
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Tuesday

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

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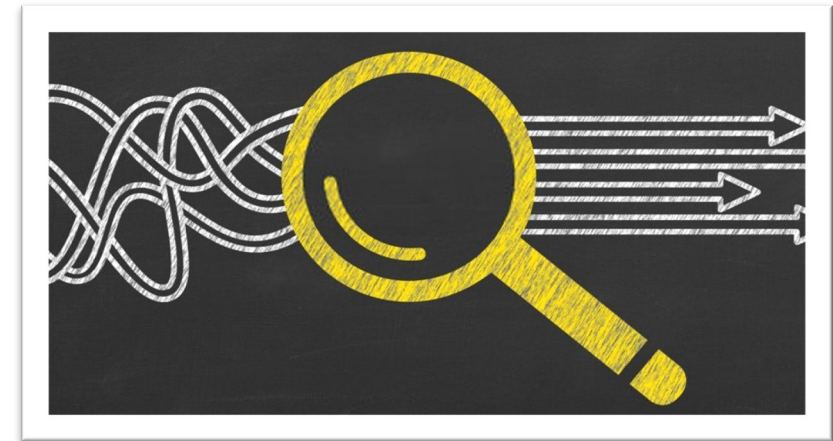
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Looking Ahead

The Gospel According to Moses

Thru the Book of Exodus



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435 Hamline Ave. South
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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 Exodus 33:1-6,15-23;34:5-8

- 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"
- 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."
- 19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."
- 21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."
- 34:5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."
- 8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

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—Sending Out

L Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. —1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NRSV

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Special Music: Bell Choir

Exodus 33:1-6,15-23;34:5-8

33:1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, 3 Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.” 4 When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. For the Lord had said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will 6 decide what to do with you.’” So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.
~ William Blake*

God has not promised to bless our good motives, dreams, and innovation. He has promised to bless his plan; that plan is that disciples make other disciples — everything else is a sideshow. ~ Bill Hull, 1946- , Author, speaker, focus on discipleship

We live in a culture where a new beginning is far more attractive than a long follow-through. Images are important. Beginnings are important. But an image without substance is a lie. A beginning without a continuation is a lie. ~ Eugene Peterson

This is God’s universe, and God does things his way. You may have a better way, but you don’t have a universe. ~ J. Vernon McGee, 1904-1988, minister, radio, Thru the Bible

A church that doesn't provoke any crisis, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed -- what gospel is that? Very nice, pious considerations that don't bother anyone, that's the way many would like preaching to be. Those preachers who avoid every thorny matter so as not to be harassed, so as not to have conflicts and difficulties, do not light up the world they live in. ~ Oscar A. Romero, 1917-1980, ‘The Violence of Love’, Bishop – El Salvador

You cannot be in the presence of God and be bored at the same time. For that matter, you cannot be in the will of God and be bored at the same time.
~ Mark Batterson, 1969- ,Going All In: One Decision Can Change Everything

You will never glory in God till first of all God has killed your glorying in yourself.
~ Charles H. Spurgeon, 1834-1892, English Baptist Preacher

The glory of Christ is such, that it is of a transforming nature. It’s of a powerful nature: it changes all that behold it into the same image; it reaches to the bottom of the heart, to the most inner soul; it is a sight that purifies and beautifies.
~ Jonathan Edwards, 1703-1758, “A Sight of the Glory of Christ,” preacher, philosopher

The reason we are not able to see God is the faintness of our desire.
~ Meister Eckhart, 1260~1328, theologian, philosopher, mystic

PRELUDE

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

Special Music: Bell Choir

L O God, may you pour out Your Spirit of grace and love.
A Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

O Sing to the Lord

Brazilian Folk Song

Sheet music for "O Sing to the Lord" in 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are:

O sing to the Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the
By His ho-ly pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our
Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, and
pow'r our God has done won - ders. By His ho - ly pow'r our
God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our God, who
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, Yes! sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
gave us the Spi - rit, O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Pastoral Prayer

L Praise the Lord, O my soul;
A In all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
L Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits –
A who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.
L Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Let us Pray:
– Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12, NIV

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 Hear our prayer, O LORD; give ear to our supplications in your faithfulness; answer us in your righteousness. – Psalm 143:1, NRSV

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

Invitation to the Table

- L Congregation of Jesus Christ, 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 as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.
- 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 *Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



Have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer - cy, on us.

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,*

Distribution of the Elements

Call to Worship

- L Sing to the Lord a new song;
A *Sing to the Lord, all the earth.*
- L Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
A *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*
- L For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
A *For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.*

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

- L Lord, your law is perfect, it refreshes the soul. Your statutes O Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your precepts O Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. Your commands O Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. ~ *From Psalm 19*
- Hear us now, as we pray together, the words 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*

Be Thou My Vision

tr. Mary Byrne

Trad. Irish Melody

Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
High King of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Wm. Moore

Isaac Watts

A - las! and did my Sa - vior bleed, and did my Sov - reign
Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut its glo - ries

die! Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for
in, when God, the might - y ma - ker, died for

sin - ners such as I? Was it for crimes that I have
his own crea - ture's sin. Thus might I hide my blush - ing
But drops of tears can ne'er re -

done, he groaned u - pon the tree? A - ma - zing pi - ty!
face while his dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in
- pay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give my -

Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
- self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 33:1-6, 15-23; 34:5-8(*beginning on Page 14*)

Series Exodus: Salvation in the Desert

Sermon *Glory*

Response

A *Our Father, you are in heaven,
high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts.
Holy is your name; beside you there is no other!
You are God, and you alone!
Receive us into your kingdom – the coming kingdom –
the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus,
whose name we bear.
Receive us, for we come to you in his name –
we pray in him and with him.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

– based on Matthew 6:9-10, 13

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We must recognize that as your servant we are warned; and in keeping your statutes there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? With the Psalmist we pray: Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

A *O Lord, great God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we humbly come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and as a result we are lost altogether.*

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.


– based on Daniel 9:4-19

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



1.2.3. 4.
fal - ling tears! love. And melts my soul to
blood-y tree.
crim - son lines.
soul to love.



love. And melts my soul to love.

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

Special Music: Bell Choir

L Our gifts are a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord.

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 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.*