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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

### Tuesday

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

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## Looking Ahead

Hard Sayings of Jesus

### Upcoming Sermons

Let the Dead Bury their Dead	Luke 9:57-62
Let Your Yes Be Yes	Matthew 5:33-37
Love Your Enemies	Luke 6:20-36
Unabashed Prayer	Luke 11:5-13
Lead us not into Temptation	Luke 11:2-4
Judge Not	Matthew 7:1-6
How to Hate Your Parents	Luke 14:25-27
I Came to Set the Earth on Fire	Luke 12:49-53



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN  
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## October 29, 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: Matthew 7:1-6

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## 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 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of 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

Just because they annoy you doesn't mean they're wrong!  
~ *Oscar Auliq-Ice, writer, philanthropist*

Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted. ~ *Ralph Waldo Emerson, Emerson in His Journals*

It's not at all hard to understand a person; it's only hard to listen without bias.  
~ *Christopher James Gilbert, 1987- , Musician, Author, Philosopher*

You meet Noah after the flood, you think, That brave, faith-filled, visionary man.  
You meet him before and you're like, What a nut job.  
~ *Courtney C. Stevens, Author, The June Boys*

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God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.  
~ *Vance Havner, 1901-1986, pastor and evangelist*

Jesus instructed us to take the beam out of our own eye before we take the speck out of our brother's (Matthew 7:5). In this way, He told us that the battle is not only against others, it is also within ourselves. Facing the deeply embedded evil of our own hearts is where the most bitter fighting occurs. It's like a civil war. Your enemy, your old self, is a dearly beloved friend you really don't want to kill.  
~ *Dan Allender, Tremper Longman. Bold Love*

The marvel of grace is that we are all inflicted with the same cancer as those we are called to love. We are called to be ophthalmologists-eye doctors who see a disease in the eye of another and are so committed to removing that speck of cancer that we knowingly undergo the same surgery to remove the mass in our own eye in order to remove the disease in the other.  
~ *Dan Allender, Tremper Longman. Bold Love*

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## PRELUDE

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

### Opening

L This is the day that you have made, Lord.

A *Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!*

L Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.

A *Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.*

*All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God*

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds,  
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name,

His glorious Name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with his glory, alleluia!

*(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)*

*(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)*

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## Pastoral Prayer

L Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name 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 May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. *from Psalm 19:14*

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## The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

### **Invitation to the Table**

- L Professing & baptized members of a church in which Jesus Christ is professed as Lord and Savior: the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.
- 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.*
- L Let us give thanks together:

### **Prayer of Thanks** *(from a fourth-century liturgy from the city of Alexandria.)*

- A *It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:*

All Sing:     *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and Earth are filled with Your Glory. (2x)  
Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest! (2x)*

### **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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## Call to Worship *(from Ps 135)*

- L Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
A *We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*
- L We will be glad and exult in you;  
A *We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

### **Adoration**

- L Loving God, we have gathered to meet you. We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you. You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born. In you we become; in you we live. Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts. In you we hope; in you we live. You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding. In you we are still; in you we live. Loving God, we live in you; we worship you. Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.

May we glorify you in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

- 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 Almighty King

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Arr. by Luke Morton

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Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help  
Come, Thou in - car - nate word, Gird  
Come Ho - ly Com - fort - er Thy  
To Thee great One in Three, E-



us Thy name to sing, Help us to Praise.  
on Thy Might-y sword Our Prayer at - tend,  
Sa - cred wit-ness bear In this glad hour,  
- ter - nal prais-es be Hence ev - er - more



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vict - or - i - ous  
Come and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess,  
Thou who Al - might - y art, Now rule in ev - ry heart,  
Thy sov - riegn ma - jest - y May we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o-ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Spi - rit of ho - li - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore

# My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



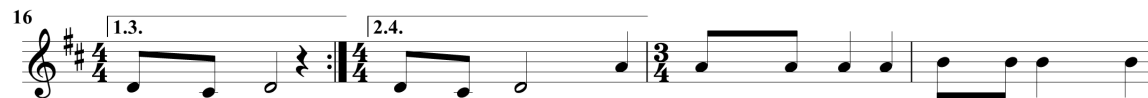
My hope is built on  
When dark - ness veils His  
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When He shall come with



no - thing less Than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I  
love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In  
- ant, His blood Sup - port me in the 'whel - ming flood: When  
trum - pet sound, O may I then in him be found. Dressed



dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But whol - ly lean on  
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all a - round my soul - y gives way, He then is all my  
in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less we stand be -



Je - sus' name.  
- hope and stay. in the veil. On Christ the so - lid rock I stand; All  
- fore His throne.



o - ther ground is sink - ing sand. All o - ther ground is sink - ing sand.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Preparation

- L Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. – *based on John 6:68*

**Scripture** Matthew 7:1-6 (*found on Page 15*)

**Series** Hard Sayings of Jesus

**Sermon** Do Not Judge!?

### Profession of Faith

- A *As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us respond to his Word: God commands us to serve him alone as God, to serve him according to his Word, to speak of him only with deep respect and love, to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people on the day of rest, and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit; to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority, to nurture human life as God's precious gift, to live life's of true joy, to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation, to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life. May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

- A *Eternal God, you do not change.  
You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.  
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
But we confess that we often worship  
not your true self but who we wish you to be.  
We too often ask you to bless what we do  
rather than seeking to do what you bless.  
Forgive us for seeking concessions  
when we should be seeking guidance.  
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want  
instead of shaping us into what you want.  
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow  
before your unspeakable majesty  
and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

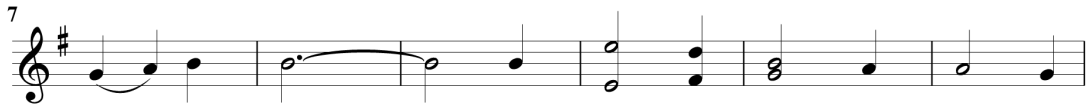
## Melt My Soul To Love

Benj Pocta & Brian Murphy

Joseph Swain



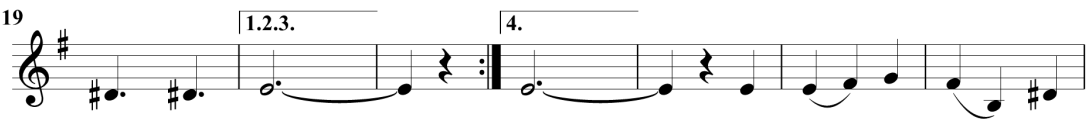
Hark! From the cross a gra - cious voice, Sa - lutes my  
A - mazed, I turn, grown strange - ly bold; This won - drous  
'Sin - ner', he cried, 'be - hold the head, This thorn - y  
The pow'r, the sweet - ness of that voice My ston - y



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 I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

— Jeremiah 33:8, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

## Doxology

L Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. — Psalm 50:14, NRSV

*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 you 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.*