
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

Epistle of James

Words	James 3:1-6
Power of Words	James 3:1-12
Easter	1 Kings 17:17-24 & Luke 7:11-17
Wise Relationships	James 3:9-18
Fights and Wars	James 4:1-3
Courage	James 4:4-10
Communication	James 4:11,12 5:12
Worry	James 4:13-17
Materialism	James 5:1-6
Patience	James 5:7-11

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

April 07, 2024

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 James 3:10-18 (NTFE)

- 10 Blessing and curses come out of the same mouth! My dear family, it isn't right that it should be like that. Does a spring put out both sweet and bitter water from the same source? Dear friends, can a fig tree bear olives, or a vine bear figs? Nor can salt water yield fresh.
- 13 Who is wise and discerning among you? Such a person should, by their upright behavior, display their works in the humility of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your hearts, don't boast, and tell lies against the truth. This isn't the wisdom that comes from above. It is earthly, merely human, coming from the world of demons.
- 16 For where there is jealousy and contention, there you will get unruly behavior and every kind of evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from above is first holy, then peaceful, gentle, compliant, filled with mercy and good fruits, unbiased, sincere. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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

L As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
– based on Colossians 3:12-14
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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

"The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things." ~Prov. 15:28 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." ~Prov. 18:21

People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.

~ D.A. Carson, 1946- , New Testament Scholar / Theologian

It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.
~ *Albert Einstein, 1879-1955, Theoretical Physicist*

People will do anything, no matter how absurd, in order to avoid facing their own souls. One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious. ~ *Carl Jung, 1875-1961, Swiss Psychiatrist*

Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.
~ *Martin Luther King Jr., A Knock at Midnight*

The greatest temptation of our time is impatience, in its full original meaning: refusal to wait, undergo, suffer. We seem unwilling to pay the price of living with our fellows in creative and profound relationships.
~ *Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, 1888-1973, 'The Christian Future'*

The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether. ~ *C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

We were created with this relational likeness and we long for relational connection because God exists in a relationship of love.
~ *Richard Plass and James Cofield, co-authors of 'The Relational Soul'*

If you aren't in over your head, how do you know how tall you are? ~ *T. S. Eliot*

PRELUDE

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

- L God of the universe, hear us this day, as we gather together in this place.
Send your Spirit to prompt our prayers.
- A *May our voices join the voices of those scattered far from here so that we may join with the saints throughout the world in praising your holy name. Amen.*

Mystery of Faith

Trad. Liturgy

Crossing Music

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died,
Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. gain. Em - man-u - el, Em -
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Christ will come a - gain Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a -
- gain. Em-man-u - el, Em-man-u - el Christ will come a - gain

Pastoral Prayer

- L God, whose gracious love for us embraced that long and lonely journey to the cross, gather us close to you in these days when again we make that journey in meditation and recollection.

Help us to contemplate again the way taken by our Savior: the false charges against him, the fear and flight of the disciples, the kiss of betrayal, the crown of thorns, the purple robe – and in such contemplation give us courage to face those times in our own lives when he received the same at our hands. Yet help us also remember that you have gone before us, so we look to you for compassion and forgiveness, knowing you are able to save.

When we are weak, make us strong; when hurt and resentful, make us forgiving; when defeated and discouraged, make us hopeful. Keep us from asking for mercy without giving it ourselves, from praying for your kingdom but never working for it.

In this week, deepen our faith by your matchless grace. Deepen the measure of our gratitude and Christian obedience. Move us, who have so much, to share with others who have so little. Uphold us when we summon our courage to speak out for the alien and stranger within our gates and for those long denied dignity and freedom.

Guard and guide us through these days of meditation and remembrance. Guard and guide us through all our days until we come at last to that day when all our days and journeys will be gathered into your eternity, and we shall be with you forever. Glory be to you, O God. 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 To you, O LORD, do we lift up our souls. O God, in you we trust. Hear our prayers, O LORD and let our cries come to you.

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

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.*

* *The Mystery of Faith –*

Christ has died, Christ is Risen Christ will come again! (2x)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel Christ will come again! (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

Call to Worship *(fr. Ps. 1)*

L Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

A *They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

L But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

A *For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord!

Hear us now, as we pray together, the words you taught your 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

George Elvey

Matthew Bridges



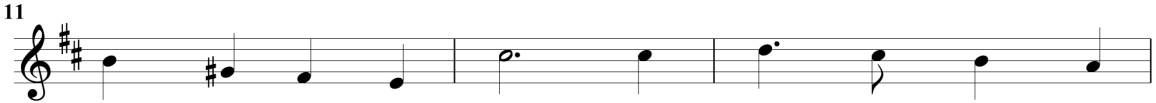
Crown Him with man - y crowns, The lamb u - pon His
Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and
Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
Crown Him the Son of God Be - fore the worlds be-



throne; Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them Drowns all
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
grave, And rose vic - tor - ious in the strife For
- gan, And ye who tread where He hath trod Crown



mu - sic but its own! A - wake, my soul, and sing Of
beaut - y glo - ri - fied: No an - gel in the sky Can
those He came to save; His glo - ries now we sing Who
Him the Son of Man. To Thee be end - less praise, For



Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy
ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward bends his
died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal
Thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glo - ry



match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
life to bring, And lives that death may die.
shall not fail Through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

All Sing: Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.

Scripture James 3:10-18 (*found on Page 15*)

Series James: Faith on the Ground

Sermon Wisdom

Response

- A *God of all, you gave your only Son to take the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind of Christ Jesus so that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. – based on Philippians 2:5-11*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

– based on Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

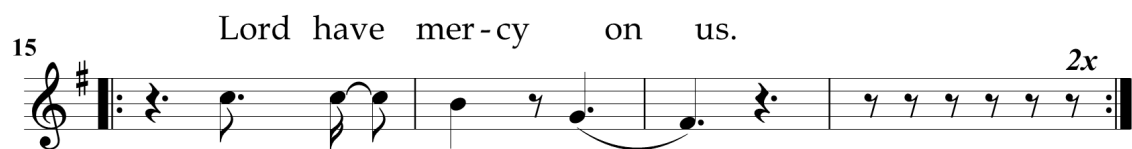
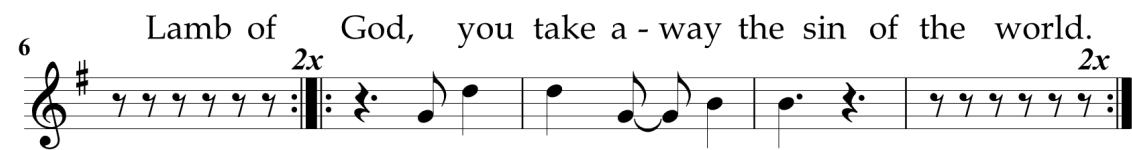
- A *Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.*

*Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church,
his body. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge



Grant us peace Lord.

Renewal

L Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!

— based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

A Thanks be to God!

Doxology

L 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.