
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 -

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	14:8-23	Message Goes Out
07/03/22	15:1-11	Fine Tuning the Message
07/10/22	16:1-19	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 1
07/17/22	16:20-40	How the Msg Changes Lives Pt 2
07/24/22	17:16-34	Paul @ Mars Hill
07/31/22	19:23-41	Idolatry



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

June 26, 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 14:8-23

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

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 May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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*

Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words. ~ *Roy T. Bennett*

Don't confuse your interpretation of truth with truth itself. ~ *Lecrae, rapper*

The God of the modern evangelical rarely astonishes anybody. He manages to stay pretty much with the constitution. Never break our by-laws. He's a very well-behaved God and very denominational and very much like one of us. We ask Him to help us when we're in trouble and look to Him to watch over us when we're asleep. The God of the modern evangelical isn't a God I could have much respect for.
~ *A. W. Tozer, 1897-1963, Pastor/Author*

Idolatry, is always polytheism, an aimless passing from one lord to another. Idolatry does not offer a journey but rather a plethora of paths leading nowhere and forming a vast labyrinth. ~ *Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome*

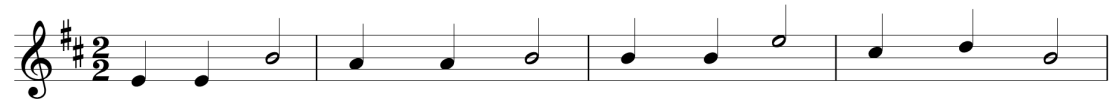
He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood. He who faces no calamity will need no courage. Mysterious though it is, the characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles.
~ *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

PRELUDE

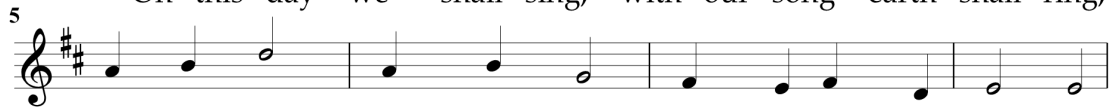
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Piae Cantiones, 1582



On this day earth shall ring with the song let us sing;
On this day we shall sing; with our song earth shall ring,



To the Lord, Christ our King, come to earth to save us;
prai-sing Christ, hea-ven's King, come to earth to save us;



Him the Fa-ther gave us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, glo-ry to the
peace and love he gave us.



Son, Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Ghost, to the three in one.

Call to Worship *(from Psalm)*

- L I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me!
A *When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted.*
- L And I said, "This is my fate; the Most High has turned his hand against me."
A *Then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.*
- L 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.
A *By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.*

Pastoral Prayer

- L Creator Spirit, create in us eagerness to care for the world. Spirit of Christ, fill us with urgency to share our joy in our Savior and Lord. Spirit of holiness, transform our lives to be beacons in a world of shadows. Spirit of truth, compel us to see the truth and make us advocates of justice. Spirit of wisdom, shower us with wisdom, that we may best discern how to serve the world. Advocate, intercede on our behalf for these and other unspoken requests that weigh heavy on our hearts and minds. 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 Father,
Today, we reverence and honor You. You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You existed before time and created everything that exists.

We acknowledge that You are the only living God and that there are no other gods. Father, You are compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are good to everyone and You shower compassion on all of Your creation. We thank you, Lord.

Your commandments and Your ways are right and just. Your instructions are perfect, reviving our souls. Your decrees are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your commandments are right, bringing joy to our hearts. Your commands are clear, giving insight for living. Father, You are great and greatly to be praised and we bless You today.

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*

Rock of Ages

Thomas Hastings

Augustus Toplady

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Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Simp - ly to Thy cross I cling;
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy ri - ven side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Fredrick Wm. Faber



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the



sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er -
mind, and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly



- ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up - on God's



good. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his
word, and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our



blood. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 14:8-23 (found on Page 15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon Message Goes Out

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 *We believe in the Holy Spirit, who establishes the holy catholic church. We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who believe in one baptism, and share in one table. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are saints. Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by his death, Christ removed our separation from God, so by his Spirit, Christ removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, the Spirit makes us, who are many, one body in Christ. God does not will to be God without us, but instead grants to us creatures eternal life. Communion with Jesus is eternal life itself. By the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, through faith we are adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through Christ we are raised from death to new life. For Christ we shall live to all eternity.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Let us confess our sin to God. – based on John 14:15-17, 21, NIV

Confession & Renewal

A *God of Grace and Mercy,
With all you have done, especially in sending your son, we find sin continues to have power over us. We forget who you are and what you have done for us. We are often self-absorbed and struggle to love others rather than please ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.*

*Jesus,
Thank you for giving up the glory of heaven to please your father and rescue us from ourselves. You denied yourself the adoration and praise you deserved. You entered a world of people who would misunderstand, reject and even hate you. Yet, you always put the needs of others before your own, thank-you.*

*Holy Spirit,
Remind us often that Jesus has already carried the cross for us, and will now carry it with us day by day. Increase our joy in the cross of Christ, and our wonder and admiration for all that was accomplished. Melt our hearts till we delight in Jesus as our precious treasure. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we become dead in sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope of new life, may grow in your knowledge of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may experience the incomparable power of God that raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

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 - it,
Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
Hear the praise cre - a - tion bring! Sing - ing brings. Sing - ing

glo - ry, 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 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.*