
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Wednesday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

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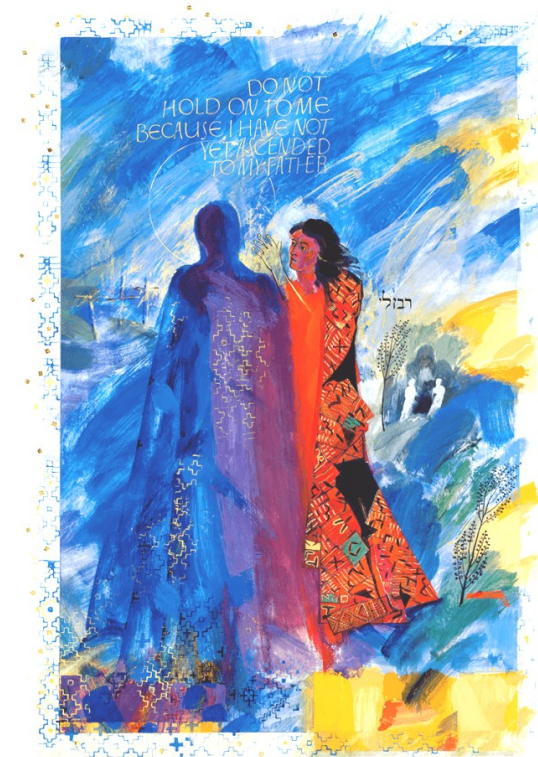
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Looking Ahead

Gospel of John

04/02/23 - Eternal Life	17:1-5
04/09/23 - Easter Sunday	20:10-29
04/16/23 - John Meeting Jesus	20:1-10
04/23/23 - Mary Meeting Jesus	20:10-18
04/30/23 - Thomas Meeting Jesus	20:24-31
05/07/23 - Eating With Jesus	21:1-14
05/14/23 - Peter's Story	21:4-17
05/21/23 - Jesus Sends them Out	20:19-22
05/28/23 - Pentecost Sunday	



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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April 23, 2023

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: John 20:10-18

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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*

Special Music

Bell Jubilee – Matthew Prins

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

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.

Reflections

What we do in the crisis always depends on whether we see the difficulties in the light of God, or God in the shadow of the difficulties.

~ *G Campbell Morgan, 1863-1945, British Minister/Educator*

It is not easy to convey a sense of wonder, let alone resurrection wonder, to another. It's the very nature of wonder to catch us off guard, to circumvent expectations and assumptions. Wonder can't be packaged, and it can't be worked up. It requires some sense of being there and some sense of engagement.

~ *Eugene H. Peterson, 1932-2018, Pastor/Author*

While religious dogmatism is always a danger.... we've got more to fear from the easygoing narcissism that is so much part of the atmosphere nobody even thinks to protest or get angry about it.

~ *David Brooks, New York Times commentator*

How unbearably tragic it would be, though, if the millions of Asia, South America and Africa were led to believe that the best we can hope for from The Way of Christ is the level of Christianity visible in Europe and America today.

~ *Dallas Willard, 1935-2013, The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives*

Something is wrong when our lives make sense to unbelievers.

~ *Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*

PRELUDE

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

Special Music

Bell Choir – Fantasy on Kingsfold – Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship (from Psalm 16)

- L Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
A *I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."*
- L LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
A *The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.*
- L I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
A *I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*
- L Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
A *You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Pastoral Prayer

- L Great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church. Though we are small, and you are so grand, help us to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before. When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth. Be glorified in all we do. We pray it ever and only in Jesus' precious name. 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 Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 *With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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

O Sing to the Lord

Brazilian Folk Song

O sing to the Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the
By His ho-ly pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our
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Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, and
pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly pow'r our
God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our God, who
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sing God a new song. O sing to our God, Yes! sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
gave us the Spi - rit, O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L O God of all creation, you alone are God.
And you alone can satisfy our longing
for a support that earth cannot give
and that heaven will not take away.
Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you,
to acknowledge our need of one another.
Let the oneness of our worship make us one in love and service. Amen.

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*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

W. Chatterton Dix



Al-le - lu-ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-
Al-le - lu-ia! Bread of hea-ven, here on earth our food, our stay; Al-le-
Al-le - lu-ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; Al-le-



- lu-ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - tor - y a - lone. Hark! The
- lu-ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter -
- lu-ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how. Though the



songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun - der like a might-y flood: "Je - sus,
- cess - or, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re-deem-er, hear our plea where the
cloud from sight re - ceived him when the fort - y days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood." "Je - sus,
songs of all the sin-less sweep a - cross the crys-tal sea. where the
hearts for-get his pro-mise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? shall our



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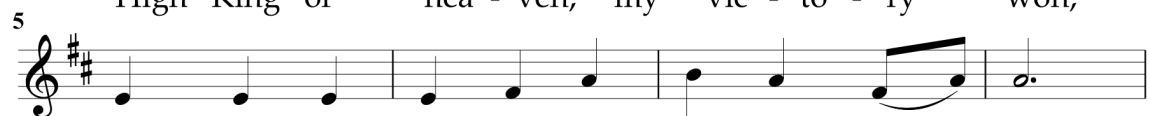
Be Thou My Vision

tr. Mary Byrne

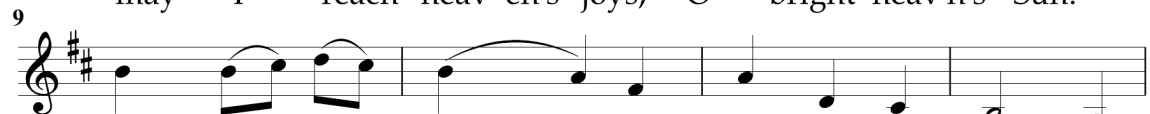
Trad. Irish Melody



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
High King of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 17:10-18 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Mary Meeting Jesus

Profession of Faith

A *As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world –
which some seek to control, and others view with despair –
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
Remembering the promise, to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ – the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God,
fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears,
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.
We will take our place in the new creation,
where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. - Romans 8:5-8*

A *O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart.
Send out your light, send out your truth,
and let them lead us to our home.
Take from us the weight of our sin,
that room might be made for the spirit of truth.
If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,
and the truth will set our spirits free.
Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;
then shall we love in deed and in truth,
and by this know that our service is faithful.
O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009

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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.

Renewal

L Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

Special Music

Now the Green Blade Riseth – Kevin McChesney

A *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.*

Dedication

A *God of hope,
you gave your Son to free a lost world.
You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage.
You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears.
You promise us a future with you.
In gratitude, we bring you our time, talents, and tithes.
May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see
the goodness of knowing you.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

Preparation

L Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.