
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

07/02/23 - Finding Certainty	Psalm 14
07/09/23 - Anxiety	Psalm 27
07/16/23 - Beauty of God	Psalm 27
07/23/23 - Confession	Psalm 32
07/30/23 - Search for God	Psalms 42/43
08/06/23 - Thirst for God	Psalm 63
08/13/23 - Worship	Psalm 95
08/20/23 - Failure (Guest)	Psalm 51
08/27/23 - God's Love	Psalm 107
09/03/23 -	

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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 32

Of David. A maskil.

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

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

BENEDICTION

*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 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. – *1 Timothy 1:17, NIV*

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. – *based on 1 John 3:23, NRSV*

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

In one long glorious acknowledgment of failure, he laid himself bare before God.
~ *John Grisham, The Testament*

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact. ~ *George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), 1819-1880, English Novelist & Poet*

Sin is the human tendency not just to lurch and stumble and screw up by accident. Sin is our active inclination to break stuff, 'stuff' here including promises, relationships we care about, and our own well being. ~ *Francis Spufford, English author, teacher*

We are all serving a life sentence in the dungeon of the self.
~ *Cyril Connolly (1903-1974), English author and literary critic*

Malcolm Muggeridge talks about the dark little dungeon of my own ego. That is sin, a twist of self-centeredness that has us imprisoned. But God's order is that we love him with all our being, and then that we love our neighbor and put ourselves last. Sin is the reversal of the order. ~ *John Stott (1921-2011), English clergyman & author*

God is so faithful. He says, 'If you bring me your sin, if you uncover it before me, I will cover it. I will do the very thing that you're trying to do in your own strength and power.' ~ *Juan Sánchez, Pastor & Author*

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Not only was the sin itself pardoned, but the iniquity of it; the virus of its guilt was put away, and that at once, so soon as the acknowledgment was made. God's pardons are deep and thorough: the knife of mercy cuts at the roots of the ill weed of sin. ~ *Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892, Pastor*

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- 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.
- A Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

O God Our Help in Ages Past

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Isaac Watts



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 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.

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

Worship & Adoration

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, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.
A *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

L Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts!
A *Let us confess him with our mouths and worship him in spirit and in truth.*

L God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you.

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*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Asahel Nettleton

Robert Robinson



Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy
Here I raise my Eb - en-ez - er; Hith-er by Thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt-or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



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grace; Streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, Call for
come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly
9 be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some mel - o - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
13 wand - 'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wand - er, Lord, I



son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
strang - er, Wand - 'ring from the fold of God; He, to
17 feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my



mount! I'm fixed u - pon it, Mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
res - cue me from dan-ger, Int - er - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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



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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



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- 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



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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



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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.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 32 (*found on Page 15*)
Series Summer in the Psalms
Sermon Confession

Profession of Faith

A *While we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person –
though perhaps for a good person, someone might actually dare to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely, having been reconciled,
will we be saved by his life. – Romans 5:6-10, NRSV*

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 *Heavenly Father,
Many times we have troubled hearts and minds. We worry about relationships, health, finances, family, future, and many other things. We have a hard time believing in you in a way that would bring comfort and confidence to our hearts. We doubt your love and concern for us, and even your very existence. Thank-you for Jesus' fearless faith. He has persevered through far greater trials than anything we will ever suffer.*

Holy Spirit, help us to believe in Christ. Give us a joy and a peace that should flow from the reality of what Christ has done for us. Help us to live in the light of full forgiveness and in the sufficiency of your mercy and grace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Come, Ye Weary

Trad Melody

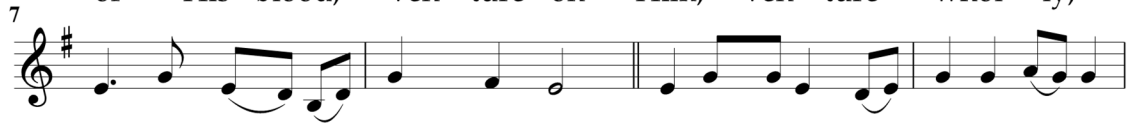
Joseph Hart



Come, ye wear-y, hea - vy la - den, lost and ru - ined
Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun-ty
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
Lo! th'in-car - nate God, as - cen-ded, pleads the mer - it



by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
glor - i - fy; true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
of His blood; ven - ture on Him, ven - ture whol - ly;



you will ne - ver come at all.
ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
is to feel your need of Him.
let no o - ther trust in - trude. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,



He will em-brace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Sav-ior,
He will em-brace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Sav-ior,



O there are ten thou-sand charms.
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Renewal

L Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; behold! new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. – based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

Doxology

L Freely you have received, freely give. – Matthew 10:8, NIV

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 Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path. Give us understanding, and we will keep your law and obey it with all our hearts.
– based on Psalm 27:11, Psalm 119:33-34, NRSV