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JUNE 23, 2018



GONE TO THE BIRDS




Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist—4

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Welcome! Summer officially started this last Thursday. So welcome to Summer too! It is kind of strange to welcome summer just now, don't you think? A few weeks ago when the temperature rose and school let out it felt like summer started. Interesting that life is similar in that regard. There are many "supposed to," "should have," and "officially," but life doesn't always agree. Things happen sooner, later, don't happen, or happen that really mess with the life we want to have and planned for. The last couple of weeks we've been looking at how God cares for us in the unusual times we live through. Today, as we sing, pray, and receive the message may we welcome God's care into the life we are in now, official or otherwise.

–José Bourget

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THE POPE OR THE PRESIDENT?



BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Has it come to this? Must we choose between Pope Francis and Donald Trump? Unless you've slept through the last two weeks of this nation's news cycle, you already know there is a rather tumultuous (to put it mildly) debate broiling through our news outlets and social media platforms over what the United States should do with the children of illegal immigrants crossing our southern border into this country.

The present policy (defined in April by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions as "a zero-tolerance policy") seeks to enforce immigration law by separating migrant children and parents, while the parents are detained and their appeal for asylum or entry is legally evaluated. The

children are placed in one of a hundred detention centers, overseen by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (part of the Department of Health and Human Services) but operated by non-profit groups (www.npr.org/2018/06/19/621065383/what-we-know-family-separation-and-zero-tolerance-at-the-border). And therein lies the great debate—should young children (some under the age of five) be separated from their parents during this intensive immigration review process? Viral pictures and recordings of young children sobbing for their parents, as well as bleak photographs of concrete detention centers, have fanned the public outcry and debate.

Pope Francis, in a wide-ranging in-

interview with Reuters news agency this week, weighed in on the U.S. border immigrant debate. "... the Pope said he supported recent statements by U.S.

Catholic bishops who called the separation of children from their parents 'contrary to our Catholic values' and 'immoral'. 'It's not easy, but populism is not the solution,' Francis said on Sunday night" (www.reuters.com/article/us-pope-interview/exclusive-pope-criticizes-trump-administration-policy-on-migrant-family-separation-idUSKBN-1JG0YC).

President Trump, on the other hand, has opted to let the decision of whether or not to separate young children at the border be decided politically. And it is obvious the matter now has become a political/ethical

hot potato both political parties are blaming on the other and thus have yet to resolve. Meanwhile, the children still wail, the public is still divided, the politicians still argue.

Sidestepping political ramifications, is there a moral stance endorsed by the Word of God? I'm slowly making my way through Deuteronomy for morning worship and came across these words a few days ago: **"[The LORD your God] defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in**

Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:18-19 NIV). God loves the alien and commands us to do the same? Apparently. But on what basis? "You yourselves were aliens" once. And that is the indisputable truth about every one of us citizens of this nation—pull out the family tree and be reminded that except for our Native American friends *we are all children of aliens*. Without exception. No wonder our Creator, in the very Sabbath Commandment we champion, commands us to offer His gift of rest to **"the alien within your gates" (Exodus 20:10).** And they are now within our gates.

Why? **"The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow" (Psalm 146:9).** But sadly His own people too easily forget: **"The people of the land [of Israel] . . . oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the alien, denying them justice" (Ezekiel 22:29).**

Do alien children deserve justice? **"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'" (Matthew 19:14).** As followers of His, is there a moral obligation for us to find a way to help save innocent, hapless children, irrespective of their parents' socio-economic baggage (or the lack thereof)?

Don't ask the pope or the president. Find someone else who cares and ask them to join you in asking Jesus what He would do if He were you? You may be very surprised what the Spirit reveals to you. This much is sure—courageous action by compassionate people can still change the course of a nation as divided as this one. Just ask Jesus.



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*Think deeply, live fully, serve unselfishly
and honor God completely*



class of 2018

Graduation weekend 2018 is now a thing of the past, but its memories are still very precious. Here are a few:

A memory of a father, following a graduation service, coming over to me to give me a big hug of thanks. He said, "Thank you and everyone at Andrews Academy." He went on to say that he just loves this school and that we have no idea of the life-changing impact the Academy had on his child. He tried to explain more, but only a smile and tears of thankfulness could be expressed.

A memory of the senior class, having their last class vespers together on the Sabbath evening of graduation weekend. It was during this time of sharing together that the students realized that this would probably be the last time they would meet together like this as a class. The tears of seniors and faculty began

to flow. The vespers concluded with a prayer that each one present would be in Heaven for the ultimate class reunion celebration.

A memory of a senior sharing with me that even though she grew up Adventist, her interest in God started to grow and after Week of Prayer her freshman year she was baptized. She shared, "Andrews Academy has helped me grow closer to God in my own personal relationship with Him and also to be more open in sharing Him with others."

Start planning now so you can experience what AA has to offer. If you have not registered yet for this coming school year, please do so right away by going to www.andrews.edu/aa and click "apply now." Contact us at 269.471.3138.

Steven Atkins is the Biology & Earth Science teacher at Andrews Academy.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Prelude in Classic Style • Gordon Young

Introit

Spirit of God! Descend Upon My Heart • Frederick Atkinson

Call to Worship

John Glass

Jesus said, "But when the Counselor comes, he will bear witness to me."

God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which is his gift to us.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

If we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit that we may be the children of God.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King • 71

Congregational Prayer

Theresa Glass
Spirit of the Living God • 672

Worship in Music

Come, Holy Spirit / Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit
John Dykes / John Sweney

Children's Story

Prelude in G Major • Felix Mendelssohn

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17 • John and Theresa Glass

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Hymn of Preparation

Come, Holy Spirit • 269

Sermon

"Gone to the Birds: Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist—4"
Dwight K. Nelson

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Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense

Hymn of Commitment

Hove O'er Me, Holy Spirit • 260

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Finale from Symphony No. 4 • Charles-Marie Widor

PRESIDING PASTOR: John Glass; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines
MUSICAL SELECTIONS: John Weiss, bowed psaltery

MUSIC ALIVE

"GENTLE POWER"

We are told to "praise [God] with the psaltery and harp" (Psalm 150:3b, KJV). I Sam. 16 recounts David playing a "harp" for King Saul, the king being refreshed, made well, the evil spirit departing from him. Ellen White said, "Music is often perverted to serve purposes of evil, and it thus becomes one of the most alluring agencies of temptation. But, rightly employed, it is a precious gift

of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, to inspire and elevate the soul." Certain music "has wonderful power. It has power to subdue rude and uncultivated natures; power to quicken thought . . . and to banish the gloom and foreboding that destroy courage and weaken effort." (Education 167, 168) ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christine Carroll
Opening Hymn	<i>Jesus Saves</i> • 340
Scripture & Prayer	Lucas Marley • John 8:31-36
Mission Feature	"Knowing the Truth" • Josip Horonic
Offertory	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> • arr. Gabriel Palacios
Lesson Study	Classes • "Babylon and Armageddon"
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

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	Christine Carroll
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ORGANIST: Joshua Goines
OFFERTORY: Gabriel Palacios, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Prelude in Classic Style • Gordon Young

Praise

*Come, Thou Almighty King • Shout to the Lord
Jesus I Need You • This is the Air I Breathe/Falling on My Knees*

Prayer

Theresa Glass

Children's Story

Prelude in G Major • Felix Mendelssohn

Worship in Music

*Come, Holy Spirit / Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit
John Dykes / John Sweney*

Sermon

"Gone to the Birds: Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist—4"

Dwight K. Nelson

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Tithes & Offerings

Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit • 260

As We Depart

Finale from Symphony No. 4 • Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Joshua Goines
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CAJON: Trevor Furst; PIANO: Joshua Goines; BASS GUITAR: Lorian Guillaume;
GUITAR: Andrew Barcenas
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: John Weiss, bowed psaltery

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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:25

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Gone to the Birds: Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist"—5

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BEN MARTIN

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Today many of Michigan's church families are worshipping at the final Sabbath of 2018 Michigan Camp Meeting. During the week attendees have been blessed with meetings, seminars and fellowship with other believers. Camp meeting each year is made possible in part by the monies given to Michigan Advanced Partnership (MAP). MAP also helps support Camp AuSable which brings hundreds of children each summer closer to God and nature. If you have been blessed by past camp meetings or summer camps (or know someone who has) please consider giving a gift to MAP today.

We Mourn

We grieve today with Janet Ledesma and her children, Ariana and Christian, in the death of husband and father Rick last Friday. Family and friends are invited to gather today at 3:30 PM in this Pioneer sanctuary to celebrate the life and hope in Christ that Rick shared with all who knew him. In anticipation of the Resurrection, we, too, pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

We also learned of the death of William Joseph Johns, the father of Julie Furst, on Thursday, June 7, at his home in Cloverport, Kentucky. With Julie and her family we look forward to Jesus' triumphant return.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening the educational video: "Undoctrinated"(part 2) by Scott Ritsema will be viewed and discussed.

Knitting Hearts Together

JUNE 26, 2018 • 7:00 PM
MACCARTY RESIDENCE

If you are interested in participating in a ministry to the bereaved and seriously ill, please join us. We'd love to meet you. Contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 461.6815) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377) for more information.

Toys for Foster and Adopted Kids

God's Hands 4 Kids ministers to foster and adopted kids and their families working closely with Berrien County Courts and Foster Care. They are currently doing a toy drive. They will be given to each kiddo present at two upcoming events this summer and fall. Toy suggestions and drop-off locations in addition to PMC can be found at www.gh4k.org. God bless as we all strive to live James 1:27.

We GROW Better Together

We're pressing pause for the Summer but it's not too early to start planning what GROW Group you might want to lead for the Fall Semester between September 30 to December 9, 2018! Register your group at www.pmchurch.org/grow and help us build an intergenerational community where people can grow together in friendship with God and each other. Here are some ideas for groups: Happily Single, Pickleball, Baking Desserts, Women's Prayer Studies, Dads and Prayer. What's your idea? For more information, please contact Gracie Gaytan at growgroups@pmchurch.org or 471.3133.

Pioneer Memorial Church Board/Business Meeting

JUNE 25, 2018 • 7:00 PM
PIONEER COMMONS

The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming board/business meeting. Many important issues will be discussed at this time. See you there!

Summer Exercise Classes

NOW THROUGH JULY 1

H2OFit

*Monday & Wednesday • 7:30-8:15 AM
Beaty Pool*

ToBoFit

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:00-5:50 PM
Lamson Hall Health Club*

These FREE classes are co-ed and part of the PMC Health Ministries.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful floral bouquet and for your condolences at the death of our precious mother, Kirsten Olsen LaBianca. This Sabbath would have been her 94th birthday. She lived a good, long life and blessed so many. Dwight's visit also was comforting and much appreciated. What a blessing to be part of such a caring community! We, like so many in our PMC family, eagerly await the great reunion with our loved ones when Jesus comes. Sincerely, Oystein and Asta LaBianca

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and messages for the loss of our brother, George Bikichky. We look forward to the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Nick & Jackie Bikichky

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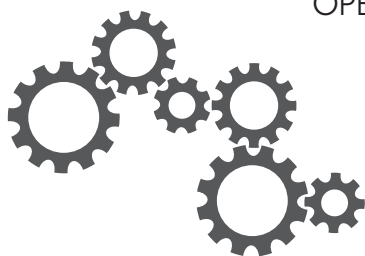
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