
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

Humility

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 7: 36-47

- 36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.
- 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner."
- 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
"Tell me, teacher," he said.
- 41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"
- 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."
"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.
- 44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
- 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

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

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

Which 'R' is most important and why?

We owe something to extravagance, for thrift and adventure seldom go hand in hand.
~ Lady Randolph Churchill, 1854-1921, British socialite

There is a time for risky love. There is a time for extravagant gestures. There is a time to pour out your affections on one you love. And when the time comes - seize it, don't miss it. ~ Max Lucado, 1955- , minister & author

In man's life, the absence of an essential component usually leads to the adoption of a substitute. The substitute is usually embraced with vehemence and extremism, for we have to convince ourselves that what we took as second choice is the best there ever was. Thus blind faith is to a considerable extent a substitute for the lost faith in ourselves; insatiable desire a substitute for hope; accumulation a substitute for growth; fervent hustling a substitute for purposeful action; and pride a substitute for an unattainable self-respect.

~ Eric Hoffer, 1902-1983, philosopher & social critic

Passion has little to do with euphoria and everything to do with patience. It is not about feeling good. It is about endurance. Like patience, passion comes from the same Latin root: pati. It does not mean to flow with exuberance. It means to suffer.
~ Mark Z. Danielewski, 1966- , American author, 'House of Leaves'

The slender capacity of man's heart cannot comprehend the unfathomable depth and burning zeal of God's love toward us.

~ Martin Luther, 1483-1546, theologian, early reformer

The moment we begin to feel satisfied that we are making some progress along the road of sanctification, it is all the more necessary to repent and confess that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Yet the Christian life is not one of gloom, but of ever increasing joy in the Lord. God alone knows our good works; all we know is His good work.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945, from 'The Cost of Discipleship'

PRELUDE

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

- L This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.
- A *Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.*

All Sing: You are With Me (Ps 139)

How precious are Your thoughts, O God.
How vast is the sum of them.
I would spend days and nights counting them
and never reach the end; And when I awake -
You are with me. (repeat)

So search me; know my heart.
Test me; know my thoughts.
Lead me in your ways.
Search me, test me, lead me... In Your ways.

Words & Music by: The Crossing Music

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*

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 Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!
- A *When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.*
- L Let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.
- A *The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.”*
fr. Ps 32

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*

O Let Our Inward Joys Arise

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)

O let our in-ward joys a-rise, and
Lord on Your thirst-y chil-dren now show'r
Why do we then in-dulge our fears, sus-
Why do we boast and con-de-scend and
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I
fill us with a song, Let ho-ly
mer-cy from Your throne For Christ has
pic-ions, and com-plaints? Is he a
think our-selves as strong? When Christ has
have en-graved your name; My arm shall
love in-spire our hearts; Sub-mis-sion tune our
ri-sen from the grave and rained sal-va-tion
God, and shall his grace Grow wear-y of his
bowed and washed our feet, and bids us sin-ners
brace your wound-ed wing, and mend your bro-ken
tongues. sub-mis-sion tune our tongues.
down. and rained sal-va-tion down.
saints? Grow wear-y of his saints?
come: and bids us sin-ners come.
frame." And mend your bro-ken frame."

All Sing: Heal Us, Emmanuel

(Refrain)

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, we long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly, O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord! (Refrain)

Remember him who once applied,
With trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried,
"O help my unbelief!" (Refrain)

She, too, who touched you in the press,
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, Daughter, go in peace,
Thy faith has made thee whole (Refrain)

Like her, with hopes and fears we come,
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home,
Send none unhealed away (Refrain)

Words: William Cowper

Tune: Kevin Twit

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 7:36-47
Series Parables of Jesus
Sermon Devotion

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.*

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 have given yourself fully and completely to make us your people, a gift of grace to the world. We confess that too often we have kept this grace for ourselves.*

For the times when we've shied away from the suffering which comes when we love others as you have loved us. Lord, have mercy on us.

For the times when we've taken your grace for granted and not allowed your love to overflow to others. Christ, have mercy on us.

For the times when we've not trusted that you really care about us Lord, have mercy on us.

*Fill us again with your love, poured out through the Holy Spirit,
So that our lives reflect your glory to the world. Amen*

Silent and Personal Confession

Christ, Or Else I Die

William Hammond

Drew Holcomb



Gra - cious Lord, in - cline thy ear; My re - quests vouch-
Wealth and hon - our I dis - dain, Earth-ly com - forts,
Thou dost free - ly save the lost; In thy grace a-
Thou dost pro - mise to for - give All who in thy



- safe to hear; Hear my ne - ver - ceas - ing cry;
Lord, are vain; These can ne - ver sat - is - fy;
- lone I trust. With my earn - est suit com - ply;
Son be - lieve; Lord, I know thou canst not lie;



Give me Christ, or else I die. All un-hol-y and un-clean,
Give me Christ, or else I die. All un-hol-y and un-clean,
Give me Christ, or else I die. All un-hol-y and un-clean,
Give me Christ, or else I die. All un-hol-y and un-clean,



I am no-thing but sin; On thy mer-cy I re-ly;
I am no-thing but sin; On thy mer-cy I re-ly;
I am no-thing but sin; On thy mer-cy I re-ly;



Give me Christ, or else I die.
Give me Christ, or else I die.
Give me Christ, or else I die.

*** vs 4 – Give me Christ, or else (x2)
Give me Christ, or else ... I die.

Renewal

L Hear the good news: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

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.