
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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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 Luke 13:18-21

- 18 So Jesus said, "What is God's kingdom like? What shall we compare it with? It's like a mustard seed that someone took and placed in his garden. It grew, and became a tree, and the birds of the sky made nests in its branches."
- 20 And again he said, "What shall we say God's kingdom is like? It's like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until the whole thing was leavened."

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 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

*He who ceases to be better
ceases to be good – Oliver Cromwell*

Which 'R' is most important and why?

Christian character is not an act but a process, not a sudden creation but a development. It grows and bears fruit like a tree; it requires patient care and unwearied cultivation. ~ Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-1887, (Attributed), clergy, reformer, abolitionist

All growth that is not toward God is growing to decay.

~ George MacDonald, 1824-1905, Scottish author, poet, minister

The process of spiritual formation in Christ is one of progressively replacing . . . destructive images and ideas with the images and ideas that filled the mind of Jesus himself. ~ Dallas Willard, 1935-2013, philosopher, spiritual formationist

In any given moment, we have two options: to step forward into growth, or to step back into safety. Growth must be chosen again and again; fear must be overcome again and again. ~ Abraham Maslow, 1908-1970, Am. Psychologist

To enter into the realm of contemplation one must in a certain sense die: but this death is in fact the entrance into a higher life. It is a death for the sake of life, which leaves behind all that we can know or treasure as life, as thought, as experience, as joy, as being.

~ Thomas Merton, from *New Seeds of Contemplation* (New Directions, 2007).

Awe encourages us to think of God as a transcendent presence: someone outside and beyond our own small concerns and our own vulnerable lives. Awe opens us up to the possibility of living always on the brink of mystery. Awe helps us to be truly alive, fully open to new possibilities we had not envisaged before.

~ James Houston, 1922- , fr 'The Transforming Friendship', an academic and author

If you're bored, one thing is for sure: You're not following in the footsteps of Christ. ~ Mark Batterson, 1969- , pastor and author

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.*

All Sing: Blessed be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Bridge: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Refrain 2: Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge: You give and take away (2x)
My heart will choose to say, *Words & Music:*
Lord, blessed be Your name (Bridge) *Ben & Matt Redman*

Pastoral Prayer

L O great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church, be glorified in our worship here this very morning. Though we are so small and you are so grand, help us nevertheless to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before. When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth.

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 To you, O LORD, do we lift up our souls. To you, O LORD, do we lift up our voices, O God, in you we trust. Amen – *from Psalm 25:1-2, 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.*

* *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 O Lord, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced. Save me and rescue me, for you do what is right.
- A *Turn your ear to listen to me, and set me free.*
- L Be my rock of safety where I can always hide. Give the order to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- A *My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the clutches of cruel oppressors.*
- L O Lord, you alone are my hope. I've trusted you, O Lord, from childhood.
- A *Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother's womb you have cared for me. No wonder I am always praising you! ~ from Psalm 71*

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*

Holy God We Praise Thy Name



Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be-
Hark, the glad cel - est - ial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are
All a - post - les join the strain join the sa - cred name to
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we



- fore you; All on earth your sce-pter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a-
rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing chor-us
hal - low; Pro-phets swell the glad re - frain, and the bless - ed mar-tyrs
name you; While in ess - ence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we



- dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do-main, ev - er - last - ing
prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac-cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
fol - low; And from morn to set of sun, through the church the
claim you, And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign. ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
ho - ly Lord." "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
song goes on. through the church the song goes on.
mys - ter - y. while we sing this mys - ter - y.

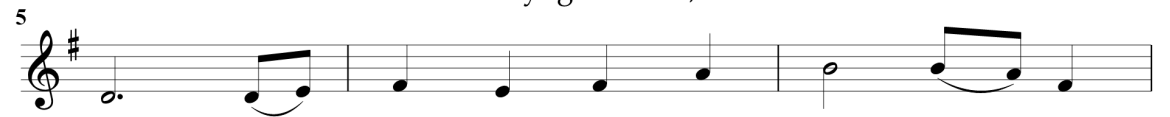
God is My Strong Salvation

James Montgomery

Wedlock



God is my strong sal - va - tion, What foe have I to
Place on the Lord re - li - ance, My soul, with cour - age
In heav'n-ly love a - bid - ing, no change my heart shall
Wher-ev - er he may guide me, no want shall turn me



fear? In dark - ness and temp - ta - tion, My
wait; His truth be thine af - fi - ance, When
fear; and safe is such con - fi - ding, for
back; my Shep - herd is be - side me, and



light, my help is near: Though hosts en - camp a-
faint and de - sol - ate: His might thine heart shall
no - thing chang - es here: the storm may roar with-
no - thing can I lack: his wis - dom ev - er



- round me, Firm to the fight I stand: What
strength - en, His love thy joy in - crease; Mer-
- out me, my heart may low be laid; but
wak - eth, his sight is ne - ver dim, he



ter - ror can con - found me, With God at my right hand?
- cy thy days shall length-en, "The Lord will give thee peace."
God is round a - bout me, and can I be dis - mayed?
knows the way he tak - eth, and I will walk with him.

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 Luke 13:18-21
Series Parables of Jesus
Sermon *Seeds & Leaven*

Response

- A *Loving God, we gather each week to meet you.
We come to listen to you, to seek you, and to worship you.
You are the beginning of all things,
the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.
In you we become; in you we live.
Loving God, you are here and everywhere,
around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.
In you we hope; in you we live.
You are the source of serenity,
giving peace that is beyond our understanding.
In you we are still; in you we live.
Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.
Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

- A *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
— Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV*

Silent and Personal Confession

God Moves in A Mysterious Way

Wm Cooper

K. Jason French

God moves in a mys-ter - ious way His won - ders to per-
Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But trust Him for His
His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, Un - fold - ing ev - 'ry
Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And scan His work in

8
- form; He plants His foot - steps on the sea And rides u-
grace; Be - hind a frown-ing pro - vi - dence He hides a
hour; The bud may have a bit - ter taste, But sweet will
vain; God is His own in - ter - pre - ter, And He will

15
* Refrain after vs 2,3,4
- pon the storm.
smil - ing face. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age
be the flow'r.
make it plain.

22
take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mer - cy

29
and shall break In bless - ings on your head.

Renewal

- L The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.
— based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, NRSV

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

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.*