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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*

*What do you want?*

*Devotion*

*Love*

*Sin*

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## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## July 06, 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 John 1:35-39

- 35    The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"
- 37    When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"
- They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"
- 39    "Come," he replied, "and you will see."
- So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

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 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.

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## Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

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

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

Part of becoming a Christian is coming to see that what you thought you wanted deeply is not what you most wanted. It's having your wants retrained. So it's pretty hard to appeal to this old set of desires to get people in the door and then all of a sudden say, 'You know, we didn't quite tell you the whole thing.' Then people feel betrayed. ~ Philip Kenneson, professor & author

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The engaged mind, illuminated by truth, awakens awareness; the engaged heart, affected by love, awakens passion. May I say once more - this essential energy of the soul is not an ecstatic trance, high emotion or a sanguine stance toward life: It is a fierce longing for God, an unyielding resolve to live in and out of our belovedness.

~ Brennan Manning, author & public speaker

It is not difficult to identify beauty, goodness, and truth found in objects or experiences outside ourselves (e.g., the Grand Tetons, Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 5). But we ultimately long to discover and become these things in the context of embodied relationships. Our hearts, minds, and souls most desperately want to love and be loved by real people in real time and space, not the fantasized, virtual people who make up the vast majority of our mental narratives.

You know the ones—the imagined stories we tell much of every waking hour that either demonize or idealize our friend or enemy, our spouse or child, as well as the story we tell about ourselves that is laden with shame and so distorts our perspective, making it difficult to receive in an equally integrated way the wild, deep love of God. We want all of that in an embodied fashion. Real. It needs to have color and sound and a pulse. If we can't feel it in our bones and blood, there's little use pursuing it any further. ~ Curt Thompson, Psychologist and author, from 'The Soul of Desire'

There is a big difference between the toxic individual and an unhealthy one. The bottom line is this: Unhealthy people want to get better, toxic people don't.

~ Cary Nieuhof, author & content provider

Heaven must be an awfully dull place if the poor in spirit live there.

~ Emma Goldman, 1869-1940, founded Mother Earth, a Monthly Magazine

PRELUDE

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


- L Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving.
- A In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

O Sing to the Lord Brazilian Folk Song




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

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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

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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 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
A It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- L Gracious Father, giver of all good things: For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,  
A we give you thanks.
- L Christ, our Redeemer: For your sacrifice on the cross and for rising from death so that we might live,  
A we give you thanks and praise.
- L Holy Spirit, giver of life: For your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting and guiding us,  
A we give you thanks, praise, and glory.
- L O triune God: To you be glory and praise now and forever. Let us pray:

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

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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.*

*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***

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**Call to Worship**

- L I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.
- A *He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.*
- L Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols.
- A *O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list.*
- L You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.
- A *Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand – you don't require burnt offerings or sin offerings. I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart."*

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

- L With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew and to center our small worship on your great glory.

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*

## Rock of Ages

Thomas Hastings

Augustus Toplady

Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in  
Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de -  
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Simp - ly to Thy cross I  
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in

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Thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy  
- mands; Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my  
cling; Nak - ed, come to Thee for dress; Help - less,  
death, When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee

9  
ri - ven side which flowed, Be of sin the dou - ble  
tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could not a -  
look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the foun - tain  
on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of Ag - es, cleft for

13  
- cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
- tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
fly; Wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.  
me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

## 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;

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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

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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

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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.

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1.3. 2.4.  
A - rise, a - rise, a - rise A - rise, my soul, a - rise.

Shake off your guil - ty fears and rise

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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** John 1:35-39  
**Series** Stand-alone  
**Sermon** *What do You want?*

### Response

A *From the beginning  
you have given your promises of loving care  
and have been forever faithful to those promises.  
When your people were in bondage,  
you did not hesitate to rescue them through the sea  
and lead them into the land of your promise.  
And we praise you most of all for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,  
born of the virgin Mary, baptized in the waters of the Jordan,  
and anointed by your Holy Spirit.  
We praise you for his gracious ministry  
of teaching, healing, and comforting,  
and for his death and resurrection in victory.  
We praise you that through his death and resurrection  
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death.  
You give us baptism as a sign of the cleansing  
and rebirth we have through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
And we rejoice that you are renewing us by your Spirit,  
leading us to be ambassadors of your love,  
until that day when your kingdom will fully come.  
To you be all glory, now and forever.*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’  
“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

A *Dear Lord, You are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children – the heirs of Your kingdom – and we give You our thanks and praise. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. We have found our identity in earthly things like work, money, family, reputation, our homes, our friends, even our country.*

*We have worshiped them more than You. We have turned away from being part of Your Kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. We have broken Your heart with our sin, and we are sorry. Please forgive us. Help us open our hearts to receive the gift of forgiveness that You offer through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with Your presence. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

## Help My Unbelief

John Newton

Clint Wells



I know the Lord is nigh, And would but can - not pray, For  
I would but can - not love, Though wooed by love di - vine; No



Sa - tan meets me when I try, And frights my soul a - way. And frights  
arg-u - ments have pow'r to move A soul as base as mine. A soul



my soul a - way. I would but can't re - pent, Though  
so base as mine. I would but can - not rest, In



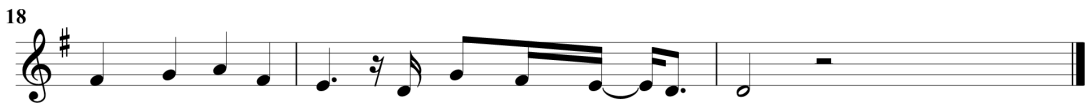
I en - deav-or oft; This ston - y heart can ne'er re-lent Till  
God's most ho - ly will; I know what He ap - points is best, And



Je - sus makes it soft. Till Je - sus make it soft.  
mur-mur at it still. I mur - mur at it still.



Help my un - be - lief. Help my un - be - lief.



Help my un - be - lief. My help must come from Thee.

## Renewal

L The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

A *Thanks be to God!* – Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

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

## Doxology

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.*