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Won't you be my neighbor?

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WELCOME




to Pioneer

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you" (Jeremiah 32:17).

I was recently praying this passage with someone for whom God seemed far away. It's pretty amazing to think that the same outstretched arms that created heaven and earth, stretched out on the cross to show His love for us, and stretches out His arms to welcome us into His presence today.

We will hear today how we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we can begin now by extending a warm greeting or smile to the people around us. Thank you for joining us at Pioneer Memorial Church. Welcome.

–Sabine Vatel

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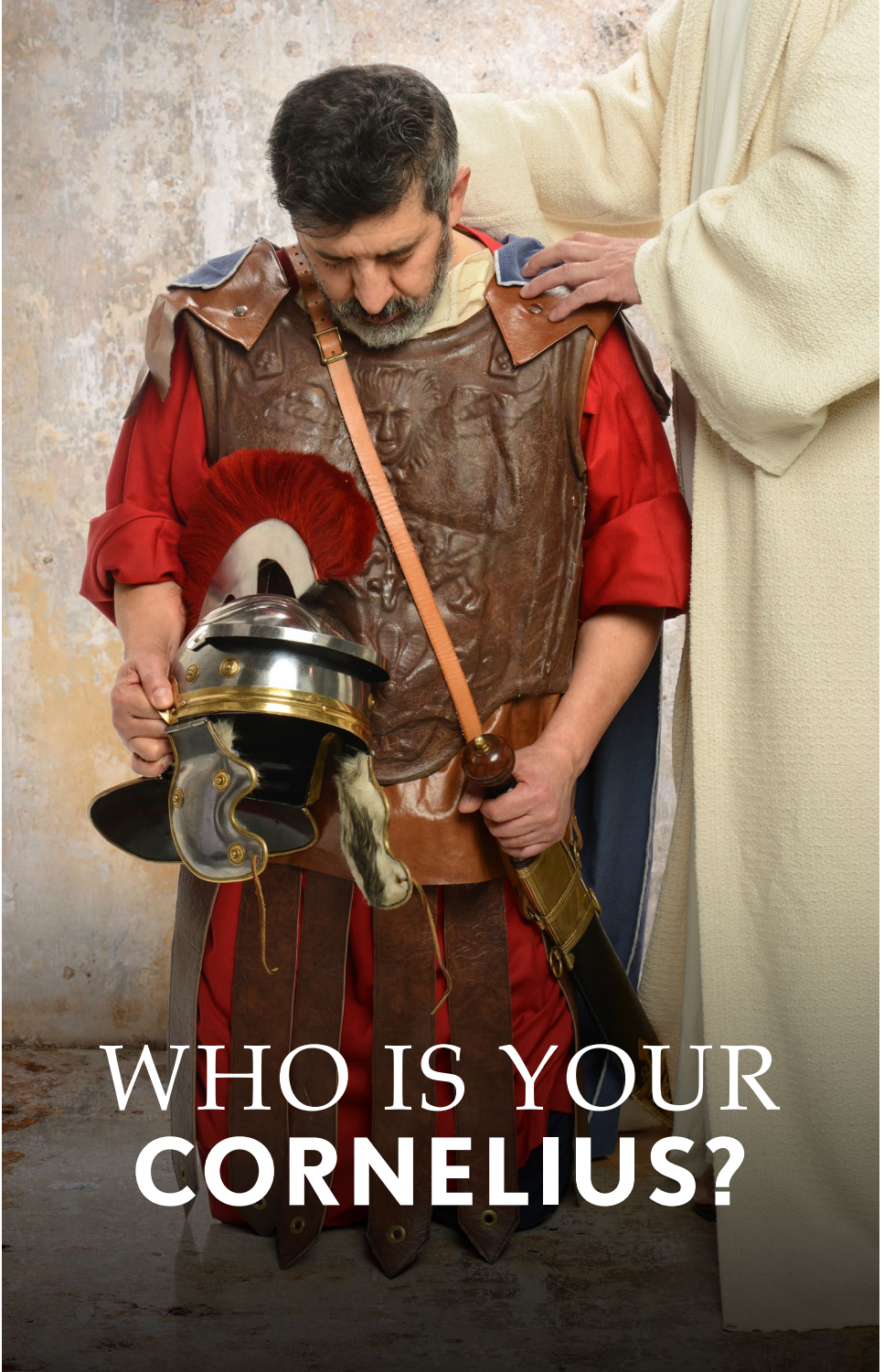
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PIONEER TWO

11:45 AM Worship



WHO IS YOUR CORNELIUS?

BY FELECIA DATUS

Members of the church board gathered together around the polished mahogany desk in the church office. The air was icy for reasons that went beyond the air condition. The grim faces and condemning eyes were fixed on the elder who stood poised and calm. For a moment, not a word was spoken. Any swift movement would almost be enough to break the stiff atmosphere in the board room. One of the church leaders shifted in his seat and cleared his throat as he continued to stare down the elder. Another leader loosened his collar in preparation to vehemently denounce the actions of the man standing in front of them. Finally, one of the leaders spoke. His brows pinched the skin around his eyes, his finger stiffened to the point of breaking as he pointed at the elder in question and his voice was sharp as he blurted out, "You went into the house of a non-Adventist and ate with him!"

The scene now seems absurd. This kind of scenario would never play out at a board meeting in an Adventist church... or could it? In Acts 10 and 11, Peter learns a lesson from God about accepting all people regardless of race, nationality, background, or faith.

But the process of accepting the Gentiles was not an easy one. After Peter sees a vision and meets the delegation that Cornelius sent to him by command of an angel, he has a decision to make—to stick with the tradition of the elders, or to follow God's leading. He chose the latter and it was for this decision that when he travelled to Jerusalem, "those of the circumcision contended with him."

For you, it may be easy to bring people into your home to share Christ and to spend time together. But are you willing to come out of your comfort zone and enter your neighbor's house to share Christ? If your

neighbor's house is not as clean as yours, would you be willing to share the hope of Jesus despite the odor? If your neighbor does not live in a nice part of town, would they sense your discomfort if you came to visit? Will a person's race, education level (or lack thereof), belief or socioeconomic background be a factor that determines whether you would visit their home?

Peter had a neighbor named Cornelius and Cornelius's home was outside of Peter's comfort zone. In spite of that, he decided to visit the Gentile and become his neighbor. He shared the Gospel and instantly the Holy Spirit fell on the new believers. God calls us to the same action. Christ is calling you to not only invite persons into your home, but to also accept the invitation to the home of Cornelius.

But like Peter, unfortunately, you may be despised by others, maybe even church members, for going into the home of a particular family deemed unworthy of salvation. You may be called out for going into a certain part of town or receive a few stares when you take a meal over to share with an unconverted stranger. Not everyone will understand, but what matters most is that a soul needs to be saved.

Even though he received sharp criticism, Peter gracefully shared with the Jews God's willingness to save everyone, including a Roman centurion. "When they heard these things, they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, 'Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life'" (Acts 11:18 NKJV). For Peter, his Cornelius was a Roman centurion; who is your Cornelius? ■

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THE YEAR OF THE PULSE

BY KATHERINE KOUDELE

The United Nations has declared that 2016 is the “Year of the Pulse.” Although your first thought might be about your heart rate, this pulse refers to “the edible seeds of various leguminous crops such as dry beans, peas, and lentils” (*Merriam-Webster*). I was surprised to recently learn about this UN action since I thought “pulse” was an antique term from the King James Bible (circa 1611) associated with Daniel and his friends’ dietary habits as in Daniel 1:12, “Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.” The UN declaration was first announced in 2013 to allow groups all around the world to plan their celebrations of this humble food group. If you’d like to see a listing of the festivities, and delicious recipes, check out this website: www.iyp2016.org.

Before we consider the health benefits of pulses, let’s consider how environmentally friendly and economical this food is.

❶ A natural fertilizer: Pulses convert atmospheric nitrogen into nitrogen-containing compounds that can be used by growing plants, boosting soil fertility and shrinking a farm’s carbon footprint by two-thirds of what it would be if another crop was grown instead. Some pulses can



also free soil-bound phosphorus, further reducing the need for synthetic fertilizer.

❷ Adapted to a wide range of climates: The broad genetic diversity within this family allows pulses to adapt to global climate change. Many varieties can also handle heat stress and don’t require chemical fertilizers, the manufacture of which contribute to climate change.

❸ Good return on investment: Pulses bring farmers high prices, two to three times as much as cereal crops, yet they are an inexpensive source of protein for



consumers. Animals fed the plant residue after the seeds have been harvested have a higher nitrogen content in their manure, making it a better fertilizer.

Now, here is a list of some of the wonderful health benefits that pulses provide when you include them in your diet.

1 Fiber: Pulses are very high in fiber, both the soluble and the insoluble types. Soluble fiber helps to decrease blood cholesterol levels and control blood sugar levels. Soluble fibers also enhance the population of beneficial bacteria in the

gastrointestinal tract. Insoluble fiber helps with digestion and regular bowel function. Although the health benefits of fiber are widely understood, 9 out of 10 Americans are not getting the recommended amount of 30-40 grams of fiber per day. Adding, or sneaking, beans into your favorite dishes will increase your fiber intake.

2 Protein: Pulses are a low-fat source of protein and contain twice the protein found in whole cereal grains. Combining whole grains with pulses can provide a “good source of protein” with a better balance of essential amino acids than either food alone. (For reference, animal products are considered “excellent sources of protein” in that they contain a higher density of complete protein.)

3 Vitamins and Minerals: Pulses contain key minerals such as iron, potassium, magnesium, and zinc. They also contain abundant B-vitamins including thiamin, niacin, and folate. The combination of the fiber, amino acids, minerals, and folate in pulses has been shown to help prevent certain types of cancer.

Daniel and his friends requested a diet of pulse and water rather than “the King’s meat.” It’s no wonder, with all these wondrous attributes of pulses, that after 10 days Daniel and his friends were healthier and stronger than the others. ■

Katherine Koudele is a Certified Group Fitness Instructor and the Co-director of the PMC Health Ministry.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Praise to the Lord, the Mighty King of Glory
Johann Gottfried Walther

Introit

Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody

Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Who is my neighbor? Do they look or act like me?

Our neighbors are all children of God who come from all walks of life.

Let us open our hearts to love all of our neighbors.

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Sharon Terrell

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Steal Away to Jesus • Raymond H. Haan

Children's Story

Scripture

Luke 10:25-29 NKJV • Pavel & Rhonda Tomenko

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

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"God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?" –Part 5
Sharon Terrell

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in E Minor • Felix Mendelssohn

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Kara Kang, soprano

MUSIC ALIVE

AN INSTRUMENT

Today's Worship in Music sets to music a text attributed to Francis of Assisi. Francis is noteworthy today both for his love of nature and for his attitude toward service. Francis was born into a wealthy Italian family, but while young he renounced worldly wealth and embraced voluntary poverty. One commentator notes, "Francis of Assisi's love for all nature

is beautifully set forth . . . In 1225, very ill and temporarily blind, Francis took refuge from the summer heat in a straw hut at San Damiano. His discomfort was increased by a swarm of field mice which also occupied the hut. Under these circumstances he wrote . . . praising God for all his creatures." And as to service? Today's text is eloquently simple and simply eloquent. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Welcome

The Brooks Family

Prayer

Kameron Brooks

Scripture

Gabrianna Brooks

Special Feature

"PMC Adventurer Club" • Kemmoree Duncombe

Offertory

When I Cry • Benjamin Gaither & Marshall Hall

Bible Study

"Justice and Mercy in the Old Testament: Part 2" • 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

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Joshua Goines
OFFERTORY: David Ortiz, tenor

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Praise to the Lord, the Mighty King of Glory • Johann Gottfried Walther

Praise

To God Be the Glory • Hosanna • 10,000 Reasons • I Give You My Heart

Prayer

Sabine Vatel

Baby Dedication

Natasha Meagan Kasuba presented by Noah Kasuba & Doreen Mwanza
with Ben Martin

Tithes & Offerings

Steal Away to Jesus • Raymond H. Haan

Children's Story

Worship in Music

Eternal Life • Olive Dungan

Sermon

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

Connect Card

Hymn

Come, All Christians, Be Committed • st. 1-2, 4 of 634

As We Depart

Fugue in E Minor • Felix Mendelssohn

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN/PIANO: Joshua Goines
PLATFORM MANAGER: Deborah Weithers; VOCALS: Sinegugu Katanga, Alayna Rishaug, Jacqui Weiss
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Kara Kang, soprano

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:08

PIONEER PULPIT

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1ST SERVICE—Don Dronen
"God and Mister Rogers"—Part 6
2ND SERVICE—AU Baccalaureate

| 08 • 06 |

TAURUS MONTGOMERY
God and Mister Rogers:
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 7

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Nestled in beautiful northern Michigan is Camp Au Sable. Every year hundreds of young people give their lives to Jesus and request baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of the spiritual blessing they receive through the ministry of Camp Au Sable. Part of the cost of operating Camp Au Sable is funded through Michigan Advance Partners. God has provided the Michigan Conference family with a beautiful, natural spiritual retreat and your investment in MAP helps to maintain the camp facilities so that they will bring glory to God and also be a blessing to our children.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Enjoy an evening of hymns and a presentation by Hanz Jouissance.

Hope Trending Volunteers!

TODAY • 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. Volunteer at www.hopetrending.org.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you looking for a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, "safe place" for healing? This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of addiction. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—join us. For meeting time and location call 269.313.1677.

Knitting Hearts Together

JULY 26 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

Minister to the bereaved and sick. This group creates a variety of items as reminders of God's loving care during difficult times. Contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu, 471.3373, or 461.6815) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

Sun, Fun, & Faith

TUESDAYS • 6:00 PM

LOCATION VARIES EACH WEEK

All high-school-aged students are invited to join us for fun water activities this summer! Each young person needs a signed permission slip. For more information call Janna Quetz at 269.471.3133.

Lesher's 70th Wedding Anniversary

JULY 31

Celebrate Veda and Richard Lesher'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.

FLAG Camp

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 4

PATHFINDER BUILDING

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.

Volunteers for Health Tent

Every year PMC and other local SDA churches host the Berrien County Youth Fair Health Tent. Hundreds of people visit the tent during Fair Week (August 15-20) to learn about healthful living. Be a part and sign up with your name and contact information for a time slot (or two or three) at www.ichoosgreathealth.com.

PMC Youth Missions: Syrian Refugees

Recently our PMC Youth Missions team travelled to Beirut, Lebanon, to serve refugees and the poor. The 17-person team is comprised primarily of students and faculty in the Doctoral of Physical Therapy program at Andrews University as well as members from our church and community. The team will be providing professional physical therapy services for Syrian refugees as well as refugees from Iraq and other individuals in need. Your prayers are requested for this two week service and mission trip. Donations are needed and should be labelled "PMC Youth Missions Lebanon." For more information contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu).

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.

La Sierra University Alumni

JULY 28 • 6:00 PM

PAPA VINO'S (5110 EDISON LAKES
PKWY, MISHAWAKA, IN)

Alumni and families are invited to join President Randal Wisbey for dinner. Local hosts will be J. Murdock and Kayla Malit. RSVP to Julie Narducci: 951.785.2578, alumni@lasierra.edu, or text 951.237.9332 (include your name).

District 9 Family Camp

SEPTEMBER 2-5
CAMP AU SABLE

The annual District 9 Family Camp at Camp Au Sable is just around the corner! Applications can be found at the PMC receptionist's desk or online at www.districtnine.wix.com/home. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, August 14, by noon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ric Strelman at 269.208.7172. We look forward to seeing you there where you will be physically and spiritually blessed!

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. For more information please visit www.achibentonharbor.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

Navigate through different books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, finding unexpected fresh meaning for today. Reimagine your life. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths in the Board Room. Breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, study starts at 10:30 AM! Needed: Adults who have a heart for this generation and want to make them feel welcomed and connected. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via youngadults@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with the family of Richard Rideout. Richard passed away on Friday, July 15, in California. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in August. With Richard's family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

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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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