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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

### Book of Acts - The Message Goes Out

06/05/22	9:1-9;17-19	Encountering God
06/12/22	10:27-47	The Spirit goes to the Gentiles
06/19/22	11:19-30	Snapshot of the Church
06/26/22	13:26-31,38-39	Message Goes Out
07/03/22	14:8-23	Message to the Superstitious
07/10/22	15:1-11	Fine Tuning the Message
07/17/22	16:1-19	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 1
07/24/22	16:20-40	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 2



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### June 05, 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: Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

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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

Faith isn't about believing in things you regard as ridiculous, a sacrifice of intellect, it's a decision; will truth, beauty and love save the world.  
~ *Jordan Peterson, Psychologist, Author, Speaker*

The world does not consist of 100 percent Christians and 100 percent non-Christians. There are people (a great many of them) who are slowly ceasing to be Christians but who still call themselves by that name. (*and some of them are clergymen.*) There are other people who are slowly becoming Christians though they do not yet call themselves so. ~ *C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

Conversion for me was not a Damascus Road experience. I slowly moved into an intellectual acceptance of what my intuition had always known.  
~ *Madeleine L'Engle, Author, 1918-2007*

When one of my friends becomes a Christian, which happens about every 10 years because I am a sheep about sharing my faith, the experience is euphoric. I see in their eyes the trueness of the story.  
~ *Donald Miller, Author, 1971 –*

The basic dynamics of conversion are summed up for me in the words LEAVE-ARRIVE, END-BEGIN, SHED-EMERGE. These are the tensions of conversion and spiritual awakening.  
~ *Sue Monk Kidd, 1948 –, God's Joyful Surprise*

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## PRELUDE

Elk River Blues – arr. By H.B. Daye

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

*All Sing: Step by Step*

Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise you (2x)  
I will seek You in the morning / And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me / And I will follow You all of my days  
(Repeat Section)

I will follow You all of my days / And I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me / And I will follow You all of my days

### 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.

A *For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!*

L “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 Gracious God, your Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation. You made a world that was breathtaking and life-giving. Sin invaded this world and shattered it. Pollution, disease, and natural disasters plague our world. God, our provider, heal the sick, give peace to the dying, shelter the homeless, and protect the vulnerable.

A *With your Holy Spirit, renew your creation.*

L When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty. Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden. With your

A *Holy Spirit, point us to new life in Christ.*

L You called a people to be your own and to be a light to the world. Throughout the world your church suffers. Some are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for praying to you. Some pursue personal preferences rather than loving unity. God, our refuge, shield from harm those who love you, surround us with your mercy, and gird your church with the fruit of your Spirit.

A *With your Holy Spirit, empower your church to witness to your glory. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. 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*

Zion (Isaiah 12:1-6)

Stephen Wozny

All Sing: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You (Repeat Section)

To see You high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love,  
as we sing holy, holy, holy (Repeat Section)

Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

Holy, holy, holy, (Open the eyes of my heart, Lord)  
Holy, holy, holy (Open the eyes of my heart)  
Holy, holy, holy, (I want to see You)  
I want to see you

You will say on that day: I will give thanks to the  
Be - hold, my God is sal - va - tion; I will not be - a -  
6  
Lord, Though you were an - gry with me, Your  
- fraid; The Lord, my God, is my song; I will  
11  
an - ger turned a - way, and you com - fort - ed me.  
sing of all He's done, and make ev - ry - thing known.  
16  
So give thanks to the Lord, and call on His name,  
20  
Shout, and sing for joy, all you daugh - ters of Zi - on,  
24  
He is with you now, the Son of God. He is with you now,  
29  
the Son of God. I will sing His Name! I will  
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sing His Name! For all the world and ev - ry one sing his name I will  
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sing His Name! For all the world and ev - ry one.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Acts 9:1-9 (found on Page 15)

**Series** Summer Series in Acts

**Sermon** Encountering God

### *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 *The Holy Spirit builds one church,  
united in one Lord and one hope,  
with one ministry around one table.*

*The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus  
to respond in worship together,  
to accept all the gifts from the Spirit,  
to learn from each other's traditions,  
to make unity visible on earth.*

*— from Our Song of Hope, st. 17*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.” What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us enter our time of confession before God.

*— based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, 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 *Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand. Amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ. That is why we utter the “Amen” through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed.  
— based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

L God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be our response of abundant love; May these gifts be used to bless others, through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*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.*