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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>



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights  
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

**May 05, 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 James 4:11-12;5:12 (NTFE)

11 Do not speak evil against one another, my dear family. Anyone who speaks evil against another family member, or passes judgment against them, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge! There is one lawgiver, one judge who can rescue or destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

5:12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear. Don't swear by heaven; don't swear by earth; don't use any other oaths. Let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No." That way, you will not fall under judgment.

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

*Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed.*

*~Abraham Joshua Herschel (1907-1972), famed rabbi and theologian*

He who knows how to flatter also knows how to slander. ~ *Napoleon Bonaparte*

Slander is worse than cannibalism. ~ *John Chrysostom*

Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. ~ *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945, Pastor and Nazi Dissident*

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The current popular notion that judging others is in itself a sin leads to such inappropriate maxims as 'I'm okay and you're okay.' It encourages a conspiracy of moral indifference which says, "If you never tell me that anything I'm doing is wrong, I'll never tell you that anything you're doing is wrong."

~ *Elisabeth Elliot, Missionary and Speaker, Leadership, Vol. 3, no. 1*

If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody come sit next to me.

~ *Alice Roosevelt Longworth, 1884-1980, Writer & socialite*

It would be a good contest amongst Christians, one to labor to give no offence and the other to labour to take none.

~ *Richard Sibbes, 1577-1635, Church of England pastor and theologian*

We reveal most about ourselves when we speak about others.

~ *Kamand Kojouri, Contemporary Author & Poet*

...the only way there could ever be reconciliation is going to be a personal revival. A personal revival, where God cleanses the heart and the attitudes and the soul of a person, and in many ways that's why I could learn to forgive.

~ *Robert Soto, 1952- , Pastor and Apache tribal leader*

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## PRELUDE

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

L In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

A *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.*

*– from Psalm 22:22; 97:12; 145:1, 3, NRSV*

*All Sing: You Shine*

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens  
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are  
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble  
But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star  
Your love, purer than the purest heart  
You shine, filling us with courage and strength  
To follow you.

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## Pastoral Prayer

L Loving and faithful God, we bless you for calling us to be a holy people, living for you in service to each other for the sake of your world. We pray that our congregation will experience a rich and free sharing of the gifts you have generously given us. Knowing that we are called to be saints, we humbly ask that you will work powerfully through us to accomplish your purposes in the world. We pray for the courage, the patience, and the generosity of spirit that comes from imitating the love you have shown us in Christ. We long for your Spirit's power to make us more Christlike in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Help us to think of others and their needs even now as we pray for creation, in its groaning . . . the world, in its suffering . . . our nation and city, in their need of healing . . . We pray in the name of Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 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)*

*Christ has died, Christ is Risen Christ will come again!*

### *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 How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.

A *Praise the Lord, for he has shown me the wonders of his unfailing love.*

L He kept me safe when my city was under attack. In panic I cried out, "I am cut off from the Lord!"

A *But you heard my cry for mercy and answered my call for help.*

L Love the Lord, all you godly ones! For the Lord protects those who are loyal to him, but he harshly punishes the arrogant.

A *So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!*

### *Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins. You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love. *– based on Ephesians 1:3-18*

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*

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

W. Chatterton Dix



Al-le - lu-ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Bread of hea-ven, here on earth our food, our stay; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; Al-le-



- lu-ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - tor - y a - lone. Hark! The  
- lu-ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter-  
- lu-ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how. Though the



songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun - der like a might-y flood: "Je - sus,  
- cess - or, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re-deem-er, hear our plea where the  
cloud from sight re - ceived him when the fort - y days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood." "Je - sus,  
songs of all the sin-less sweep a - cross the crys-tal sea. where the  
hearts for-get his pro-mise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? shall our



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## Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

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Je - sus, Sa - vior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem-  
Though the sea be smooth and bright, Spark - ling with the  
As a mo - ther stills her child, Thou can hush the  
When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful



- pest - uous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
stars of night, And my ship's path be a - blaze  
o - cean wild; Boist - 'rous waves o - bey Thy will,  
break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hi - ding rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and  
With the light of hal - cyon days, Still I  
When Thou says to them, "Be still!" Wond - rous  
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I



com - pass come from Thee; Sa-vior, pi-lot me.  
know my need of Thee; Sa-vior, pi-lot me.  
Sov - 'reign of the sea, Sa-vior, pi-lot me  
hear Thee say to me, "I will pi-lot thee."

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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 James 4:11-12; 5:12 (found on Page 15)

Series Faith on the Ground

Sermon Communication

### Response

A God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.  
You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.  
God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.  
You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.  
God, our Comforter, you are with us always.  
You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.  
Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.  
Amen.

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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

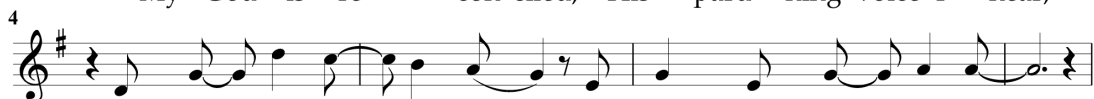
## Arise My Soul Arise

Kevin Twit

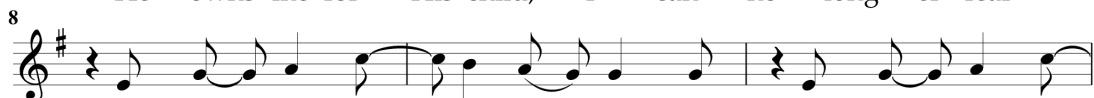
Charles Wesley



A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guil - ty fears;  
He e - ver lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede;  
Five bleed - ing wounds He bears; re - ceived on Cal - var - y;  
My God is re - con - ciled; His pard - ning voice I hear;



The bleed - ing sac - ri - fice, on my be - half ap - pears;  
His all re - deem - ing love, His pre - cious blood, to plead;  
They pour ef - fect - ual prayers; they strong - ly plead for me:  
He owns me for His child; I can no long - er fear



Be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, Be - fore the throne  
His blood a - toned for ev - ry race, His blood a - toned  
"For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "For - give him, O  
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence



my Sure - ty stands, My name is writ - ten on His hands.  
for ev - ry race, And sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
"for - give," they cry, "Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
I now draw nigh, And "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.



A - rise, a - rise, a - rise A - rise, my soul, a - rise.



Shake off your guil - ty fears and rise

## Renewal

L Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
— *Isaiah 53:4-6, NRSV*

A *Thanks be to God!*

## Doxology

L Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
— *from Acts 20:35, 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.*