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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 -

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	A Merchant, a Slave and a Soldier Pt 1
07/17/22	16:20-40	A Merchant, a Slave and a Soldier Pt 2
07/24/22	17:16-34	Paul @ Mars Hill
07/31/22	19:23-41	Idolatry
08/07/22	20:36-21:8	Needing Others
08/14/22	22:1-22	Courage



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights  
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

**August 07, 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 20:36-21:14

When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Kos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara. We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. We sought out the disciples there and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. When it was time to leave, we left and continued on our way. All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. After saying goodbye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home. We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed with them for a day. Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"

When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

L     This is the Word of the Lord.  
A     *Thanks be to God!*

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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

L The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

### 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

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

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

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Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing. ~ Elie Wiesel, 1928-2016

Friendship is an invitation to explore more deeply what you believe about God and learn how to express it. How is friendship molding you to become who you are meant to be in the kingdom of God? Friendships are meant to draw us more deeply into our callings as we learn how to love and serve one another. The best friendships are not built just on the basis of love, and not just on the basis of history, but on the basis of the kingdom of God and the intersecting of the gifts that God has given each. It is one of the few places that shows us what it means to love someone and to learn how to play together. ~ Dan Allender, Psychologist/Author

It is not a good sign when a person recognizes no difference between sucking sweets and eating a square meal. Equally, it is not a good sign when Christians recognize no difference between social activities in Christian company and fellowship ... Thus, Christian fellowship is an expression of both love and humility. It springs from a desire to bring benefit to others, coupled with a sense of personal weakness and need. It has a double motive- the wish to help, and to be helped; to edify, and to be edified. It has a double aim- to do, and to receive good. It is a corporate seeking by Christian people to know God better through sharing with each other what, individually, they have learned of Him already.  
~ J.I. Packer (1926-2020), Author/Theologian

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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 Psalm 33)*

L What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has  
chosen as his inheritance.

A *The LORD looks from heaven and sees the whole human race. From his throne he  
observes all who live on the earth.*

L He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do.

A *The LORD watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love.*

L He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine.  
We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield. In him our  
hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

A *Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

L O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggles. Have mercy on its  
weaknesses, give strength and courage to love the truth...

Look also upon the ministry of this congregation. Increase its courage,  
strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to those in our sphere of  
influence and beyond, even to the ends of the earth. Have courage to join  
in Jesus' mission build and strengthen one-another.

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your  
children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your  
Son, our only Savior.

## 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*

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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 Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
Praise the Lord in the heights  
Praise the Lord, all his angels;  
Praise the Lord, all his hosts.  
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,  
Sovereigns and all judges of the earth,  
Young men and maidens as well,  
The old and the young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
For God's name alone is exalted,  
Whose splendor rises above heaven and earth.  
The Lord exalts the strength of the people,  
And is the praise of all the faithful  
The praise of the children of Israel,  
Of the people to whom our God is close.  
Alleluia! - *from Psalm 148*

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*

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Silesian Folk Song

Munster Gesangbuch



Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture, O Thou of  
Fair are the mea-dows, fair - er still the wood-lands, Robed in the  
Fair is the sun-shine, Fair - er still the moon-light And all the  
Beau-ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord - of the na - tions! Son of -



God and man the Son! Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I  
bloo - ming garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
twink-ling star-ry host: Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, ad - or -



ho - nor, Thou, my soul's Glo-ry, Joy, and Crown!  
pu - rer, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.  
pur-er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
- a - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

*O Let Our Inward Joys Arise*

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)



O let our in - ward joys a - rise, and fill us  
Lord on Your thirst - y chil - dren now show'r mer - cy  
Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus - pic - ions,  
Why do we boast and con - de - scend and think our -  
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I have en -



with a song, Let ho - ly love in - spire our hearts; Sub -  
from Your throne For Christ has ri - sen from the grave and  
and com - plaints? Is he a God, and shall his grace Grow  
- selves as strong? When Christ has bowed and washed our feet, and  
- graved your name; My arm shall brace your wound-ed wing, and



- mis - sion tune our tongues. sub - mis - sion tune our tongues.  
rained sal - va - tion down. and rained sal - va - tion down.  
wear - y of his saints? Grow wear - y of his saints?  
bids us sin - ners come: and bids us sin - ners come.  
mend your bro - ken frame." And mend your bro - ken frame.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 20:36-21:14 (found on Page 15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon Need for Others

### *Profession of Faith*

L As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us proclaim our faith together:

A *This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

*We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. –*

*~ based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about our own story of who we are, about how we recognize our personal brokenness, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us enter a time of contemplation before God and one-another.

### *Lamb of God*

Jess Alldredge



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



O have mer - cy on us.



Lord have mer - cy on us.



Grant us peace Lord.



Grant us peace Lord.

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## Confession & Renewal

A *Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom.*

*Build up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now. Give us a joy and peace to flow out into a broken world, to be instruments in building your kingdom.*

*We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. – 1 Peter 1:3-4

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

L Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” – from Acts 20:35, NIV

*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.*