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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

*Epistle of James*

<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>Guest</i>	<i>2 Peter 1:1-11</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>



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### April 28, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NTFE)

- 1 Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus the Messiah, to those who have obtained a share of faith equal to ours in the righteousness of our God and savior Jesus the Messiah: may grace and peace be multiplied to you, in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
- 3 God has bestowed upon us, through his divine power, everything that we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue. The result is that he has given us, through these things, his precious and wonderful promises; and the purpose of all this is so that you may run away from the corruption of lust that is in the world, and may become partakers of the divine nature.
- 5 So, because of this, you should strain every nerve to supplement your faith with virtue, and your virtue with knowledge, and your knowledge with self-control, and your self-control with patience, and your patience with piety, and your piety with family affection, and your family affection with love.
- 8 If you have these things in plentiful supply, you see, you will not be wasting your time, or failing to bear fruit, in relation to your knowledge of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Someone who doesn't have these things, in fact, is so short-sighted as to be actually blind, and has forgotten what it means to be cleansed from earlier sins. So, my dear family, you must make the effort all the more to confirm that God has called you and chosen you. If you do this, you will never trip up. That is how you will have, richly laid out before you, an entrance into the kingdom of God's coming age, the kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus the Messiah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

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## 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.

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## 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 ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God. ~ *D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, 1899-1981, Welsh-born doctor and preacher*

Those who suppose that the doctrine of God's grace tends to encourage moral laxity are simply showing that, in the most literal sense, they do not know what they are talking about. For love awakens love in return; and love, once awakened, desires to give pleasure. ~ *J.I. Packer, 1926-2020, British-born theologian and author*

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We don't get to decide who God is. ~ *Francis Chan, 1967- , Author & Preacher*

Often we don't see the majesty of God's design because we're caught up in the mediocrity of our own designs.  
~ *Craig D. Lounsbrough, 1959- , Licensed Counselor & Author*

If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you are pleased with yourself there you have remained. Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing. ~ *Augustine of Hippo, 354-430*

It should be obvious that you are a follower of Christ, (if you are growing). If you are accused of being a Christian, then there should be enough evidence to convict you. You shouldn't be found innocent of all charges, because there is fruit you can see.  
~ *Tony Evans, 1949- , Pastor & Author*

A major problem with a preoccupation with my individual development is that it provides no intrinsic value 'for you,' except as an environment for my growth  
~ *William Dyrness, 1943- , Am. Theologian & Professor*

## PRELUDE

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

L Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen.

A *You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.*

### *Glory Be to God the Father*

Horatio Bonar

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther,  
Glo - ry be to him who loved us,  
Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!

Glo - ry be to God the Son,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Hear the choir of an - gels sing;

Glo - ry be to God the Spir -  
Glo - ry be to him who bought  
Glo - ry to the King of na -

- it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!  
us, Heav'n and earth your prais - es bring! Sing - ing  
- tions; Hear the praise cre - a - tion brings. Sing - ing

glo - ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry to the Lamb that once was  
glo - ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of

## *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.

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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*

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*

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## Call to Worship

L I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

A *I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

L You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

A *Praise the Lord! –from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV*

### *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*

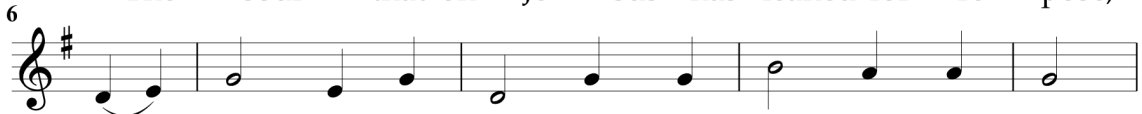
## How Firm a Foundation

Am. Folk Tune

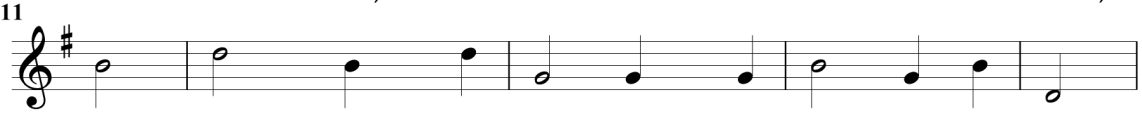
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How firm a foun-da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
When through fier-y tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cell - ent Word!  
For I am your God I will still give you aid;  
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your supp - ly;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He has said,  
I'll strength-en you help you, and cause you to stand  
The flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,



to You, who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My right-eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!

## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

William Moore

John Newton



How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - lie - ver's  
O Je - sus, sheph-erd, guar-dian, friend, my Pro-phet, Priest, and



ear! It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and  
King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac -



drives a - way our fear. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit  
- cept the praise I bring. How weak the ef - fort of my  
Till then I would your love pro -



whole and calms the troub - led breast; 'tis man - na to the  
heart, how cold my warm - est thought; but when I see you  
- claim with ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath; and may the mu - sic



hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.  
as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.  
of your name re - fresh my soul in death.

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## 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** 2 Peter 1:1-11 (*found on Page 15*)

**Series** 'Guest'

**Sermon** Growth

### Response

A *Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:  
Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."  
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;  
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.  
– from Lamentations 3:21-26, NIV*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.  
– 1 John 1:5-7, NIV

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

*My Jesus has done all things Well*

Jeff Koonce, 2014

Samuel Medley, 1776



O for a heart pre - pared to sing,  
How sov - 'reign, won - der - ful, and free,  
And since my soul has known his love,  
Soon shall I pass the vale of death,  
And when to that bright world I rise,



To God, my Sav - ior and my King;  
Is all his love to sin - ful me!  
What mer - cies has he made me prove;  
And in his arms shall lose my breath;  
And join the an - thems in the skies,



While with his saints I join to tell,  
He plucked me as a brand from hell;  
Mer - cies which all my praise ex - cel;  
Yet then my hap - py soul shall tell,  
A - mong the rest this note shall swell,



My Je - sus has done all things well.

**Renewal**

L "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." — *John 3:16-17, 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.

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.*