
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

More than a Prayer

Treasures

Healing Relationships

Gates and Paths

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Easter

Find the Way *Mt 7:7-14*

Find Yourself *Mt 16:21-27*

Find Treasure *Mt 13:44-46*

Find Faith *Mark 5:21-43*

Finding Jesus **Special*



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

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 Mark 5:21-36

- 21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.
- 24 A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.
- 28 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
- 30 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "
- 31 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."
- 32 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"
- 34 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."
- 36 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 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

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

*The gospel to me is simply irresistible.
~ Blaise Pascal*

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. ~ Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662, mathematician & physicist

Desperation is the raw material of drastic change. Only those who can leave behind everything they have ever believed in can hope to escape.

~ William S. Burroughs, 1914-1997, American writer and visual artist

I don't think human beings learn anything without desperation. Desperation is a necessary ingredient to learning anything or creating anything. Period. If you ain't desperate at some point, you ain't interesting.

~ Jim Carrey, 1962- , actor and comedian

Feeling lost, crazy and desperate belongs to a good life as much as optimism, certainty and reason. ~ Alain de Botton, 1969- , Swiss born British author and speaker

I would have stayed a hundred times and I would have left one time only - still, I left.
~ Mihail Drumeş, 1901-1982, an Ottoman-born Romanian prose writer and playwright.

Something they seem to omit to mention in Boston AA when you're new and out of your skull with desperation and ready to eliminate your map and they tell you how it'll all get better and better as you abstain and recover: they somehow omit to mention that the way it gets better and you get better is through pain. Not around pain, or in spite of it. ~ David Foster Wallace author of 'Infinite Jest'

I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face questions die away. What other answer would suffice?

— C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963, British writer & lecturer

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas but for scars.

~ Elbert Hubbard, 1856-1915, Am. writer, publisher, philosopher

PRELUDE

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

- L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
- A Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord.

Give Ear to My Words (Psalm 5) Bill Sprouce Jr.



Give ear to my words O Lord Con-sid-er my med-i-ta-
-tion Hark-en un-to the voice of my cry My
King and my God For un-to Thee will I pray My
voice shalt Thou hear In the morn-ing O Lord in the morn-ing Will
I di-rect my prayer Un-to Thee and will look up

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 to 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.

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 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.*

** 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,*

Distribution of the Elements

Call to Worship

- L I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- A *Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

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

- L O Lord, How we marvel at the depth of your love. How we wonder at the waves of your grace. How we are astounded by the glorious balance of the earth. We are in awe of the vastness of the universe. We are so privileged to be called your children. We are accepted and forgiven and embraced. You are almighty, above and beyond everything. You are victorious. Darkness, sin and death are under your feet. You are holy, beautiful and full of love. How we adore 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*

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.

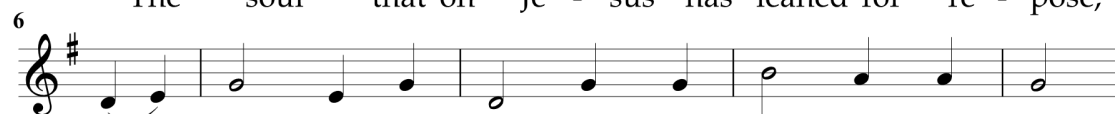
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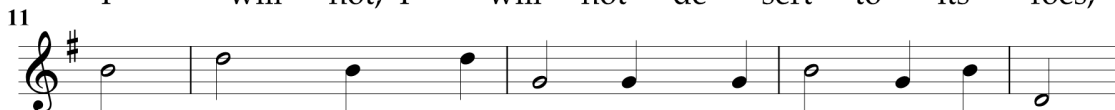
Am. Folk Tune



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!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Preparation

L O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Mark 5:21-36 (*Found on Page 15*)

Series Finding

Sermon Faith

Response

L Do you believe in God the Father?

A *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

L Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

A *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

L Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

** catholic – Through-out the whole, meaning limitless, a growing
reality through time.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.” What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us enter our time of confession before God.

– based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

A Gracious God,

*who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:
we confess before you and to each other
that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.
We have been satisfied with ordinary things,
suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things.
Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire.
Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency,
and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand.
Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

From the Depths of Woe (Ps 130)

Martin Luther

Chris Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice
To - wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace
There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not
Though - great our sins and sore our woes His grace

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of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear
a - lone a - vail - eth; Our works, a - las! Are all
in my own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest,
much more a - boun - deth; His help - ing love no li-

7
to me And hear my sup - pli-ca - tion; If Thou in - i - quit-ies
in vain; In much the best life fail - eth; No man can glo - ry in
His word Up - holds my faint-ing spi - rit; His pro - mised mer - cy is
- mit knows, Our up - most need it soun - deth. Our She - pherd good and true

11
does mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall
Thy sight, All must a - like con-fess Thy might, And live a-
my fort, My com - fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for
is He, Who will at last His Is - rael free From all their

15
stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?
- lone by mer - cy And live a - lone by mer-cy
it with pa - tience I wait for it with pa - tience
sin and sor - row From all their sin and sor - row

Renewal

- L All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ. That is why we utter the
“Amen” through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon
us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power
of the Spirit, we are redeemed. — *based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22*
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

- L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen. — Psalm 72:18-19, NRSV
- 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.