

# PIONEER CONNECT

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*Church of Hearts:*  
CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE?




# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

I was going to write a welcome about Spring probably being here; about making it out of the woods. After all, as I'm writing this, it's currently sunny and 60 degrees outside. But then I looked at the 10-day forecast. Of course, it looks like snow is still in order for this next week. Oh, well. I should know better. I've lived here for 7 years now.

But if there's a reality you can count on it's this: we were designed by God to depend on each other. It's true. The Bible uses the metaphor of being like a body with different parts (1 Corinthians 12:27). We're all different. And that's ok, because we fit together. You're indispensable. That's the exciting thing about gathering together for worship. It's a celebration of different people, different parts, celebrating the One who binds us together. Welcome.

—Rodlie Ortiz

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# "THE



# LITTLE



# FOXES"

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**"**If it does here what it has done in Pennsylvania, people are going to go crazy. . . . Our goal is going to be just to try to manage the problem and slow it down. This is really a nasty critter"—warned Mary

Kay Malinoski this week, a veteran University of Maryland entomologist ([www.baltimoresun.com/news/science/bs-hs-lanternfly-invasion-20180208-story.html](http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/science/bs-hs-lanternfly-invasion-20180208-story.html)). What's all the hubbub about?

Turns out when a shipment of stone

from Asia arrived in Berks County, Pennsylvania, three years ago, nobody noticed (how could they?) the spotted lanternfly eggs attached to the rock. A few days later this speckled, four-winged insect (native to China, Vietnam and India, known as *lycorma delicatula*) hatched. And the rest is the devastating history of how this small moth-like insect has spread its destructive goo across swathes of grapes, fruit trees, hardwoods and gardens in more than a dozen Pennsylvania counties.

"[This crafty invader] feasts on more host plants than expected, reproduces more quickly than anticipated, and faces no known native predators." Moreover it "latches onto a wide variety of hard surfaces, allowing it to travel to parts unknown aboard cars, trucks and trains," and now "appears to have caused more damage in less time than any invasive insect to arrive in the mid-Atlantic region . . . proliferating more rapidly than the researchers trying to learn about it can handle." Penn State entomologist Tom Baker describes it as "the weirdest, most pernicious insect I've ever seen" (ibid).

What could possibly be more pernicious and insidious than the spotted lanternfly? How about "the little foxes?" Ever read of them—tucked away in the sublimely beautiful love song we call the Song of Solomon? "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines" (SS 2:15)—those sly young creatures that stealthily feasted on the spring grapes of ancient vineyards.

Little foxes, spotted lanternflies—not an inappropriate metaphor for the pernicious, invasive and sadly spoiling reality of "sin," wouldn't you agree? So small, so insignificant you never even notice its sly invasion. Cleverly disguised as pleasure (and what's wrong with pleasure?), or "my personal right" (and who's against personal rights?), or "it's no big deal" (how can

something so small be that big a deal?)—sin invades our hearts, our minds in such a clever fashion that only trained eyes could possibly spot it before it hatches into the deadly invader it always is.

Remember the Creator's warning to Cain? "Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:7). Stealthy invader at our heart's door—sounds more like a person than a thing, doesn't it? Turns out he is: "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around . . . looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

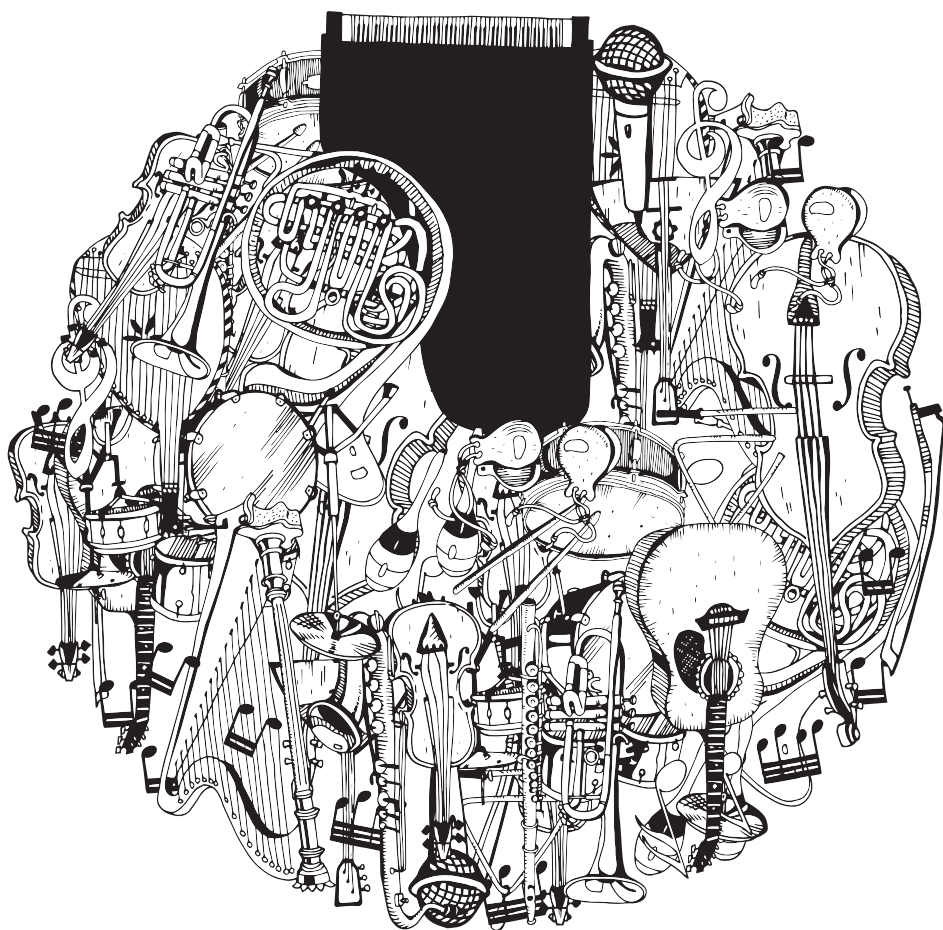
I realize nobody likes talking about him or it, Satan or sin—but sadly they comprise one of the most incontrovertible realities of human existence—that is, we all face them both—Satan and sin.

Is there no deliverance from an enemy so pernicious, so invasive? "But of course" declares the gospel of Jesus! **"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).** "A way out," a way of escape—did you catch that? **"Who will rescue me . . . ? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25).**

So what's the strategy? **"Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you; and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15).** If I'm learning anything in my own battlings in this cosmic war we're in, it's the faithful reliability of God in this simple promise. "Call on Me anytime, night or day, alone or in a crowd—I will hear you, I will deliver you, and you'll live to tell it." Period. Promise. Praise God.

So let's call on Him. Now. ■

# Sing A New Song



BY MICHAEL GIBSON

"**C**an we write our own worship songs?" That was the question I asked myself last summer as I looked back over the school year. The answer to that question has started my fellow worship leaders and I on a song-writing journey over the past year and has birthed a little collective of songwriters who have banded together to write and sing new songs. This collective we call Hymneo (him-nay-oh), a Greek word meaning to sing praises or hymns.

In Psalm 96, the greatest hymnist to give melody to words wrote this invitation: "Sing to the Lord a new song. . . . Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples" (vss. 1 & 3, NASB). David spent his entire life writing and composing, putting his faith experience into a memorable, sharable form. And yet, even with the many recorded compositions of his we find in the Bible (not to mention the ones we don't have), David, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, still gives the charge to sing a new song. He was convinced that there were still more ways to sing praises to God; more ways to capture in melody and harmony the wondrous works of God. Given the uncountable and unfathomable amount of experiences we have had, there must be more new songs to be written that wrestle with grief and despair, more songs that inspire hope and share faith, more songs that embody your experience and my experience with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

And we set out into uncharted territory to do just that. How do we write hymns?

And write them well? How do we capture our own experience of faith within new songs of praise? The goal is to write songs that are contemporarily relevant that share the distinctive faith of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have a gospel to share, not in ecclesiological rhetoric but in common speech. To capture the truths of who Jesus is and share them palatably for believer and soon-to-be-believer alike within the current, yet ever-changing, culture. Music, which originates from the throne of God (Revelation 4-5), has the powerful ability to share the understanding of a generation, to recapitulate the emotion of an experience and to draw us closer to the heart of God.

As one of the Spring 2018 season of Grow Groups, Hymneo has been meeting bi-weekly in the Music Room here at PMC to write new songs together and share what has been our experience in our own personal relationships with God. It's not too late to join this group of songwriters collaborating together to write modern worship songs and poetry. This is a safe, creative space to bring anything from completed songs to lyric ideas. Songwriters, poets, musicians and music enthusiasts of all levels are welcome.

To learn more about the journey and the songwriting process, follow Hymneo on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or join us during one of our songwriting sessions (March 12, 26, April 9 & 23 at 5:30 PM in the Music Room). ■

*Michael Gibson is one of our worship leaders here at Pioneer.*

# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*Doxology • Camp Kirkland*

## Introit

*When the Church of Jesus • Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name there am I among them."

**We come together around that Living Stone, in God's eyes chosen and precious. And like living stones, we would be built into a spiritual household, a holy priesthood, God's kingdom:**

"My kingdom is not of this world," insisted Jesus, "And my kingly power is not from this world, but from God."

**No better foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid in Christ Jesus. Let us praise the name of the Lord.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*To God Be the Glory • 341*

## Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz  
*Spirit of the Living God • 672*

## Worship in Music

*The Lord's My Shepherd • Douglas Wagner*

## Baby Dedication

Ethan Michael Andersen presented by  
Chris & Desire Andersen with Dwight K. Nelson

## Pioneer Life

Rodlie Ortiz

## Children's Story

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! • Kenneth Logan*

## Scripture

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 • Bruce Babienco and Ken Morris

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

*continued...*



And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

**Hymn of Preparation**

*In the Heart of Jesus* • 577 (st.3&4)

**Sermon**

"Church of Hearts: Can You Feel the Love?" • Dwight K. Nelson

**Connect Card**

**Tithes, Offerings**

PMC Operating Expense

**Hymn of Commitment**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* • 363 (tune of 12)

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Fanfare and Processional on "God of Our Fathers"*  
*Camp Kirkland*

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival Orchestra; Claudio González, director

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## MUSIC ALIVE

"GREAT THINGS, GREAT ATTITUDE"

**A**lways remarkable is the reaction of blind poet Fanny Crosby. "Although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world contented I will be," she said. And the author of "To God Be the Glory" wrote of the surpassing context of the "great things" of God. Frances (Fanny) Jane Crosby of New York became blind in 1820 when

six weeks old due to the application of a mustard poultice by a rural doctor. When she died almost 95 years later, she had written an average of approximately 100 hymns a year throughout her long lifetime—over 9,000! She wrote in verse, "How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't! To weep and sigh because I'm blind, I cannot, and I won't!" ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Rachel Sauer
<b>Scripture</b>	1 Corinthians 15:58 • Yerling Quispe
<b>Prayer</b>	Angella Katenga
<b>Welcome</b>	Sinegugu Katenga
<b>Mission Feature</b>	"A Faith Building Summer"
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>"I Love You Lord/More Love to Thee" • arr. Sun Ahn</i>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<i>Classes • "Offerings of Gratitude"</i>
<b>Theme Song</b>	<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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<b>Benediction</b>	Rachel Sauer
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Carlos Lozano, Violin; Calvin Imperio, cello; Lyshll Prudente, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## As We Begin

*Voluntary on the Doxology • attr. Henry Purcell*

## Praise

*Majesty • To God Be the Glory • Worthy Is the Lamb  
Open the Eyes of My Heart/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

## Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

## Pioneer Life

## Children's Story

*The River of the Water of Life • Malcolm Archer*

## Worship in Music

*Amazing Love • David Rasbach*

## Sermon

"Church of Hearts: Can You Feel the Love?" • Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card

## Tithes & Offerings

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service • 363 (tune of 12)*

## As We Depart

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Kenneth Logan*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP LEADER: Michael Gibson; VOCALS: Bethany Folkenberg, Melissa Gibson,  
Rob Folkenberg, Tyson Kahler; Piano: Joshua Goines; CAJON: Marielle Kahler;  
BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer; FRENCH HORN: Matthew Rajarathinam;  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival Choir; Stephen Zork, director

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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
WORLD BUDGET

**SUNSET TODAY** • 6:36  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 6:44

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**DWIGHT K. NELSON**  
"Teach Your Heart to Sing Again"

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

Do you enjoy putting together a good puzzle? Do you have a sense of accomplishment when the puzzle is finished? What about when a puzzle piece is missing and the picture is incomplete, how do you feel then? Pioneer Memorial Church just passed its 2018 budget and all the pieces (line items) of the budget need to be in place to ensure that the ministry of the church is able to be fulfilled (to form a complete picture). Your offering gift today will help fill in all the pieces that make the ministry of this church a beautiful picture.

### Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening we will close the Sabbath with hymns and Scripture study on biblical leadership.

### We GROW Better Together

Spring GROW Groups registration is now available. View the options and register online at [www.pmchurch.org/grow](http://www.pmchurch.org/grow) or visit the Welcome Center on the lower level for a physical copy of our catalog.

### Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Health & Wellness Center

MARCH 5 • 5:00-6:45 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

### The Ties That Bind?

MARCH 10 • 3:30-5:00 PM  
GARBER AUDITORIUM,  
CHAN SHUN HALL

Andrews professors will present "The Ties That Bind? Exploring the Impact of SDA Family Response to LGBT+ Children."

### **Adventist Retirees March Meeting**

MARCH 11 • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

This month's speaker will be Pastor Taurus Montgomery from the Harbor of Hope project in Benton Harbor. Come enjoy the fellowship of a potluck meal and program. Persons 55 and over are eligible to join our group as members.

### **Benefit Concert Featuring Jaime Jorge**

MARCH 14 • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Come for a wonderful night of violin music by the world-renowned artist, Jaime Jorge, and a special dedication for the Care for Cuba mission team leaving March 16. They will be spearheading evangelistic efforts in Cuba. A free-will offering will be collected to support Care for Cuba. Admission is free.

### **Opportunities to Love the Community**

God's Hands 4 Kids provides many services for foster and adoptive families. They host a monthly support group for example. Could you help by providing soup or a treat or help with childcare? For more information on these and other needs email [godshands4kids@gmail.com](mailto:godshands4kids@gmail.com).

### **New Member Orientation**

MARCH 3 • 10:30 AM  
PMC BOARDROOM

If you have recently transferred your church membership, been baptized, joined by Profession of Faith, or enrolled at Andrews University, you are invited to attend the Pioneer new member orientation. We want to meet you, share the mission and vision of Pioneer with you, and introduce you to your pastors as we help you become better acquainted with your new church family. Register at [www.pmchurch.org/new-member](http://www.pmchurch.org/new-member) or call pastor Sabine or Gracie Gaytan via 269.471.3133.



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HEARTYOURFAMILY](http://PMCHURCH.ORG/HEARTYOURFAMILY)

## **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. The course is the first step to get your ACS Disaster Relief certification. If you are interested in attending this free training, email [teela@andrews.edu](mailto:teela@andrews.edu) or call 517.290.1518.

## **Madagascar Project**

AU's Community & International Development Dept. provides an opportunity for students to attend the Madagascar Study tour. The goal every year is to implement a humanitarian and development project. This year's project supports La Chretienne College, an Adventist school there. Students who attend are in need of supplies to make their education more successful. For more information about donating to these projects in Madagascar go to: [www.andrews.edu/services/development](http://www.andrews.edu/services/development)

## **Nominating Committee**

FIRST READING

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## **More Announcements**

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements). Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

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# ANDREWS ACADEMY

**INVITES ALL 8th GRADERS TO**

# ACADEMY DAY

Join us for a day and see what AA is about!

March 6, 2018 | 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM | Dodgeball 3:30- 5 PM

*Dodgeball & Pizza Dinner Optional*

