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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

Often a spiritual journey and engagement in spiritual practices are driven by a deep desire to arrive at a clearer picture of “you.” However, we welcome you this morning to see a clearer picture of someone else. Christian apologist C.S. Lewis put it this way: “Your real, new self (which is Christ’s and also yours, and yours just because it is His) will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him . . . look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in” (*Mere Christianity*).

That’s right, we welcome you to examine and reflect on the picture of Jesus Christ we share today. In doing so we trust a connection with Him will “light your path” more clearly (Psalm 119:105).

–José Bourget

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# “NO MAN IS AN ISLAND”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**T**he Roman Catholic turned Anglican Englishman lawyer turned diplomat, preacher and poet, John Donne (1572-1631), composed these lines (from his collection *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions*):

No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for  
whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.

There are those who either by personal subscription or personal behavior seem to believe that a nation like ours, a people like us, can live unto ourselves and let the world fend for herself. We hear shades of such a notion in the presidential campaign we must yet endure for two-plus more months. We see it in the embarrassing behavior of young American Olympians who in a drunken fit trashed a gas station



in Rio a few nights ago, hiding behind a fabricated story of being held up by criminals, then attempting to flee the country before being caught by the authorities. The belated apology by the American swimmer Ryan Lochte only seemed to exacerbate the Brazilian anger over this “ugly American” incident, an anger perhaps mollified by news that Lochte has been dropped by four corporate sponsors (ostensibly for violating the morality clause in his contract).



“The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned” (Matthew 4:16).

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5).

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst” (1 Timothy 1:15).

When it dawns upon you that you are the object of so counter-cultural, so self-emptying a love as this—does it not follow (if it truly has dawned on you) that we are compelled by that very awareness to go out and in self-emptying deeds of service seek to love a world as undeserving as we? “Freely you have received, freely give,” Jesus invites us (Matthew 10:10). “For the love of Christ compels us,” Scripture reminds us (2 Corinthians 5:14).

In **#RxF4Now**—the new year series at Pioneer—his compelling love will stir us, perhaps as never before, I believe. I am praying.

Because Jesus and Donne are right:

Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for  
whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee. ■

“No man is an island, /entire of itself, / every man is a piece of the continent, /a part of the main.” We cannot live in isolation from the world around us, our self-righteous pretensions and self-serving behaviors notwithstanding.

The stark truth, made more provocative by the Incarnation, is that God himself refused the isolation alternative, choosing rather to immerse himself in the lazar house of this planet's quarantined inhabitants than live without us:

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at [www.pmchurch.tv/blog](http://www.pmchurch.tv/blog).

# ENGLISH TAUGHT ME HOPE

BY RICHARD PARKE

**I**n my college English Composition class I learned that when writing, it is always better to embed bad news rather than leading with it. For example, let's say that I needed to write an e-mail to my parents telling them that I won't be able to come home for Christmas this year. Many of us would just lead with that and say something like "Hi Mom and Dad, I won't be coming home for Christmas this year because I have to work. See you soon." English Comp taught me to embed the bad news in good news. In this example, you might say, "Dear Mom and Dad, Thank you for making Christmas such a special time each year. I love when we get together as a family. Unfortunately I won't be able to make it home this year due to my work schedule. Hope to see you soon!" Although it's still bad news, your emphasis is the good. I still won't be able to come home for Christmas, but the important part is how appreciative of my parents for making Christmas such a fun time in the past. This principle can be applied to more than just a conversation with one's parents.

Let's say part of your job at work is to maintain contracts with business associates. You are about to enter into a new contract and you've received 3 quotes from various companies, some local and others across the country, all competing for your business. You pick Company A because they are nearby and provide

the best service to fit your needs. Now you now contact Company B and C to let them know you've gone a different direction. You could call them up and say, "We won't be picking your company because you're too far away. Have a nice day." At first glance you might say to yourself, "what's wrong with that?" You're clearly explaining the problem and you said thank you, seems appropriate right? Perhaps, but now if we say, "I appreciate your time. Thank you for explaining to me what your company has to offer. It looks like you offer a great line of products and service. Unfortunately we've decided to go another direction. If we see a need in the future we will consider your company. Have a nice day." So it's a little bit longer, but it establishes a rapport. You never know when you might need to do business with this company in the future.

So where am I going with all this? Does it really matter at the end of the day how we share bad news? Can we really apply this to our lives and does it make a difference? Ask yourself this question: What if we approached sharing the Gospel's good news this way? What if, rather than saying, "This world is terrible and my life is falling apart, hopefully Jesus will come some day" we said "I'm so glad Jesus is coming soon! I'm ready to spend a life full of hope with Him eternally."

I learned something recently about hope in the Bible. That being that many in-





stances of hope in the original texts carry no doubt. There's no, "I hope I make it to class on time," or "I hope my boss doesn't fire me." "He who believes on Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47, *NKJV*). That's it, there's no doubt about it.

So I challenge you, I challenge me, to 30 days of that kind of hope—hope that has no time for doubt. A belief that God truly does have us all under his care. March into battle singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty," and believe that he truly is almighty!

Hope Trending, October 14-22, can be that kind of experience for you and those you bring into your home. It's time to banish fear from our lives. Make today, the days leading up to, and those thereafter, filled with that kind of hope—a hope that emphasizes the positive. I'm ready to

spend a life full of hope, with positivity, and a longing for that day when Christ returns in His clouds of glory! Will you join me in striving for that day and take this 30 day challenge?

For more information about Hope Trending, visit **[hopetrending.org](http://hopetrending.org)**. ■

*Richard Parke is the Director of Media Ministries here at Pioneer and Project Manager for Hope Trending.*

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# WE WORSHIP

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**Opening Voluntary** *God of Grace and God of Glory • Paul Manz*

**Introit** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel*

**Call to Worship** José Bourget

Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

**No one who turns to God will be turned away.**

Ours is the God of every land, every heritage, every generation.

**Let every heart believe in our gracious Savior.**

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

**Invocation** Dwight K. Nelson

**Hymn of Praise** *To God Be the Glory • 341*

**Congregational Prayer** José Bourget  
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241*

**Worship in Music** *Esto Ies Digo (This I Say to You) • Kinley Lange*

**Tithes & Offerings** PMC Operating Expense  
*Kum Ba Yah (Come by Here) • African-American Spiritual / Philip Jones*

**Children's Story** Ben Martin

**Scripture** Psalm 33:6-9 NIV • Christiane & Dorothea Gallos

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

**Hymn of Preparation** *How Great Thou Art • st. 1, 3, 4 of 86*

**Sermon** #RxF4now–Believe! • Dwight K. Nelson



## Connect Card

### Prayer of Commitment

*The Lord's Prayer* • Albert Hay Malotte

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

*Our Father in Heaven* • Felix Mendelssohn

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers Vocal Ensemble

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# MUSIC ALIVE

## OUR FATHER, HEAVENLY FATHER

**T**he German hymn text "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("Our Father in the Heavenly Kingdom") allies with a majestic melody. In fact, the melody is named with the first few words of the German text, so it is VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH. German composer Felix Mendelssohn composed a multi-sectioned "sonata" for organ using this striding tune, beginning with a plain playing of melody with harmony, and continuing with a set

of variations on the melody. The final, climactic variation of this set concludes today's worship journey in church. First we hear the melody; then the variation, with the melody in the lower part and eventually migrating to the highest part. How might this relate to Christ's powerful prayer? Perhaps Mendelssohn here evokes nothing but imagery of kingdom, power, glory . . . God's. ■

# WE STUDY

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**Song Service**

Jimmer Mun

**Welcome**

Ben Martin

**Prayer**

Joshua Huslin

**Scripture**

Iliana Mun

**Special Feature**

Ben Martin

**Offertory**

*A Mighty Fortress* • Joel Raney

**Bible Study**

"Jesus Ministered to Their Needs" • 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**

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Joshua Goines, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## As We Begin

*God of Grace and God of Glory • Paul Manz*

## Praise

*To God Be The Glory • You're Worthy of My Praise • We Will Glorify*

## Prayer

José Bourget

## Tithes & Offerings

*Kum Ba Yah (Come by Here) • African-American Spiritual / Philip Jones*

## Children's Story

## Bible Reading

Psalm 33:6-9 NIV

## Worship in Music

*Esto Ies Digo (This I Say to You) • Kinley Lange*

## Sermon

#RxF4Now—Believe! • Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card

## Prayer of Commitment

*The Lord's Prayer • Albert Hay Malotte*

## As We Depart

*Our Father in Heaven • Felix Mendelssohn*

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VIOLIN: Jade McClellan, Lyshll Prudente; VOCALS: Sinegugu Katenga, Vivian Raimundo, Debbie Weithers

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers Vocal Ensemble

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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
PMC Operating Expense

**SUNSET TODAY** • 8:30  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:18

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**DWIGHT K. NELSON**  
#RxF4Now—Dead Man Walking

| 09 • 10 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON**  
#RxF4Now—Precious

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Some years ago in China, the citizens of a town were fearfully expecting an enemy army invasion when soldiers would go door-to-door, taking anything of value. So, they sought refuge in a mission compound. The missionaries welcomed the refugees expecting that they had nothing of value and that the soldiers would take their word that the compound was a place of poverty. Sadly, many citizens walked away from safety because they couldn't part from their treasures. Today we have an opportunity to deposit our treasures in heaven (Luke 12:34) and bless others through the ministries of our church.

### Memorial Service

TODAY • 3:30 PM  
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

The family of Richard M. Rideout invite you to a celebration of his life this afternoon. Tomorrow an informal gathering will be held at 11:00 AM at the Hicks Cemetery, Battle Creek, MI, where Richard will rest until Jesus comes.

### Hope Trending Volunteers Huddle

TODAY • 4:00 PM  
EARLITEEN LOFT

Join us for our next Volunteer Huddle. Find out about volunteer opportunities for Hope Trending and how you can be involved—[www.hopetrending.org](http://www.hopetrending.org).

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

### Adventurers Registration

TOMORROW • 10:00 AM  
LOWER LEVEL: GRADE 1-6 SS ROOMS

Come for the 2016-17 Adventurers Club registration. We still need 3 teacher and parent assistants. Contact us at [adventurers@pmchurch.org](mailto:adventurers@pmchurch.org) if you are interested in leading.

## God's Hands 4 Kids

Harbor of Hope and God's Hands 4 Kids are joining together to provide a Back to School Celebration for Berrien County Foster teens. Would you help by donating backpacks and school supplies? Drop items off in the labeled bins located in the main lobby downstairs or by the receptionist desk during business hours August 29-31. To volunteer for the event (to be held on September 1) email [godshands4kids@gmail.com](mailto:godshands4kids@gmail.com).

## Sanctuary Choir Resumes

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM  
PMC TEEN LOFT

**Rehearsals begin August 31** and meet Wednesday evenings throughout the semester. For more info contact Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, at [jean.pedersen-smith@gmail.com](mailto:jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com).

## Kids' Time Live!

SEPTEMBER 4 • 6:00 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join us for this live stage version of the popular 3ABN TV show, hosted by Miss Brenda. Tickets are available from the HPAC box office.

## Fall GROW Group Options

Here are two group opportunities this semester: **Watch Party**—October 14 to December 4. Visit [www.hopetrending.org](http://www.hopetrending.org) and click on "Get Involved." **GROW Groups**—October 2 to December 4. Visit [www.pmchurch.org/grow](http://www.pmchurch.org/grow). Deadline for leaders' sign up is September 12. For more information contact Pastor Sabine ([vatel@pmchurch.org](mailto:vatel@pmchurch.org)). For Watch Party information contact Tabitha Umali ([tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org](mailto:tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org)).

## Evergreen Pathfinders

If you missed Pathfinder Registration, we will have a make up day on August 31 at Pathfinder building from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you cannot make it on a Wednesday please email [evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com](mailto:evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com). We are also gladly accepting gently used uniforms of all sizes. Uniforms may be dropped off at PMC during business hours. Thanks for your support!

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

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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. Visit [www.hopetrending.org](http://www.hopetrending.org).

## Compass Collegiate Sabbath School

Looking for a place to study the Bible with fellow students? Compass is the place for you! We meet every Sabbath of the semester from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Religion and Biblical Languages Department of Buller Hall. Contact Erhard Gallos for more information at [gallos@andrews.edu](mailto:gallos@andrews.edu) or by calling 269.471.3186.

## More Announcements

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