity is true, hell is precisely the correct technical term for it. Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others, but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or to even enjoy it, but just the grumble itself going on and on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God 'sending us' to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will \*be\* Hell unless it is nipped in the bud. ~ CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

When Jesus commanded, "Make disciples," he wasn't simply referring to converts. He wants followers who follow – people who submit to his teachings and his ways. But because we've preached a different gospel, a vast throng of people think they are Christian/saved/born again when they really aren't! We've made the test for salvation doctrinal rather than behavioral, ritualizing it with walking the aisle, praying to receive Christ, or signing a doctrinal statement.

~ Bill Hull, 1946- , Author: *The Complete Book of Discipleship*

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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: Humble Thyself in the Sight of the LORD / Awesome God*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. (Echo)  
And He will lift you up, higher and higher. And He will lift you up.

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love; Our God is an awesome God

### Call to Worship *(from Isaiah 40)*

- L A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
A *All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*
- L You who bring good news to Zion, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up and do not be afraid; say to everyone, "Here is your God!"  
A *See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*
- L Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counselor?  
A *Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding? Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales;*
- L With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him? Or who is God's equal?  
A *Do you not know? Have you not heard? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth! Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

- L Eternal God, our Father, you are the source of our being, the breath of our life, and the joy of our living. We know that you delight in the worship of your children and that you eagerly send your Holy Spirit upon us.
- A *As your Spirit came upon your people of old, giving them understanding and the knowledge of truth, so send your Spirit today, that we may speak in words not taught by human wisdom, but taught by the Spirit.*
- L Your Spirit came upon the prophets. You sent your Spirit to your Son and your church, giving them each power and wisdom to follow your ways, speak your truth, and accomplish your purposes.
- A *So grant us your Spirit with all fruit and equipping gifts, that we may reflect your glory and the world might believe, for the honor of your holy name. 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*

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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 O Lord,

How we marvel at the depth of your love. How we wonder at the waves of your grace. How we are astounded by the glorious balance of the earth. We are in awe of the vastness of the universe. We are so privileged to be called your children. We are accepted and forgiven and embraced. You are almighty, above and beyond everything. You are victorious. Darkness, sin and death are under your feet. You are holy, beautiful and full of love. How we adore thee.

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: All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*All Sing: We are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
*Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love; Our God is an awesome God*

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity And save each one's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from who all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
*Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love; Our God is an awesome God*

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Galatians 6:6-8;16-18 (found on Page 15)  
**Series** Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom  
**Sermon** Two Challenges and a Farewell.

### *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 his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,  
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.  
By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives,  
Not in earthly things but the things above where Christ is,  
sitting at God's right hand.  
Through the Holy Spirit, Christ pours out his gifts from heaven,  
upon us his members.  
The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.  
The Spirit has been given to us personally,  
so that by true faith, the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings,  
comforts us, and remains with us forever.*

*—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 47, 49, 51, 53*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

*—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV*

*All Sing: Change My Heart Oh God*

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

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## Confession & Renewal

- A *Generous God,  
You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.  
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts,  
set our souls on fire with your love:  
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.  
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,  
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love.  
Amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L *There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free  
from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised  
Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead  
will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in  
us. –from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV*
- A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

- L *Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being. In the company of  
the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have  
received. – based on Psalm 111:1*

*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 *Lord, we thank 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.*