
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
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07/16/23 - Beauty	Psalm 27
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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 11 *(translation by Robert Alter)*

For the lead player, for David
In the LORD I sheltered.
How could you say to me,
"Off to the hills like a bird!
For, look, the wicked bend back the bow,
They fix to the string their arrow
To shoot from the gloom at the upright.
The foundations destroyed,
What can a righteous man do?"
The LORD in His holy palace,
The LORD in the heavens His throne-
His eyes behold,
His look probes the sons of man.
The LORD probes the righteous and wicked,
And the lover of havoc He utterly hates.
He rains fiery coals on the wicked,
Sulphur and gale-winds their lot.
For righteous the LORD is,
Righteous acts He does love.
The upright behold His face.

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

Escape to God alone if you want to escape from Him. Escape by confessing and not by hiding. Tell Him 'You are my shelter' and so let the only love, which grants life, to grow inside you. ~ *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Fear is strange. It will convince us to guard ourselves from the people that only want to love us. We think we're keeping ourselves safe by keeping ourselves from love. God didn't make our hearts to be impenetrable nor has He commanded us to make fear our refuge. ~ *Jack Hill Perry, contemporary writer and hip-hop artist*

We do not render to him the honor which is his due unless we are fully persuaded that his judgment seat is a sacred sanctuary for all who are in affliction and unrighteously oppressed. ~ *John Calvin, 1509-1564, reformation leader on Psalm 11*

To walk before God means so to walk as to have the thought of God's presence and supervision constantly in mind, and to shape one's conduct accordingly.
~ *Geerhardus Vos, 1862-1949, Dutch-American Theologian*

Certainly our cultural fallback position seems to be that our technologies will get us out of everything they have got us into. That looks like a magical thinking to me, but we don't really have a better idea. ~ *Paul Kingsnorth, 1972- , English Writer*

God's commands are designed to guide you to life's very best. You will not obey Him, if you do not believe Him and trust Him. You cannot believe Him if you do not love Him. You cannot love Him unless you know Him.
~ *Henry Blackaby, 1935- , founder of Blackaby Ministries*

"Let Philip cease to rule the world." ~ *Martin Luther to his friend, Philip Melancthon*

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- L O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts.
A *With steady minds and burning zeal may we worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*



Un - der the sha-dow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its
A thou-sand age-s in your sight are like an ev' - ning



- cure; suf - fi-cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is
frame, from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the
gone, short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing



sure. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will
same. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will
sun. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will



be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:
be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:
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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 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 & Adoration

L O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

A *Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.*

L All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

A *You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see truly.*

L All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins. You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love. – based on Ephesians 1:3-18

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*

All Sing: Blessed be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Bridge: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Refrain 2: Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge: You give and take away (2x)
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name (Bridge)

Words & Music: Ben & Matt Redman

Begone Unbelief

Kevin Twitt

John Newton

Be - gone un - be - lief, My Sa - vior is
Though dark be my way, Since he is my
Why should I com - plain, Of want or dis -
Since all that I meet will work for my
near, And for my re - lief Will sure - ly ap -
guide, 'Tis mine to o - bey, and His to pro -
- tress Temp - ta - tion or pain? He told me no
good, The bit - ter is sweet, The med - i - cine
- pear: By faith let me wrest - le, with God in the
- vide; Though cis - terns be bro - ken, And crea - tures all
- less The heirs of sal - va - tion, I know from his
food; Though pain - ful at pre - sent, will cease be - fore
storm And help me my Sa - vior, the faith to a -
fail, The word he has spo - ken will sure - ly pre -
word Through much trib - u - la - tion Must fol - low their
long, And then, O! how glo - rious, The con - quer - or's
- dorn And help me my Sa - vior, the faith to a - dorn -
- vail. The word he has spo - ken will sure - ly pre - vail.
Lord Through much trib - u - la - tion Must fol - low their Lord
song! And then, O! how glo - rious, The con - quer - or's - song!

* Refrain after vs. 2 & 4 – Begone unbelief, the savior is here (3x)
Though cisterns be broken and creatures all fail;
The word He has spoken will surely prevail (2x)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 11 (*found on Page 15*)
Series Summer in the Psalms
Sermon Our Refuge

Profession of Faith

A *God was pleased, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,
to be the mediator between God and human beings.
As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king,
the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things,
and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity,
a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time, redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.
The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself—
which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God—
has fully satisfied the justice of his Father.
He purchased not only reconciliation
but also an everlasting inheritance, in the kingdom of heaven,
for all those whom the Father has given to him.*

—from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

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 *Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned,
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Melt My Soul To Love

Benj Pocta & Brian Murphy

Joseph Swain



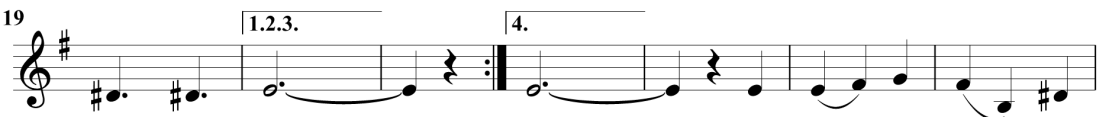
Hark! From the cross a gra - cious voice, Sa - lutes my
A - mazed, I turn, grown strange - ly bold; This won - drous
'Sin - ner', he cried, 'be - hold the head, This thorn - y
The pow'r, the sweet - ness of that voice My ston - y



ra - vished ears; Re - joice, thou ran - somed soul, re -
thing to see; And there the dy - ing Lord be -
wreath en - twine; Look on those wound - ed hands and
heart does move; Makes me in Christ my Lord re -



- joice! And dry those fal - ling tears! And dry those
- hold, Stretched on the blood - y tree. Stretched on the
- read Your name in crim - son lines. Your name in
- joice And melts my soul to love. And melts my



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Renewal

L You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

A *Thanks be to God! – Romans 8:15-17, NRSV*

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 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSV