
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



Scott Naismith—'Clarity in Chaos'

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

July 03, 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 15:1-11

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

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

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

When I discover who I am, I'll be free. — Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*

In order to swim one takes off all one's clothes--in order to aspire to the truth one must undress in a far more inward sense, divest oneself of all one's inward clothes, of thoughts, conceptions, selfishness etc., before one is sufficiently naked.
~ Soren Kierkegaard, *Philosopher*,

So much of me wants to be lost in my grand ideas and reflections, away from the noise and urgency of other people, but I cannot escape the fact that growth invariably involves the messiness of genuine human contact...I've yet to find a mature believer...who says you can grow into the full stature of Christ without bumping up against brothers and sisters on a regular basis...

~Adam McHugh, *Author, Introverts in the Church*

The old ways are dead. And you need people around you who concur. That means hanging out more with the creative people, the freaks, the real visionaries, than you're already doing. Thinking more about what their needs are, and responding accordingly. Avoid the dullards; avoid the folk who play it safe. They can't help you anymore. Their stability model no longer offers that much stability. They are extinct, they are extinction. ~ Hugh MacLeod, *author and clan chief*

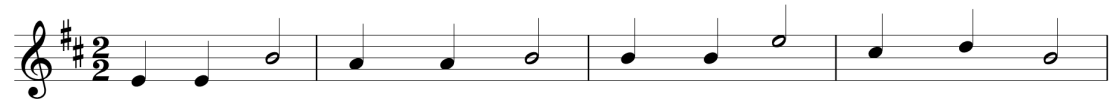
Paradigms are like glasses. When you have incomplete paradigms about yourself or life in general, it's like wearing glasses with the wrong prescription. That lens affects how you see everything else. ~ Sean Covey

PRELUDE

On This Day

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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 Various)*

- L We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.
- A *For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*
- L Let us worship God.
- A *"He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."*
- L Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- A *Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.*

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 O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.
– based on Ephesians 3:18-19

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 Lord, our Lord, you are so awesome! You are beyond what we can imagine possible. When we take a look at all that you have done and all that you have made, we wonder why you care for people like us. You have given us an honorable position on this earth of ours — to care for the things you have made, to preserve them and maintain them. You have entrusted living things to us! Lord, our Lord, the whole earth recognizes how awesome you are! Amen. — *based on Psalm 8*

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*

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.
Lord. and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our Lord.

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Leominster

George Matheson



Make me a ca - ptive, Lord, and then I shall be free; force
My heart is weak and poor un - til its mas - ter find; it
My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine; if



me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall con - queror
has no spring of ac - tion sure, it var - ies with the
it would reach a mon - arch's throne, it must its crown re -



be. I sink in life's a - larms when by my - self I stand; im -
wind. It can - not free - ly move till thou hast wrought its chain; en -
- sign; it on - ly stands un - bent a - mid the clash - ing strife, when



- pris - on me with - in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
- slave it with thy match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.
on thy bo - som it has leant, and found in thee its life.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 15:1-11; (found on Page 15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon Fine Tuning the Message

Profession of Faith

L As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word:

A *God commands us to serve him alone as God,
to serve him according to his Word,
to speak of him only with deep respect and love,
to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people on the day of rest,
and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit;
to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority,
to nurture human life as God's precious gift,
to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation,
to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love,
and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.
May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word.
Amen!*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. – based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

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 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. — *Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009



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.

Doxology

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. — *Psalm 96:8-9, NRSV*

*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.*