
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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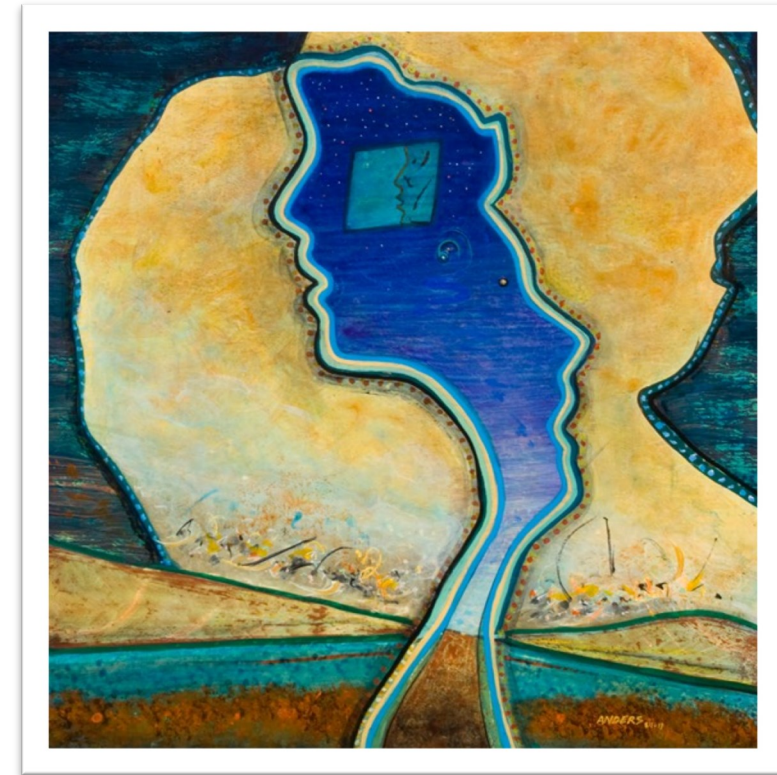
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Looking Ahead

Epistle of James

<i>Easter</i>	<i>1 Kings 17:17-24 & Luke 7:11-17</i>
<i>Wise Relationships</i>	<i>James 3:9-18</i>
<i>Fights and Wars</i>	<i>James 4:1-3</i>
<i>Relationship</i>	<i>James 4:4-10</i>
<i>Communication</i>	<i>James 4:11,12 5:12</i>
<i>Worry</i>	<i>James 4:13-17</i>
<i>Materialism</i>	<i>James 5:1-6</i>
<i>Patience</i>	<i>James 5:7-11</i>
<i>Healing</i>	<i>James 5:13-18</i>
<i>Renewal</i>	<i>James 5:16-20</i>



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

April 21, 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 4:4-10 (NTFE)

- 4 Adulterers! Don't you know that to be friends with the world means being enemies with God? So anyone who wants to be friends with the world is setting themselves up as God's enemy. Or do you suppose that when the Bible says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit he has made to dwell in us," it doesn't mean what it says?
- 6 But God gives more grace; so it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit to God, then; resist the devil and he will run away from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Make your hands clean, you sinners; and make your hearts pure, you double-minded lot. Make yourselves wretched; mourn and weep. Let your laughter turn to mourning, and your joy to sorrow.
- 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

Special Music Bell Choir

Festival Intrada - Claudio Monteverdi; arr. Hopson

**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

The exodus was not a movement from slavery to freedom, but from slavery to covenant. Redemption was for relationship with the redeemer, to serve his interests and his purposes in the world.

~ *Christopher Wright, Missiologist / Old Testament Scholar*

Our communion with God lies in his giving himself to us and our giving ourselves and all that he requires to him. This communion with God flows from that union which is in Christ Jesus.

~ *John Owen, 1616-1683, pastor, theologian and Oxford academic*

Everyone can prosper in this world, but the end is different. Those who worked with God, their works speak for eternity. If you did not work with God, then your works have a time frame... they die when you die.

~ *Dr Paul Gitwaza, 1971- , Evangelist & Preacher, Rwanda, E. Africa*

When the enemy realizes he can't derail God's covenant with you, he'll work overtime to derail your faith response to it.

~ *Andrena Sawyer, 1986- , Ministry Strategist, Author, Consultant*

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*

We regard God as an airman regards his parachute; it's there for emergencies but he hopes he'll never have to use it. ~ *C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963, 'The Problem of Pain'*

The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night. ~ *John Piper, 1946- , Author, 'A Hunger for God'*

PRELUDE

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

Special Music

Bell Choir

Nocturne in E Minor - Cynthia Dobrinski

L Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith.

A *Together may we glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever.
In Jesus' name, 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)

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.

God is the one who makes us, loves us, and sustains us.

God is the one who makes, loves, and sustains the world.

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 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, Amen.

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 life-giving 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

L Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.
A *Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.*

L Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.
A *To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

L O God of all creation, you alone are God.
And you alone can satisfy our longing
for a support that earth cannot give
and that heaven will not take away.
Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you,
to acknowledge our need of one another.
Let the oneness of our worship make us one in love and service.

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*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Horatius Bonar



I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am the dawn-ing



rest. Lay down, O wear-y one, lay down your head u - pon my
give the liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one; stoop down and drink and
light. Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be



breast." I came to Je-sus as I was, so wear-y, worn, and sad. In
live." I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream. My
bright." I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun, and



him I found a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav'-ling days are done.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Song

Munster Gesangbuch



Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture, O Thou of
Fair are the mea-dows, fair - er still the wood-lands, Robed in the
Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon-light And all the
Beau-ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord - of the na - tions! Son of -



God and man the Son! Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I
bloo - ming garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
twink-ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, ad - or -



ho - nor, Thou, my soul's Glo-ry, Joy, and Crown!
pu - rer, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
pur-er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
- a - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. –based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV

Scripture James 4:4-10 (found on Page 15)

Series James: Faith on the Ground

Sermon Relationship

Response

A *As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world –
which some seek to control, and others view with despair –
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
Remembering the promise, to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ – the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God,
fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears,
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.
We will take our place in the new creation,
where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

– based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

A *O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart.
Send out your light, send out your truth,
and let them lead us to our home.
Take from us the weight of our sin,
that room might be made for the spirit of truth.
If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,
and the truth will set our spirits free.
Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;
then shall we love in deed and in truth,
and by this know that our service is faithful.
O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

All Sing: The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Refrain: Oh the wonderful Cross,
 Oh the wonderful Cross
 Bids me come and die and find
 That I may truly live

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown (Refrain)

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all (Refrain)

Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves

Renewal

- L Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. – *Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV*
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

- L With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

Special Music Bell Choir

- Blessed Assurance - Cynthia Dobrinski*
- 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.