
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

Summer in Psalms

06/04/23 - A Meditation	Psalm 1
06/11/23 - Deeply Emotional Prayer	Psalm 3
06/18/23 - Finding our Identity	Psalm 8
06/25/23 - Taking Refuge	Psalm 11
07/02/23 - Finding Certainty	Psalm 14



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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: Psalm 3 *(translation by Robert Alter)*

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.
Lord, how many are my foes,
Many, who rise up against me.
Many, who say of my life:
'No rescue for him through God'
And You, Lord, a shield are for me,
my glory, who lifts up my head.
With my voice I cry out to the Lord,
And He answers me from His holy mountain.
I lie down and I sleep,
I awake, for the Lord has sustained me.
I fear not from myriads of troops
That round about set against me.
Rise, Lord! Rescue me, my God,
For you strike all my foes on the cheek,
The teeth of the wicked You smash.
Rescue is the Lord's!
On Your people Your blessing.

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

As the Spirit of God breathed life into creation, The Holy Spirit breathes life into new creation. Now go! and labor to bring new life around you. Dream dreams pursue the vision, and speak of God's goodness to those who would here. 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

Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one
~ *Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor, director and martial artist*

Know, at the end of the day, following Jesus is not necessarily designed to be safe. Safety is a natural desire but it can keep us from being like Jesus in the midst of an unsafe world.

~ *The Art of Neighboring by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon*

Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.

~ *C.S. Lewis: The Screwtape Letters*

It seems that genuine Christianity can survive anything but comfort, privilege and ease.
~ *Anonymous, 33 AD -*

Man is not worried by real problems so much as by his imagined anxieties about real problems.

~ *Epictetus, 135 AD, Stoic Philosopher*

To venture causes anxiety, but not to venture is to lose one's self.... And to venture in the highest is precisely to be conscious of one's self.

~ *Søren Kierkegaard*

"The essence of sin is disordered love." Disordered loves means that we often love the less-important things more, and the more-important things less than we ought to, and this wrong prioritization leads to unhappiness and disorder in our lives. ...

"The punishment of every disordered mind is its own disorder."

~ *Nick Cady, American Pastor, on Augustine's disordered loves*

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- L Dear God, we come to worship you today.
We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us.
- A *Help us to hear you. Amen.*

All Sing: Psalm 5 (Give Ear to My Words O Lord)

Give ear to my words O Lord Con-sid-er my med-i-ta - tion

6 Hark-en un-to the voice of my cry My King and my God For

10 un-to Thee will I pray My voice shalt Thou hear In the morn - ing O

14 Lord in the morn-ing Will I di-rect my prayer Un-to Thee and will look up

Pastoral Prayer

- L Gracious God, When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty.

Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden, protect the vulnerable.

You called a people to be your own and to be a light to the world. Throughout the world your church suffers. Some are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for praying to you. Some pursue personal preferences rather than loving unity. God, our refuge, shield from harm those who love you, surround us with your mercy, and gird your church with the fruit of your Spirit.

With your Holy Spirit, empower your church to be a witness to your glory. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. 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 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.

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

Call to Worship

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:

A *"Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.*

L 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.*

– based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.
(Columba, c.521 - 597)

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*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness (Tune)

Thomas O Chisholm

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no sha-dow of
 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pre-sence to

7
 turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-pass-ions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

13
 as thou hast been, thou for-e-ver wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

19
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

26
 need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

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Je-sus, Sa-rior, pi-lot me O-ver life's tem-
 Though the sea be smooth and bright, Spark-ling with the
 As a mo-ther stills her child, Thou can hush the
 When at last I near the shore, And the fear-ful

4
 - pest-uous sea; Un-known waves be-fore me roll,
 stars of night, And my ship's path be a-blaze
 o-cean wild; Boist-'rous waves o-bey Thy will,
 break-ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace-ful rest,

7
 Hi-ding rock and treach-'rous shoal. Chart and
 With the light of hal-cyon days, Still I
 When Thou says to them, "Be still!" Wond-rous
 Then, while lean-ing on Thy breast, May I

9
 com-pass come from Thee; Sa-rior, pi-lot me.
 know my need of Thee; Sa-rior, pi-lot me.
 Sov-'reign of the sea, Sa-rior, pi-lot me.
 hear Thee say to me, "I will pi-lot thee."

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 3 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Summer in the Psalms

Sermon Prayer (for our Fears)

Profession of Faith

A *Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!*

– from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

A *Loving God,
We confess before you and each other,
that our lives are not pure and holy,
apart from the cleansing we have, from the work of Christ.
And we confess, that too often Christ in us is hidden,
by our actions that wound rather than heal,
that tear down rather than build up.
Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths, to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands in generosity, and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts, to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience
to your will and your way.
We pray, trusting in your forgiveness
and in the power of your Holy Spirit,
to lead and guide us, in paths of justice and righteousness,
for your name's sake. Amen*

Silent and Personal Confession

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.

Renewal

L The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed
down. – Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and
covenant faithfulness.

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 *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.*

Preparation

L O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow
you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.