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WITH AN ATTITUDE

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WELCOME

to Pioneer

It appears as though spring has arrived. There is something exciting about each new season. Here in this little corner of Michigan, each season is vivid. Spring brings with it the promise of new life. This weekend is a special reminder of a new life as we celebrate the victory Christ had over the grave. The good news is that each of us can have this new life!

This morning we welcome you to Pioneer Memorial Church, to celebrate His victory and worship the King! What is incredible is that this same God who has conquered everything longs to live in each of us. He longs to breathe into us the same life we find emerging in nature. So we welcome you, not asking where you have been, but rather invite you to begin a new season with The Life!

-Ben Martin

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11:45 AM Service



Crochet Hope

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Who could forget her story! As the London Guardian wryly observed, "Whatever faults Maria D'Antuono may have, wasting time is not among them."

The 98-year-old woman was one of the few survivors to be pulled from the rubble of a 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck central Italy. For thirty dark and interminable hours, she lay trapped beneath the ruins of her home, not far from the LAquila epicenter. But they found her! And as the elderly woman was carried to safety amidst the cheers of the onlooking crowd, someone asked her what she had done to pass the hours while waiting and hoping for rescue. "Why, crochet, of

course!" Her world comes down around her—but the 98-year-old matriarch survives with a hook, a ball of yarn and a heartfelt of hope.

Not even an earthquake can bury hope!

"There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it" (Mt 28:2). His enemies could have piled a thousand Mt Everest on top of the garden tomb of Jesus—but it would have made no difference. For not even an earthquake can bury hope. And when Christ came striding out of that quake-shattered crypt and declared over the pre-dawn rubble, "I am the resurrection and the life!" then humankind's last hope was made forever secure. Death may bury us. But in the power of the risen Savior hope can still be resurrected.

So what is it that has you trapped beneath the rubble of your broken dream this Easter? Is it your schooling, buried with late papers, overdue reading reports, skipped quizzes— and now there seems no way out? Financially, is it debt crushing the life out of your hopes? In heart matters, is it the loss of a friendship, the spurning of a love that has sucked away your hope?

Whatever weighs heavy on you right

now in this season of the Resurrection, whatever you do, don't repeat the computation error of the eleven disciples. In their dismal hopelessness that woeful Saturday night, they totally forgot to calculate something called omnipotence—divine omnipotence—into their dark crisis. And so needlessly (and that's easy for you and me to say, I realize), they suffer on through two dark nights without a ray of hope.

But, as the song sings, "then came the morning!" And in an explosion of light and glory and with the tread of a Conqueror, the dead and buried One strides onto the stage of Forever—a divine guarantee that no matter how heavy the stone that entombs us, the risen Christ can yet roll it away!

So put your finger on this Easter promise and face your uncertain future with new hope: **"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams" (Eph 3:20 Message).** And remember: "As you ask the Lord to help you, honor your Savior by believing that you do receive His blessing. All power [omnipotence], all wisdom [omniscience], are at our command. **We have only to ask**" (*Ministry of Healing* 514).

So why not ask Him . . . and crochet while you wait . . . with hope. ■



THE FOURTH WATCH BLOGS ARE FOUND
ONLINE AT WWW.PMCHURCH.ORG/BLOG



Tuesday mornings little feet pitter patter to Pioneer's Nursery classroom. Mommy & Me (M&M) is a play group geared for children ages birth to school age. From 10:00–11:30 AM most Tuesdays during the school year, children enjoy group play, circle story time, singing, and crafts. This ministry connects mothers in the community and gives them time to relax, talk with other mothers, and fellowship in a unique way.

The first time I wandered in with my infant, I wondered what was going on. Within seconds, a kindly mother paused and welcomed us. Feeling a sense of belonging almost immediately, I met

other mothers who were making Berrien Springs their new home. Weekly we returned and began learning the routine.

Some children fly in excitedly leaving a trail of winter clothes for their weary mothers to collect. Other children timidly spend their first few minutes peering around the roomful of activity wondering where to go first. As the children and mothers mingle, there is a pleasant buzz of activity in the air.

For the first 20-30 minutes, the play is unrestricted. Toys on blankets or tables can be found around the room. Soon the leader of the week announces, "Circle Time," and the children and mothers gather to sit in a big circle. Educational

Some mothers said:

- "It's play, exploration and socialization without fear of the little ones running off." ~Laura Shepherd
- "M&M is such a wonderful way to make new friends, both for children and parents. My children put on their smiles and yell excitedly when they hear we are going to M&M." ~Marlena Maier
- "It's a nice opportunity to make new friends, play, and spend time together." ~Gretel Osman
- "M&M is a precious time together to play, learn, share and grow." ~Luz Duarte
- "It was such a blessing as a new parent to meet other moms and playmates for my kids. . . that was 7 years ago. I have made friends here for life." ~Rosie Bailey
- "It's a great resource for mothers to connect in the community." ~Gaby Dormus
- "I like M&M because it's a chance for me to talk to other moms and we can share responsibilities of watching kids and clean-up. It's nice my kids get to play with new toys that we don't have at home." ~Amy Moreno
- "It keeps us from being stuck inside all winter." ~Charissa Boyd

Mommy and Me.

themes are wrapped in fun stories, lessons, and songs. Some themes are about an upcoming holiday or animals that God made. As circle time wraps up, a special craft is announced. Children may return to playing but most go do the craft with a parent.

The education is not limited to circle time. Children learn valuable social skills as they practice sharing and playing with others. Regularly there are at least 3 spoken languages present. Not only are the children learning how to interact with others, but they are also learning to appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity. Children enjoy playing and learning while mothers connect

and bond, making friends.

As M&M nears an end, clean-up gradually begins. It is a blessing to the leaders to have so many mothers to help put things away. It also continues the education process to put toys away. When it is time to go, we get all bundled up and my little one waves as she wearily rests her head on my shoulder. She is worn out, but happy. It was wonderful to spend an hour with friends who are fast becoming family. This group is also a weekly treat for mothers. So join us this Tuesday as we learn and play together. ■

Sanna Ortega is a member of the Mommy and Me group.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* • Sharon Rogersz

Introit *Alleluia!* • Kenneth Logan

Call to Worship Ben Martin

Christ the Lord is risen! He bears witness to God's power and to God's victory over sin and death!

Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Let us rejoice and be glad for the riches of his mercy.

Christ the Lord is risen! Through him, God conquers all death and to those who believe, there is the promise of new life and new beginnings.

Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Let our alleluias bear witness to all that he has done.

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* • 2

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise *Christ Is Alive!* • 182

Congregational Prayer Ben Martin
Spirit of the Living God • 672

Worship in Music *Jubilant Alleluias!* • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story *Christ Is Alive!* • Kenneth Logan

Scripture Mark 16:1-6 NIV • Terry & Yolande Robertson

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

continued...

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Processional of Hope

Dwight & Karen Nelson

Hymn of Hope

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today • 166

Homily

"YES CAN DO—How to Live with an Attitude" • Dwight K. Nelson

Commitment Card / Tithes & Offerings

NAD Evangelism

Hymn of Commitment

Because He Lives • 526

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Heroic Postlude • Alec Rowley

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Eric Lofgren, Michael Orvek, trumpets;
Elsy Gallardo, horn; Jonathan Penrod, trombone

MUSIC ALIVE

"RESURRECTION JOYS"

Brian Wren wrote his hymn "Christ Is Alive!" in a sensitive response to Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination on April 4, 1968. Wren said that he wrote this hymn "within 10 days because about 10 days before, Martin Luther King was assassinated", and elsewhere that it "tried to express an Easter hope out of that terrible event, in words which could hopefully be more widely applied." Today's Worship

in Music, "Jubilant Alleluias!", uses two main types of music. First, it is dominated by smooth-flowing melodies that evoke a centuries-old practice: the final syllable of a sung "Alleluia" was sometimes extended by a "jubilus", a long-spun, smooth portion perhaps expressive of devotional jubilation. Second, it also has fanfare motifs that signify Jesus' resurrection triumph (which alleluias traditionally celebrate). ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Opening Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus • 499

Welcome & Prayer

Philip Giddings III

Scripture

1 Peter 2:12 NKJV

Mission Feature

"Man's Best Friend" • Amy Manjarres & Ranger

Offertory

Bible Study

Classes • "The Results of Stewardship"

Theme Song

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson

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Benediction

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Analiz Lozano, Lady Abigail Imperio, vocals

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright • Sharon Rogers

Praise

Christ Is Alive • *Mighty To Save* • *Christ Is Risen
In Christ Alone*

Prayer

Ben Martin

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As We Depart

Heroic Postlude • Alec Rowley

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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PIANO: Joshua Goines; CAJON: Trevor Furst; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer;
FLUTE: Debra Rosengren; FRENCH HORN: Matthew Rajarathinam; PERCUSSION: Ivana Ticar
VIOLA: Carlos Lonzano, Haley Butler; VIOLIN: Colin Fenwick, Tiffany Steinweg;
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Eric Lofgren, Michael Orvek, trumpets
Elsy Gallardo, horn, Jonathan Penrod, trombone

SUBMIT bulletin announcements by visiting our form online at www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC OPERATING BUDGET

SUNSET TODAY • 8:08
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:15

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"YES CAN DO—How to Pray with an Attitude"

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SABBATH

FINANCIAL FEATURE

NAD EVANGELISM

This weekend individuals across this country will be celebrating Easter. And it may be a time when many will be more receptive to hear about Jesus and what He did for each of us on the cross and what He continues to do for us each and every day. Today's offering is for NAD Evangelism. By supporting evangelism we can ensure that others will have the opportunity to learn about Jesus all through the year.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

You are invited to close the Sabbath with the Word and sacred music.

Blood Drive

APRIL 5 • 10:00 AM-3:45 PM
PMC COMMONS

Giving blood saves 4.5 million lives each year in the U.S., yet fewer than 1 out of 10 people in the U.S. donate. A single donation can potentially help up to three patients. Hope begins with you! To schedule an appointment, log onto www.donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/103490.

Meet Our New Conference President

Don't miss our worship celebrations for Sabbath, April 21 (both services), as we welcome James Micheff, the newly elected president of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It will be his first introduction to this university and university congregation as president, and it will be a delightful opportunity to assure him of our prayers and support for his leadership. His wife, Gail—who is director for Family Ministries for the Michigan Conference—will join him. "Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7).

Ellen White Issues Symposium

APRIL 2 • 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

Mark your calendar and join us for the Ellen G. White Issues Symposium sponsored by the Center for Adventist Research, the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, and the Seminary Department of Church History. The purpose of this symposium is to break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift that have current importance.

Adventist Community Service Disaster Relief Introduction Training

MARCH 31 • 4:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

This 1-2-hour course is intended to help us prepare for disasters. Types of disasters are identified and basic information is presented. If individuals are prepared to survive a disaster, they may be able to assist others. If you are interested in attending this free training, email teela@andrews.edu or call 517.290.1518.

Empowered To Connect

APRIL 13-14 • 10:00 AM
PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

God's Hands 4 Kids will be hosting the two day Simulcast Empowered To Connect to provide tools to aid in healing the effects of traumas in the lives of kids. The public is invited. You are invited as well. You are also invited to provide a pot of soup or a dessert for lunch on Friday or muffins, etc., for snacks for Friday or Sabbath. Childcare help is needed for both days. To contact us with your willingness to help or for more info and also to register, go to www.gH4k.org.

Girls Volleyball Camp 6th-12th Grade

APRIL 1 • 6:00 PM
ANDREWS ACADEMY

Sixth-12th-grade girls who are interested in a volleyball camp at Andrews Academy, led by Lisa Gathright, national champion and coach of Southwest Volleyball. This camp will be used as a springboard to form junior-high and high-school girls' teams. \$60 for the 4 day camp or \$20/day if unable to register for all four days. Dates: Sunday, April 1: 6-8 p.m., Sunday, April 8: 6-8 PM, Wednesday, April 11: 5:30-7:30 PM, Thursday, April 12: 5:30-7:30 PM. Registration is required. If your child is interested, please email Erica Hippler at jande_hippler@yahoo.com.

The Power of Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy

MAY 7-11
SEMINARY BUILDING

The Power of Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop is a one-week workshop that provides over 30 hours of cutting-edge, evidence-based science with the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle message. Topics include the power and practical application of natural remedies for vibrant health, prevention and lifestyle intervention for lifestyle diseases. Hydrotherapy hands-on labs show practical hot/cold treatments and massage. Join us for the power-packed week of learning and fun. GSEM 648 Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy-2 Credits. The class is open to Health Professionals and Community Participants for \$350. Attending spouse receives a 50% discount. For more information and to register: 269.471.3541, chis@andrews.edu or www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw

Paper Crafting Together

APRIL 15 • 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your scrapbook or card-making projects and enjoy time with friends. We provide chocolate and prizes. You can bring your favorite snack. Looking forward to seeing you there. Questions, sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Adventist Retirees Monthly Meeting

APRIL 8 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH

The program will be about Reformation Review—the Light Unshackled Project presented by the Hosford family. Come enjoy the program and fellowship of a potluck meal. Persons 55 and over are eligible to join our group as members. For more information contact Ken and Sharon Straw, 470.0790 or 325.4663.

Kindergarten Parent Night

APRIL 3 • 6:30-7:30 PM
RUTH MURDOCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Come meet Mrs. Curnutt and learn about the creative, hands-on, developmental program that will help your child to grow in academic, social, physical, and spiritual ways. Tour the classroom and school, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments while you meet other parents. A \$50 coupon toward tuition for the first month is available only on this night.

Kindergarten Visitation Day

APRIL 4 • 8:15-11:30 AM
RUTH MURDOCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bring your child for a morning of singing, worship, stories, a craft, PE class, music class, outdoor playtime, and time to enjoy one of the 20+ learning centers. Please call 471.3220 to register your child for this fun-paced day!

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"Against the Strongholds"

Campus-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting

Friday, April 6, 7:00 PM– Sabbath, April 7, 7:00 PM

Pioneer Memorial Church

Youth Chapel

Sign up: www.pmchurch.org/dayofprayer

