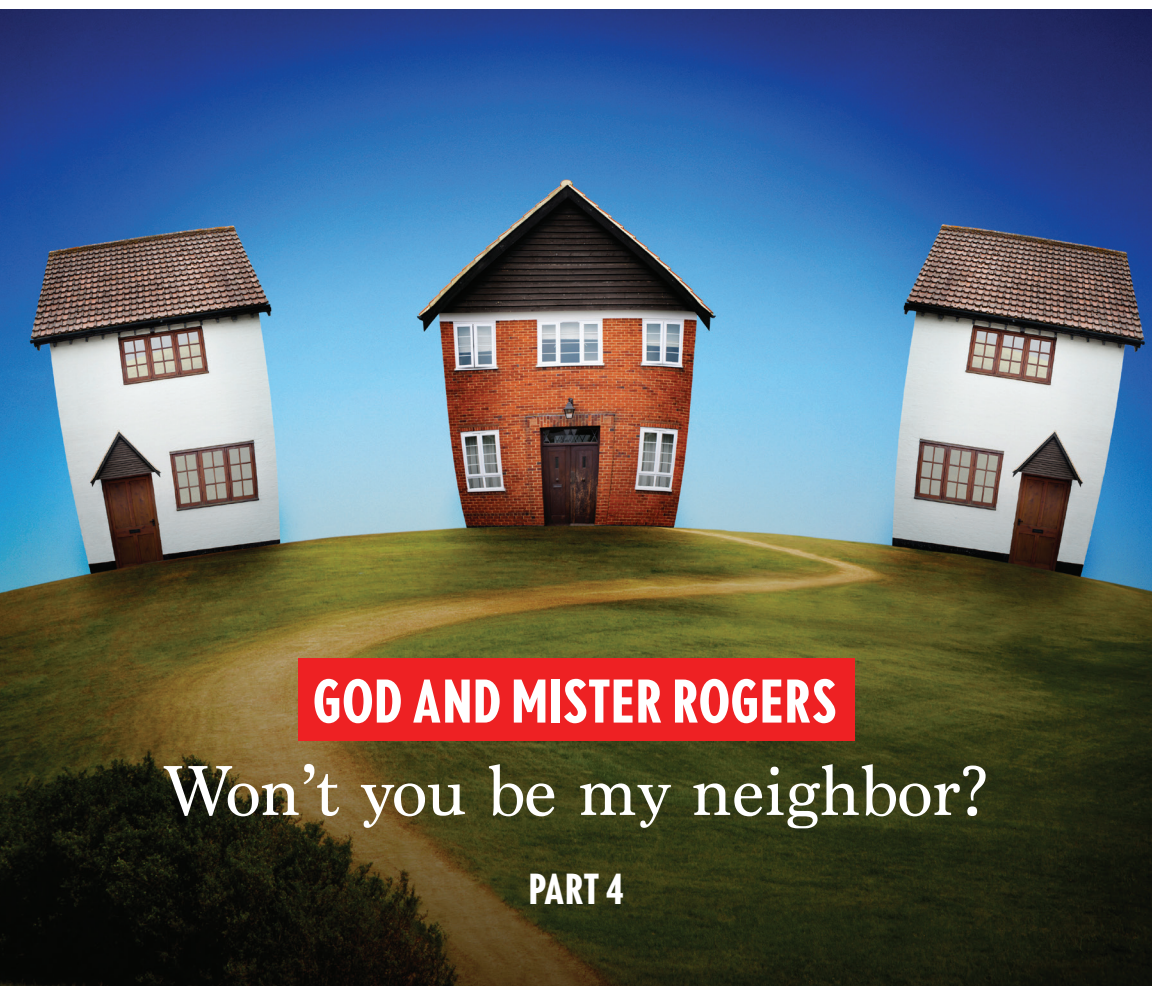


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GOD AND MISTER ROGERS

Won't you be my neighbor?

PART 4

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13 weeks until *Hope Trending*

WELCOME




to Pioneer

It's my pleasure to welcome you to Pioneer Memorial Church.

For the Psalmist, there seemed to be no better place than in God's presence. In Psalm 100:4 he says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise." In Psalm 84:10 we hear the similar refrain, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere..."

God's presence is with us no matter where we are, of course, but His presence is especially close when His children are gathered for worship.

So here's my prayer for you today as you're settling in—may God give you the grace to allow you to experience that as well. For the next several hours, for the day, may you be able to forget those things you've been working on during the week; those things that stress and consume you. Allow yourself to take a moment and breathe. Join in the singing of songs. Engage in the hearing and proclamation of Scripture. And may you be able to experience that same joy and peace the Psalmist felt whenever he was in God's presence. Welcome. —Rodlie Ortiz

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REMOVING THE ROOF

BY FELECIA DATUS

In Mark 1, we see Jesus delivering a demon-possessed man during Divine Service, curing Peter's mother-in-law at potluck, then healing nearly the entire town after vespers. After this particularly eventful Sabbath, Jesus goes to the surrounding towns and reminded Peter that this was the reason for which He came. But in the second chapter, Jesus returns to Capernaum and there is evidence to safely assume that He is at Peter's home again. This is where the paralytic is forgiven and healed after his friends let him down through the roof.

Whether it is Peter's house or not, there are several questions that we should ask ourselves as we think about this account.

❶ ARE PEOPLE EAGER TO VISIT MY HOME?

People flocked to Peter's house because Jesus was there. Neighbors knew that if they went to this home, they would find healing both for their body and their hearts. When opening our homes to others, we must ensure that the food we serve will not be a detriment to their health. Persons left Peter's home healed

of their maladies because the Great Physician was a guest there. The other side is that our neighbors should feel that they will leave our homes spiritually refreshed because Jesus “preached the word to them” (Mark 2:2 NKJV). This does not mean that we will preach a sermon every time we have neighbors and friends over, but it denotes that everything done in our homes will aid our visitors in their walk with Christ. When God the Spirit lives in your home, people will come because they know they will find love, forgiveness, and healing.

TO LEARN TO BE LIKE JESUS, WE NEED HIM IN OUR HOMES.

❷ WILL I BE ANNOYED IF SOMEONE REMOVED MY ROOF TO SEE JESUS?

We understand that the manner in which homes were built in ancient Israel allowed tiles to be removed and replaced. In our communities today, this is not so. Imagine your home being so packed with people that persons resort to climbing the roof in order to catch a word from God! Unfortunately, there are many of us who are hesitant to open our homes to others because we imagine the inconvenience they may cause us if they break a vase, spill cranberry juice on the white carpet, break an arm chair, or guzzle the last bit of orange juice in the fridge. When Jesus lives in our homes, persons will flock to our doors. The owner of the home probably had to rearrange the roof after the paralytic was healed, but that meant nothing when compared to the miracle that occurred.

❸ ARE THE “SCRIBES AND PHARISEES” INVITED TO MY HOME?

The passage tells us that the scribes were sitting there while Jesus taught. The

account in Luke adds that Pharisees and teachers of the law from all over Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem were there as well. Even though they were hypocritical and constantly plotting to murder the Messiah, here they were sitting in the

house listening to Jesus. It is unfortunate that God’s people sometimes have a list of persons they would not invite into their homes. “Elder A is too critical, Sister B is unfriendly, Neighbor C is not a Christian, and Co-worker D is unkempt and

therefore cannot be invited to my home for Sabbath lunch.” It is easy to notice the flaws in people and find reasons to close our homes to them. But our gracious Father wants to save all of His children and sometimes the place where many can meet Christ is at your home. We ought to exercise caution to ensure the safety of our home but unwarranted paranoia should not be what hinders us from ministering.

Whether luxurious or humble, our homes do not belong to us. Rather, as His disciples, the Lord has lent us these houses so that we can minister to spiritual paralytics and even those who are pharisaical in nature. Most importantly, to learn to be like Jesus, we need Him in our homes. As a live-in member of your household, Jesus wants to be a blessing to you and your neighbors even if that means He has to remove your roof. ■

Felecia Datus is the Copy Editor here at Pioneer Memorial Church.

GOD'S HOUSE: A BLUEPRINT

BY SABINE VATEL

There's a story about a little girl who wanted to draw God. Her teacher told her, "No one knows what God actually looks like." The child took her pen and paper and said, "They'll know when I'm through!"

We may not have see God in person, but we have been given a picture of what He looks like—His church. Thankfully, God has given us a blueprint for that kind of church. Church is what happens when people live the Gospel. Their influence has the power to transform a generation!

During our "God and Mister Rogers" sermon series, we are reflecting a blueprint of God's House, inspired by Acts 2:42-47. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord

added to their number daily those who were being saved."

We have so far heard in this series about doing personal evangelism, being social, and knowing the Bible. We will hear about two more topics that describe an awe-inspiring church community where people grow. We'll end on August 6 with what a community like this looks like. It's a community we pray will happen so that we are ready to truly welcome each other and new people through the preaching of the Gospel, especially during Hope Trending. We have already begun practicing community through GROW Groups and will be doing the same through Watch Parties this fall. This summer at least 140 Pioneer members have been gathering in groups and creating a space for strangers to become neighbors and for neighbors to become friends. Friends becoming brothers and sisters in Christ is the transformation we are called to be a part of.

Jesus made disciples in groups because we grow better together. The church is made up of people who have committed to follow Jesus and care about at least one other person beyond their circle. The Apostle Paul said that the Gospel



could be summed up in this: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:24). He echoes the teachings of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35).

To love our neighbor as ourselves will take practice and our GROW groups are a training ground to get started. We don't have to do it perfectly, we just need to get started. People's hope depends on being able to "see" God at work. Why not through His church? Do we have any doubts about having what it takes

to fulfill God's call? Here's the Matthew 28:20 promise that gives us courage and power to go and grow disciples in His Name: "I AM with you." ■

Sabine Vatel is an associate pastor here at Pioneer Memorial Church.

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WE WORSHIP

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in G Major • J.S. Bach

Introit

Sweet Hour of Prayer • William Bradbury

Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

Jesus was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

But we come before him, kneeling in prayer for His mercy.

Great is your faith! May God grant your prayerful desires.

Let us worship God in expectation of his miracles!

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

José Bourget

Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • st. 1, 3 & 4 of 191
sung to the tune of number 167*

Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

Worship in Music

Draw Me Nearer • Ovid Young

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • Michael Burkhardt

Children's Story

Baptism

Lois Veldhoff Anthony with Rodlie Ortiz

Scripture

Jonah 2:7-9 • Anthony Marcellino & Cecilia Marcellino

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

Hymn of Preparation

Soldiers of Christ, Arise • 616

Sermon

"God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"—Part 4
José Bourget

Connect Card

Hymn of Commitment

When the Church of Jesus • 581

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Heroic Postlude • Alec Rowley

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Ronald Knott, tenor, and William Fagal, baritone, and Tim Arena, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

WHEN

The "poet's first effort"—and today's worship's final hymn—is the moving text "When the Church of Jesus." Fred Pratt Green, British poet, is one of the most-represented poets in the SDA Hymnal. Yet one commentator says that this hymn "was the poet's first effort in an amazing retirement career as a hymn writer." The commentator, Carlton Young, further comments that "the text embodies

the 1960's controversy concerning urban churches who distanced themselves within their church buildings and liturgy from the realities and challenges of a decaying urban society." Praying in private, serving in public—knowing when to do the one and when to do the other—are all parts of Christian life to which to aspire. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Opening Hymn

Take the World but Give me Jesus • 329

Welcome & Prayer

Tom Baker

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Special Feature

Mission Spotlight • Following His Example

Offertory

How Great Thou Art • arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Bible Study

“Justice and Mercy in the Old Testament: Part 1” • Classes

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

Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Joshua Goines
OFFERTORY: Heidi Ordaz, piano

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Prelude in G Major • J.S. Bach

Praise

Here I Am To Worship • Lovely Lord • Heart of Worship

Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

Baby Dedication

Gabriella Ayleen Orellana presented by Michael Orellana & Ruth Castro with Roy Gane

Tithes & Offerings

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • Michael Burkhardt

Children's Story

Worship in Music

Sermon

"God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"—Part 4
José Bourget

Connect Card

Hymn

When the Church of Jesus • 581

As We Depart

Heroic Postlude • Alec Rowley

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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:14

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SHARON TERRELL

God and Mister Rogers:
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 5

| 07 • 30 |

DON DRONEN

God and Mister Rogers:
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 6

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today's offering is for the local church budget. Ezekiel repeats the phrase "then they will know that I am the Lord" (or variations of it) about 70 times. Both Israel and her neighboring nations would come to know God, either through the devastation that was coming or the restoration which would follow. Today, we may consider ourselves to be special people of God. What counts, however, is whether we know God. It is only in the knowledge of God that we respond generously and out of love for Him. Let us spend time learning to know God; He will take care of the rest.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us for a presentation on "Addictions" by Elder Olin McGraw.

Healthy Families: Building a Strong Foundation

JULY 21-23

Join the 4th annual Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice. The conference is geared towards Family Life Professionals and those wanting to further their knowledge and practical application of family ministry. Register at www.andrews.edu/familyconference. Questions, email acfrp@andrews.edu.

Leshner's 70th Wedding Anniversary

JULY 31

Celebrate Veda and Richard Leshner's 70th wedding anniversary on July 31 by sending a card with your love and best wishes. Mail cards to them at 24414 University Ave., Spc 37, Loma Linda, CA. 92354.

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Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at www.pmchurch.org/newsletter.

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If you are looking for a fun, safe and wholesome summer experience for your child, look no further! FLAG Camp is a Christian day camp where children grades K-8 enjoy quality programs. Whether you plan to send your child every day, or just a day here and there throughout the summer, FLAG Camp is a great choice when it comes to affordable childcare. For registration and more information please visit www.pmchurch.org/flagcamp.

God's Hands 4 Kids

JULY 20 • 6:00 TO 8:15 PM
769 PIPESTONE, BENTON HARBOR

Giovan Bavan, a former foster kid, a youth advocate and teen mentor will be sharing at Harbor of Hope. This is a foster and adoptive family event. The public is welcome. Volunteers are also needed for a couple hours of childcare during this event. This is a way to support fostering and to live out James 1:27. Email godshands4kids@gmail.com. For further info visit www.gh4k.org.

Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live Without Fear

OCTOBER 14-22

The Information Age has forever rewritten the way we think and the language in which we communicate. Hope Trending: A crash course on how to live without fear will take you on a journey leading you to a life filled with purpose, meaning, and hope. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends! Visit www.hopetrending.org for more details.

The Adventist Health Initiative—Benton Harbor Presents "Dental Missions/ Health Expo"

AUGUST 21 • 7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
BENTON HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to participate in a free dental/health event coming to Benton Harbor. Participation from Southwest Michigan dental professionals is vital. We need dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants who are community minded and have a desire to provide better health to those in need. Other health professionals are also welcome such as nurses, physical therapists, physicians assistants, etc., who are willing to help with triage and the Health Expo. To be a part of this rewarding health event please contact dental coordinator, Randy Griffin, DDS, at 317.409.3260 or randy.griffin@lakeunion.org for all dental professionals. For all other health professionals please contact Cathy at cathycole@gmail.com. You may volunteer for a full/half day depending on your schedule. Thank you for prayerfully considering this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hope Trending Volunteers!

JULY 23 • 4:00 TO 5:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us for our first organizational and informational meeting to find out about volunteer opportunities for Hope Trending. See www.hopetrending.org or turn in your connect card at the end of the worship service.

More Announcements

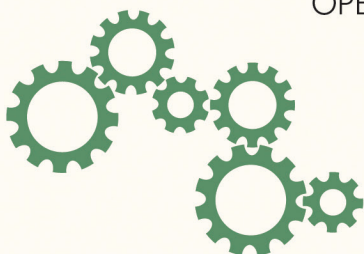
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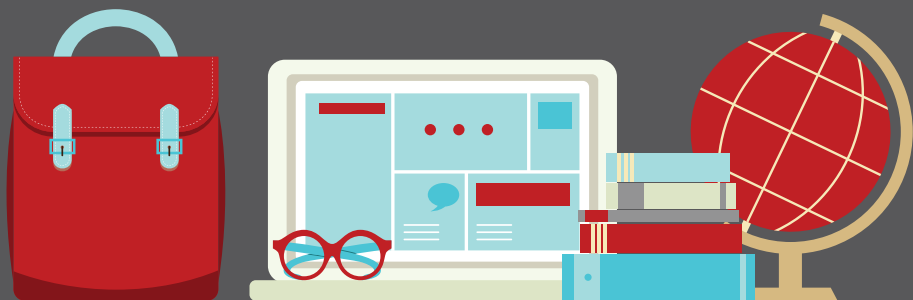
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