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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*

*Guest*

*Devotion*

*Love*

*Sin*



# Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

**July 13, 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 21:28-39

- 28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’
- 29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.
- 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered.
- Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.
- 33 “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.
- 35 “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.
- 38 “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

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

*The best lies about me are the ones I told. ~ Patrick Rothfuss*

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

How often it is that the angry man rages denial of what his inner self is telling him.  
~ Frank Herbert, 1920-1986, author of *Dune*

Human beings are poor examiners, subject to superstition, bias, prejudice, and a profound tendency to see what they want to see rather than what is really there.  
~ M. Scott Peck, 1936-2005, psychologist and author of *'The Road Less Traveled'*

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When I say that evil has to do with killing, I do not mean to restrict myself to corporeal murder. Evil is that which kills spirit. There are various essential attributes of life - particularly human life -- such as sentience ... awareness, growth ... will. It is possible to kill or attempt to kill one of these attributes without actually destroying the body. Thus we may "break" a horse or even a child without harming a hair on its head.

Evil then, for the moment, is the force, residing either inside or outside of human beings, that seeks to kill life or liveliness. And goodness is its opposite. Goodness is that which promotes life and liveliness. ~ M. Scott Peck, from *'People of the Lie'*

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, speaker, podcaster

Something deep within us is unsettled, and we want to appear to the world as better, more dignified, or more desirable – someone more beautiful or clever than the mope we see in the mirror. ~ Mike Cosper, 1980- , author, podcaster

In the end, the hope of transformation is anchored in the presence of a God who is utterly familiar with all the dark and light within us – and is not afraid of it.  
~ Chuck DeGroat, professor of pastoral care @ Western Theological Seminary

You should be far more concerned with your current trajectory than with your current results. ~ James Clear, 1986- , American writer, from the book *'Atomic Habits'*

PRELUDE

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

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

O God Our Help in Ages Past

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Isaac Watts



Un - der the sha-dow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-  
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its  
A thou-sand age-s in your sight are like an ev' - ning



- cure; suf - fi-cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is  
frame, from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the  
gone, short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing



sure. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
same. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
sun. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will



be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:  
be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:  
be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:

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.*

*\* 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 heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Their message has gone throughout the earth.
- A *God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.*
- L The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.
- A *They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.*

**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*

## To Thee O Lord - I Lift My Eyes (Ps 123)

Kaitlyn Ferry

As ser - vants watch their mas - ter's hand, Or mai - dens  
O, Lord our God, your mer - cy show For man's con -  
The nail pierced hands and bleed - ing side Our guilt and

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by their mis - tress stand, So to the Lord our eyes we  
- tempt and scorn we know. Re - proach and shame your saints en -  
shame now cru - ci - fied. Our sa - vior sits at God's right

7  
raise Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays. To Thee, O  
- dure From wick - ed men who dwell se - cure.  
hand In His free mer - cy we will stand.

10  
Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies To Thee, O

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Lord, I lift my eyes O, Thou en - throned a - bove the skies

## Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

♩ = 88

Je - sus, Sa - vior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem -  
Though the sea be smooth and bright, Spark - ling with the  
As a mo - ther stills her child, Thou can hush the  
When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful

4  
- pest - uous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
stars of night, And my ship's path be a - blaze  
o - cean wild; Boist - 'rous waves o - bey Thy will,  
break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

7  
Hi - ding rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and  
With the light of hal - cyon days, Still I  
When Thou says to them, "Be still!" Wond - rous  
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I

9  
com - pass come from Thee; Sa - vior, pi - lot me.  
know my need of Thee; Sa - vior, pi - lot me.  
Sov - 'reign of the sea, Sa - vior, pi - lot me  
hear Thee say to me, "I will pi - lot thee."

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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 21:28-39  
**Series** Parables of Jesus  
**Sermon** Tenants & Sons

## 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 How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

A *Lord God,  
You are powerful and majestic, and it is a marvel that you would take notice of us. For we have rebelled against your authority, yet you set your love on us and rescued us from death and hell. Thank-you for choosing to pursue us and giving us faith to believe in your Son.*

*Forgive us for the belief that we are the commanders of our faith. Yet, when our faith is weak, we become frightened and turn towards despair. Forgive us for not knowing and understanding you better. You are always for us, working to grow us in your way and time.*

*Holy Spirit,  
Condemnation and shame are written into our hearts and minds, and Satan works to entangle us in them. Show us that your mercy is not dependent upon our faithfulness, but Christ's. Strengthen our faith according to your Holy will. And let us not be shaken when we are weak. Help us to not despise ourselves and others when we struggle with doubt. May we lead one another to the cross of Christ, who lifted the shield of faith for us and won our salvation and joy. In His name we pray, amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

## None Other Lamb

Christina G. Rossetti

♩ = 64



None o - ther Lamb, none o - ther name,  
My faith burns low, my hope burns low;  
Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;



none o - ther hope in heav'n or earth or sea,  
on - ly my heart's de - sire cries out in me  
love's fire thou art, how - e - ver cold I be:



none o - ther hi - ding place from guilt and shame,  
by the deep thun - der of its want and woe,  
nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,



none be - side thee! none be - side thee!  
cries out to thee. cries out to thee.  
nor home, but thee. nor home, but thee.

## Renewal

- L Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up.
- A *Thanks be to God!*

- L Bless the Lord, our rock and our fortress, our shield and stronghold  
Bless the Son, who despised the shame, and endured the hostility for us  
Bless the Holy Spirit, who works in hearts to will and to act for His good purpose

## 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.*