
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

Sermon on the Mount

Jesus and The Law

Spiral of Anger

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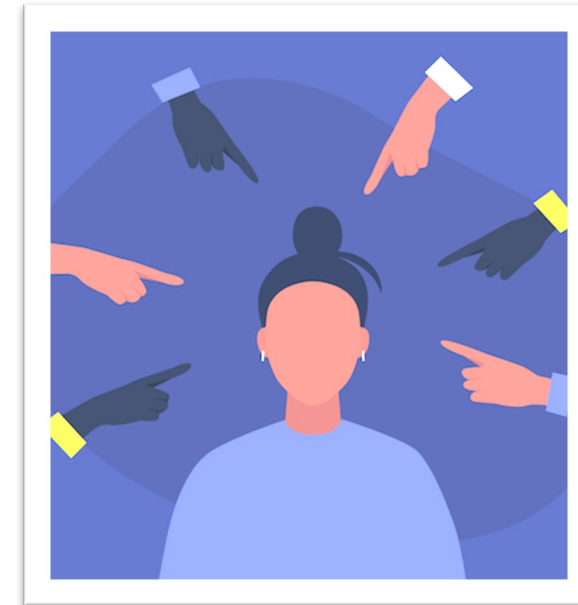
Turn Your Cheek

More than a Prayer

Treasures

Healing Relationships

The Way



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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March 30, 2025

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 Matthew 7:1-12

- 1-2 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
- 3-5 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
- 6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.
- 7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
- 9-12 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

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 May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give you a contrite heart.
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace. Amen.

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you,
and through you with all those to whom he sends your way. Amen.

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.

Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

Anxiety is love's greatest killer.

~ Anais Nin

Jesus is referring, not to official lawcourts, but to the judgments and condemnations that occur within ordinary lives, as people set themselves up as moral guardians and critics of one another. ~ NT Wright, 1948- , former bishop of Durham

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, 1926-2015, from Leadership Vol. 3, no. 1.

Remember particularly that you cannot be a judge of anyone. For no one can judge a criminal until he recognizes that he is just such a criminal as the man standing before him, and that he perhaps is more than all men to blame for that crime. When he understands that, he will be able to be a judge. Though that sounds absurd, it is true. ~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky, 1821-1881, *The Brothers Karamazov*

To be alive is to be addicted, and to be alive and addicted is to stand in need of grace.
~ Gerald G. May, 1940-2005, American Psychologist and theologian

We cannot prioritize our doing before being, our assignment before healing, our service before freedom. ~ Rebekah Lyons, Author of 'You Are Free'

The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man, and never fails to see a bad one. ~ Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-1887, clergyman, social reformer

It is a simple, straightforward, and often neglected fact: The opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is fear. It is just that basic. For fear is the breeding ground — the simmering cauldron so to speak — of all the resentments, bitterness, anger, and destructive behaviors that constitute and give rise to hate. It doesn't matter whether our hatred targets others or is turned inward in a form of self-loathing. The opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is fear.

~ Bishop Robert O'Neill, Episcopalian Priest

PRELUDE

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

- L May we tune our ears to hear you knocking, O God, as you stand outside the locked doors of our hearts, waiting and wanting to enter.
- A Help us to throw open those doors, that in this time of worship you may come in as a living presence and we may offer to you our praise and thanksgiving.

Do Not I Love Thee

DETRIOT

Philip Doddridge



Do not I love Thee O my Lord? Look in my heart and see And
Do not I love Thee from my soul? Then test my ev' - ry love And
You know I Love Thee dear - est Lord And how I long to soar Help
[Do not I love Thee O my Lord?]



turn each i - dol from my heart That dares to ri - val Thee
turn my heart from ev - ry joy Where Je - sus can't be found.
me to know your sa - cred will And learn to love You more.

Pastoral Prayer

- L Almighty God, Father of mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 Journey with us, holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

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.*

*By His wounds, his wounds, will we be healed
And for our transgression, His passion, has made us well
Let us come again, and feed on Him our Lord Emmanuel*

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 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
A *Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.*
- L Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
A *Turn us again, O God of our salvation that the light of Your face may shine on us.*

Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

- L Loving God, you created heaven and earth out of nothing. You uphold and rule heaven and earth by your eternal counsel and providence. We give you praise, almighty God.

God of eternity, you not only created each of us, but you sustain and form each of us with your Holy Spirit. We worship you, Creator God. You provide whatever we need for body and soul. You guide us and guard us. We trust in you, God, our Maker; Jesus, our Mediator; Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

In the midst of this Lenten journey, allow us to look back and to look ahead, to see the places in the past where your promises have upheld us, and to look to an unknown future with confidence and trust in you.

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*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Fredrick Wm. Faber



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the
For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of the



sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-
mind, and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful-ly



- ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up - on God's



good. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his
word, and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our



blood. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
Lord. and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our Lord.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

- L Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 7:1-12 (*Found on Page 15*)

Series Sermon on the Mount

Sermon *Relationship*

Response

- L You are the God of all hope, we are deeply aware of the world's grief and pain—and our own. Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy.
- A *By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.*
— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 43

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. — *Psalm 51:17, NRSV*
- Holy God, help us to reflect that we are quick to look through the window and slow to look in the mirror. We are quick to see how others stumble, but we do not see how we contribute to their stumble. Help us to own our faults, to look in the mirror, and also to see the love you still have for us.
- A *Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.*
- We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God.*
- We confess to you, our unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.*
- Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people.*
- Our dishonesty in daily life and work.*
- Our negligence in prayer and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.*
- Accept our confession, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Melt My Soul To Love

Benj Pocta & Brian Murphy

Joseph Swain



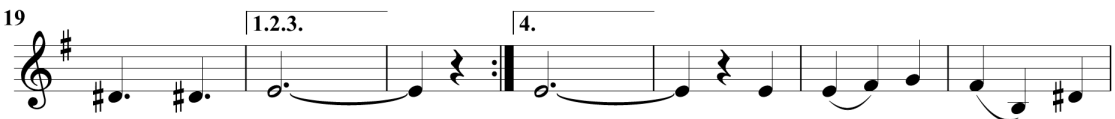
Hark! From the cross a gra - cious voice, Sa - lutes my
A - mazed, I turn, grown strange - ly bold; This won - drous
'Sin - ner', he cried, 'be - hold the head, This thorn - y
The pow'r, the sweet - ness of that voice My ston - y



ra - vished ears; Re - jice, 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 -



- jice! 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
- jice And melts my soul to love. And melts my



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Renewal

L Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
— based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L As you draw us into a renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ.

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.