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## A Glance at the Week

**Monday**

**6:30 pm** Small Group

**Wednesday**

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

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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  
Saint Paul, MN  
55105

**May 07, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ. Go to be his body in a broken world. May the grace of God and the love of Christ go with you. 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.

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## Reflections

To live above with the saints we love Oh, that will be glory; but to live below with the saints we know Well, that's another story. ~ *Source Unknown*

...not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.  
~*Anne Lamott, novelist*

Repentance is an intimate affair. And...intimacy with anything is a terrifying prospect ... I think that churches would be places of greater intimacy and growth in Christ if people stopped lying about what we need, what we fear, where we fail, and how we sin. ~ **Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, Author / Speaker**

According to Jesus, acknowledging our neediness opens the door to genuine and lasting happiness. Religions usually talk about what a person has to 'do', but Jesus talks about what we 'can't do'. He says that our weakness, not our power or what we bring to God, enables us to know God.

~ *Paul Miller, Love Walked Among Us: Learning to Love Like Jesus*

I hardly, if ever, lie to myself, because it's a lot harder work to be self-righteous if you follow Jesus, than it is to be self-aware.

~ *Steve Brown, 1940- , Author / Speaker*

He who wants more than what Christ has established, does not want Christian brotherhood. He is looking for some extraordinary social experience.... He who loves his dream of a community more than Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest & sacrificial.

~*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), from 'Life Together', pastor-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: Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time, to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God... Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now

## Call to Worship *(from Psalm 30)*

- L O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.  
You brought me up from the grave, O Lord. You kept me from falling  
into the pit of death.
- A *I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies  
triumph over me.*
- L Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger  
lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!
- A *Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*
- L When I was prosperous, I said, "Nothing can stop me now!" Your favor,  
O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain.
- A *O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!*

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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 Gracious God, accept all these prayers offered in Jesus' name, and give us  
now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully  
in response to your call. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## 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*

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

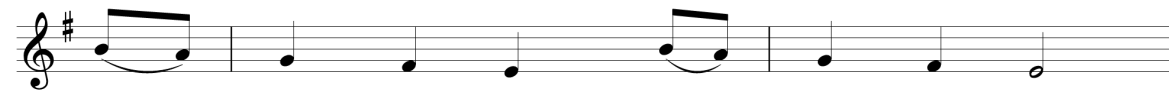
L O God of all creation, you alone are God.  
And you alone can satisfy our longing  
for a support that earth cannot give  
and that heaven will not take away.

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*

## Lord, You have Searched Me

Trad. Irish Tune



LORD, you have searched me and you know  
My words from you I can not hide, you  
Where can I go a part from Thee?  
If I the wings of morn - ing take, and



where I rest and where I go; you  
hem me in on ev - 'ry side; O  
Where can I from your pre - sence flee? In  
far a - way my dwel - ling make, The



search my thoughts and you know my plans, and  
wond - 'rous know - ledge, - you awe - some might, un -  
heav'n? it is your - dwel - ling fair; in  
hand that leads me, - it is Thine And



all my ways are in your hands.  
- fath - omed depth, un - mea - sured height!  
death's a - bode? lord, you are there.  
my sup - port Your pow'r di - vine!

If deepest darkness cover me,  
To you the dark-ness light shall be;  
to you both night and day are bright.  
And Darkness Shines as the Light!

O search me, God, my heart discern,  
And try me, God, my thoughts to learn.  
and lead me God, if in sin I stray,  
to choose the everlasting way.

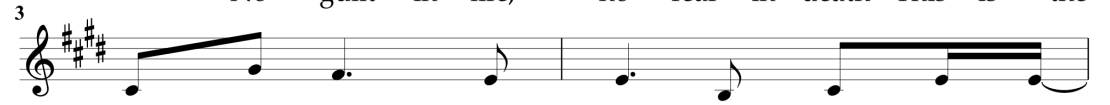
## In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend

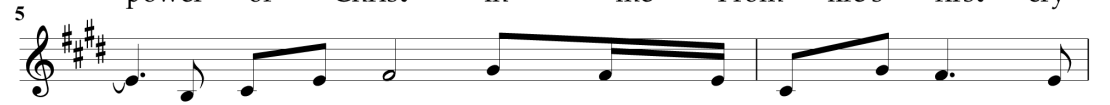
Keith Getty



In Christ a - lone, my hope is found He is my  
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh Full - ness of  
There in the ground His bod - y lay Light of the  
No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the



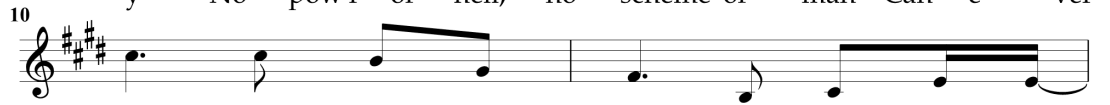
light, my strength, my song This Cor - ner - stone,  
God in help - less babe This gift of love  
world by dark - ness slain Then burst - ing forth  
power of Christ in me From life's first cry



this so - lid ground Firm through the fier - cest drought and  
and right-eous-ness Scorned by the ones He came to  
in glor - ious Day Up from the grave He rose a -  
to fi - nal breath Je - sus com - mands my des - tin -



storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are  
- save 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died The wrath of  
- gain And as He stands in vic - tor - y Sin's curse has  
- y No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can e - ver



stilled, when stri - vings cease My Com - fort - er,  
God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin  
lost its grip on me For I am His  
pluck me from His hand Till He re - turns



my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand  
on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live  
and He is mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ  
or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** John 21:1-14 (*found on Page 15*)

**Series** Gospel of John

**Sermon** Eating With Jesus

### ***Profession of Faith***

A *In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

*– based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV*

A *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.*

*– Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV*

### **Silent and Personal Confession**

## 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 -  
Glo - ry be to him who bought  
Glo - ry to the King of na -

it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!  
us, Heav'n and earth your prais - es bring! Sing - ing  
tions; Hear the praise cre - a - tion brings. Sing - ing

glo - ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry to the Lamb that once was  
glo - ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of

### Renewal

- L Hear the good news!  
To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is  
God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.  
This gift we have from God.
- A *Thanks be to God!*

## Doxology

- L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.  
Amen and Amen. – *Psalm 72:18-19, NRSV*
- 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 God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. May God bless  
to our understanding this reading and hearing from the Word.