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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

*Sermon on the Mount*

*Parables – What are They?*

*The Sower*

*Weeds & Wheat*

*Mustard Seed*

*Repentance*

*Devotion*

*Love*

*Sin*

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## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

**June 15, 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.*

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Scripture Reading Matthew 13:24-30

- 24 He put another parable to them.  
“The kingdom of heaven,” he said, “is like this! Once upon a time a man sowed good seed in his field. 25 While the workers were asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds in among the wheat, and went away. When the crop came up and produced wheat, then the weeds appeared as well.
- 27 “So the farmer’s servants came to him.  
“ ‘Master,’ they said, ‘didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ ”
- 28 ‘This is the work of an enemy,’ he replied.  
‘So,’ the servants said to him, ‘do you want us to go and pull them up?’
- 29 ‘No,’ he replied. ‘If you do that you’ll probably pull up the wheat as well, while you’re collecting the weeds. Let them both grow together until the harvest. Then, when it’s time for harvest, I will give the reapers this instruction: First gather the weeds and tie them up in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
A Thanks be to God!

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## 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 You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we are to give ourselves for others. You have sent your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people. As people of Pentecost, may we serve you and do the work of your kingdom. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. 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.

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## Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

*Self-deception helps us deceive.  
David Livingstone*

*Which 'R' is most important and why?*

Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others... but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God "sending us" to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will BE hell unless it is nipped in the bud.

*~ C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963, British writer and apologist*

If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

*~ Yogi Berra, 1925-2015, Baseball catcher & manager*

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There is something profoundly hypocritical about praising God for God's mighty deeds of salvation and cooperating at the same time with the demons of destruction, whether by neglecting to do good or by actively doing evil. ... Without action in the world, the adoration of God is empty and hypocritical, and degenerates into irresponsible and godless quietism.

*~ Miroslav Volf "Reflections on a Christian Way of Being-in-the-World"*

Many of us struggle to know exactly what to pack when we go on our various travels. The Pilgrims in their voyage to the new world were no different.

It would be difficult to imagine a group of people more ill-suited to a life in the wilderness. They packed as if they had misunderstood the purpose of the trip, They found room for sundials and candle snuffers, a drum, a trumpet, and a complete history of Turkey. One William Mullins packed 126 pairs of shoes and thirteen pairs of boots. Yet they failed to bring a single cow or horse, plow or fishing line.

*~ Bill Bryson, 1951- , journalist & author of 'Made in America'*

Hypocrites in the Church? Yes, and in the lodge and at the home. Don't hunt through the Church for a hypocrite. Go home and look in the mirror. Hypocrites? Yes. See that you make the number one less. ~ Billy Sunday, 1862-1935, baseball player & Evangelist

Self-deception can be more comforting than self-knowledge. We like to fool ourselves.

*~ Russ Roberts, 1954- , known for communicating economic ideas in understandable terms*

PRELUDE

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

L God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim.  
A Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Psalm 72 'Blessed be the Lord Our God'

Luke Brodine

Wild Mt Tyme

Musical score for Psalm 72, 'Blessed be the Lord Our God'. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Bless-ed be the Lord, our God, the God of Is-ra - el, who a - lone does won-drous deeds, who a - lone does won-drous deeds, Bless-ed be his glo-rious name, His glo-rious name for - ev-er; and may all the earth be filled with His glo-ry al-le - lu-ia Bless-ed be His Glo-rious Name! lu-ia A - men! A - men! A - men! A - men!

Pastoral Prayer

L Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you for raising Jesus from the dead, the first-fruits of your new creation, and for sending your Spirit, that we too may have new life in Christ.  
A Thank you for giving us your Spirit.  
L We thank and praise you for the power and promise of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in all our ways. Help us live in accordance with your Spirit, setting our minds on what the Spirit desires, so that we may be joyfully alive in Christ.  
A Thank you for giving us your Spirit.  
L We thank and praise you that the Spirit testifies to us that we are your children and that through the Spirit we can approach you in confidence as our compassionate Father.  
A Thank you that as co-heirs with Christ, we will share in his glory.  
L Comfort us with the knowledge that your Spirit also helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to your will.  
A Thank you for giving us your Spirit.  
L In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the 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 Gracious God, accept all these prayers offered in Jesus' name, and give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully in response to your call. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**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*

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**Call to Worship**

- L The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
- A *for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*
- L Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- A *Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. – Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV*

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

- L Holy Spirit, Creator, at the beginning you hovered over the waters; you breathe life into all creatures. Comforter, by you we are born again as children of God; you make us living temples of your presence; you pray within us with prayers too deep for words. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, you are light, you bring us light; you are goodness and the source of all goodness. You are the breath of life, you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church; you dwell in each one of its members, and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies. Come into us, Holy Spirit.
- 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*

## All Creatures of Our God and King

Jonathan and Ryan Baird

St. Francis of Assisi

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All crea - tures of our God and King  
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless  
All the re - deemed washed by His blood  
He shall re - turn in pow'r to reign

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Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Al-le-  
And wor-ship Him in hum-ble - ness O praise Him! Al-le-  
Come and re - joice in His great love O praise Him! Al-le-  
Hea - ven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Al-le-

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- lu - ia! Thou, burn - ing sun with gold - en beam  
- lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son  
- lu - ia! Christ has de - feat - ed ev - 'ry sin  
- lu - jah! Then who shall fall on bend - ed knee?

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Thou, sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam O praise Him! O  
And praise the Spi - rit, Three-in - One O praise Him! O  
Cast all your bur - dens now on Him O praise Him! O  
All crea - tures of our God and King O praise Him! O

praise Him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!  
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## Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laugh - ter Our  
The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!" The

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tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy Re-store us, O Lord  
na - tions will sing songs of joy Re-store us, O Lord

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Re - store us, O Lord Al - though we are weep - ing Lord,  
Re - store us, O Lord

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help us keep sow - ing The seeds of Your King - dom For the day You will

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reap them Your sheaves we will car - ry Lord, please do not tar - ry

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All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy

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# 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. – *based on Psalm 119:105, NRSV*

**Scripture** Matthew 13:24-30  
**Series** Parables of Jesus  
**Sermon** Wheat & Weeds

## Response

A Lord Jesus, after giving your life on the cross,  
you entered the glory of the Father.  
May we share in your risen life.  
In you, Jesus, God made a new covenant with us.  
You are with us always, until the end of time.  
Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after your passion.  
Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst.  
Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles.  
May the Spirit of consolation renew our faithfulness to you.  
Jesus, you sent your apostles to proclaim good news to the ends of the earth.  
May the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to your love. Amen.

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# CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in in all sincerity of faith.

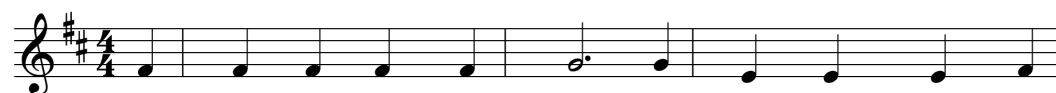
A Sovereign Lord, you have anointed us with your Spirit,  
yet we have not shared your great gift. Create in us a clean heart, O God.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.  
We have not proclaimed your good news to the poor.  
We have not bound up the brokenhearted. Create in us a clean heart, O God.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.  
We have not proclaimed your freedom to the captives.  
We have not comforted those who mourn. Create in us a clean heart, O God.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.  
Forgive us for closing our eyes to the needs of others.  
Forgive us for limiting your abundance. Create in us a clean heart, O God.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Open our minds, Lord.  
Open our hearts, Lord. Open our hands, Lord. Open our lips, Lord.  
Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world. Amen.  
– based on Psalm 51; Isaiah 61

## Silent and Personal Confession

## Make Me a Captive, Lord

Leominster

George Matheson



Make me a ca - ptive, Lord, and then I shall be  
My heart is weak and poor un - til its mas - ter  
My pow'r is faint and low Till I have learned to  
My will is not my own till thou hast made it



free; force me to ren - der up my sword, and  
find; it has no spring of ac - tion sure, it  
serve; It lacks the need - ed fire to glow, It  
thine; if it would reach a mon - arch's throne, it



I shall con-queror be. I sink in life's a - larms when  
var - ies with the wind. It can-not free - ly move till  
lacks the breeze to nerve. It can-not drive the world Un-  
must its crown re - sign; it on - ly stands un - bent a -



by my - self I stand; im - pris - on me with-  
thou hast wrought its chain; en - slave it with thy  
- til it - self be driv'n; Its flag can on - ly  
- mid the clash - ing strife, when on thy bo - som



- in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.  
match-less love, and death-less it shall reign.  
be un-furled When thou shalt breathe from heav'n.  
it has leant, and found in thee its life.

## Renewal

L Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But He shows Mercy to me so that He may display himself to those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

A *Thanks be to God!*

## Doxology

L The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.  
– Psalm 24:1, NRSV

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,



Glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, Three in One. As it was in the be-gin-ing it



will be for-ev-er A-men, A-men, A-men.

## 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.*