
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
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Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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June 12, 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.

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:27-47

While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

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.

Reflections

You cannot love a fellow creature fully, till you love God.
~ C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

We get trapped in our own little bubbles, and even though the world is a wide and mysterious place, our bubbles keep us safe from that. To our detriment.... When we're shaken from that, when that bubble bursts, it can be hard to understand all that we've missed. We might even fear it. Some of us even fight to try and get it back.
~ T.J. Klune, *Author, The House in the Cerulean Sea*

Ideally the church itself is not made up of natural "friends." It is made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything of the sort. Christians come together, not because they form a natural collocation, but because they have been saved by Jesus Christ and owe him a common allegiance. In the light of this common allegiance, in light of the fact that they have all been loved by Jesus himself, they commit themselves to doing what he says – and he commands them to love one another. In this light, they are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus' sake.
~ D. A. Carson, *Professor of New Testament, Trinity Divinity*

We need to cultivate the courage to be uncomfortable and to teach the people around us how to accept discomfort as a part of growth.
~ Brené Brown, *Professor / author / Speaker*

Amiable agnostics will talk cheerfully about 'man's search for God.' To me, they might as well have talked about the mouse's search for the cat. I thought I was searching, but when I look back, I realize I was searching because he was first searching for me.
~ C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

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 98)*

L Sing a new song to the LORD, for he has done wonderful deeds. His right
hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power!

A *The LORD has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every
nation!*

L He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The
ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout to the LORD, all
the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!

A *Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song,
with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.*

L Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King! Let the sea and
everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join
in. Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!

A *Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the LORD, for he is coming to judge
the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.*

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, sur
round 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

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 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*

All Sing: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace

Jesus! the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears 'tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

He speaks, and listening to His voice new life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice the humble poor believe

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Savior come and leap, ye lame, for joy

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heaven

All Sing: You Shine

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble

But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 10:27-47 (found on Page 15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon The Holy Spirit to the Gentiles

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

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*

Lamb of God (Grant us Your Peace)

Welcome Wagon

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff contains the second line of the melody, starting at measure 6. The third staff contains the third line of the melody, starting at measure 11. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace, Grant us your peace, grant us your peace." The music ends with a double bar line.

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!*

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.*