

DWIGHT K. NELSON

NOVEMBER 17 PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH 9:00 & 11:45 AM

WELCOME to Pioneer

Welcome to one of my favorite celebrations: Feast of Hymns! Every year I am reminded there is so much to be thankful about. Just this week I listened to a message from a young mother who was thankful for the storms of life. Not because she enjoys the pain and discomfort they bring but because the storms have taught her to learn to trust in God. By leaning into the pain and discomfort she found healing and hope in God's embrace. When we exercise being thankful we invite the light of joy to shine in the haze that comes with worry. Come in and let your soul breathe for just a few moments. Invite the Spirit to kindle your joy as we take the time to give thanks. Welcome to Feast of Hymns.

–José Bourget



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ave you noticed? A Feast of Hymns at Pioneer is called Bring Joy! Give Thanks!, a worship journey in two contexts, first of joy, and second of giving thanks, dividing at the homily (a brief sermon). So "joy" and "rejoicing" characterize the first portion, and "thanksgiving" and "giving" characterize the second.

Today's opening choral music with instruments, "Bring Joy! Give Thanks!", also follows this pattern as an introduction to the flow of worship as a whole. Words from hymn no. 12, "Joyful, Joyful" have received vibrant melody and harmony, and especially highly-varied musical meters, guite different from the Beethoven melody on which the music of hymn no. 12 is based. Then words from hymn no. 559, "Now Thank We All Our God", also have received a varied musical treatment, here in long-flowing musical phrases and fewer different musical meters. The music concludes with strong exclamations from the "Bring Joy!" and "Give Thanks!" topics. (Traditional versions of both hymns are to be sung congregationally, one toward the beginning of the "joy" segment, the other at the beginning of the "Thanks-giving" segment.)

Bookending the service with this opening choral music, choral parts return at the end with significant word changes. It is then not about bringing joy, but rather of taking it out into the world. And Thanksgiving—it is a matter of living it out in the world.

I drafted this opening music in the far West, on a British Columbia ranch. this past July toward the end of a composition retreat. It was in the context of an enthusing, extraordinary experience just a few days earlier of having climbed from a parking area, reached adventurously with a rugged-terrain vehicle, to the summit of Mt. McBride (nearly 7000 feet above sea level). Back at the ranch near Williams Lake, the draft of this opening music flowed quickly onto the paper. I had the impression the previous day that the Spirit was heavy on me, as I anticipated further composing. Going forward, transcendent beauty in nature blended with joy and thanksgiving to form an exuberant expression for worship.

Bring Give Joy! Thanks! A FEAST OF HYMNS

A single asterisk (*) invites standing for that worship item.

Preparation for JoyRejoice, All You

Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping

Choral Invitation to JoyBring Joy! Give Thanks! • Kenneth Logan

*Call to Joy: Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

PEOPLE: Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

LEADER: Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves:

PEOPLE: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

LEADER: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

PEOPLE: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

*Response of Rejoicing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • 12

Words of Joy

Job 38:1, 4-7

Hymn of Joy

This Is My Father's World • 92

*Words of Joy

Psalm 98:1-6a

*Hymn of Rejoicing

Sing Praise to God • 29 st. 1-2, 4 congregation; st. 3 choir only

Prayer of Rejoicing

José Bourget

Words of Joy Colossians 1:15-16

Hymn of Rejoicing Fairest Lord Jesus • st. 1, 3-4 of. 240

Words of Joy Ephesians 4:4-6

Anthem of Joy One Faith, One Hope, One Lord • Craig Courtney

Homily "Will There Be Thanksgiving in Paradise?" • Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Thanksgiving Now Thank We All Our God • 559

Letters of Thanksgiving Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE • Ralph Vaughan Williams

Invitation to Giving

What Gift Can We Bring?

Donna Kasbohm / Kenneth Logan

Procession of Thanksgiving: Gifts of Food, Song, Tithes and Offerings

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (No. 27, stanzas 1-2)

The Lord Is My Light (No. 515, stanzas 1-2)

For the Beauty of the Earth (No. 565, stanzas 1, 3)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (No. 524, stanzas 1, 3)

To God Be the Glory (No. 341, stanzas 1, 3)

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (No. 695)

*Benediction in Thanksgiving

Dwight K. Nelson

*Choral Response in Thanksgiving Take Joy! Live Thanks! • Kenneth Logan

*Final Thanksgiving Now Thank We All Our God • Wilhelm Teschner

Presiding Pastor: José Bourget; Organist: Kenneth Logan; Andrews University Choral Union, Stephen Zork, director, Joshua Goines, student director; Gillian Jurek, Soprano; PMC Sanctuary Choir, Brenton Offenback, director; Brass Quartet: Eric Lofgren, Ricardo Reyes, Alan Mitchell, Tyler Ronto; Anna Rorabeck, Timpani; Eric Lofgren, Trumpet and Flügelhorn; Andrews Academy Orion Strings and String Orchestra, Elsy M. Gallardo-Díaz, director; PMC Evergreen Pathfinders, Eduin Caballero, director

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PARADISE ON BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

he mind-numbing speed with which the wildfire they are calling Camp Fire ravaged Paradise, California, is almost incomprehensible. At one point, observers reported, the inferno was torching the equivalent of one football field of ground every second for 90 minutes! That's 10.000 acres consumed in an hour and a half. If the fire's velocity were in a straight line, it would be traveling across the ground at 300 feet/secondor 204 miles per hour. It is no wonder the flames were almost unbeatable. In this town of 20.000, more than 6,700 structures were reduced to ash in a matter of minutes.

Mayor Jody Jones told a reporter: "'It's pretty devastating. It's huge. I would say 90 percent of our homes are gone. The entire town council lost their homes, half of our police department. most of our town administrative staff, just about every friend I know'" (https://fox40.com/2018/11/12/ paradise-is-home-personal-storiesemerge-from-camp-fire). Fire chief David Hawks, who grew up in the town, described their efforts to contain the onslaught: "I got into my firefighting gear and immediately responded to Pentz Road, which was where the fire was first reported in Paradise. As you can picture a snow blizzard, it's

just an ember blizzard. And all those embers were pelting homes and pelting the ground'" (ibid).

Forty-eight deaths from the Camp Fire are now reported, with scores of individuals still missing.

Also lost in the firestorm was the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist church, the homes of the pastoral leadership team, the kindergarten through fourth-grade section of Paradise Academy, and the lower level of the Feather River Adventist Health hospital in Paradise. Newly arrived Paradise pastor Steve Hamilton, on the church website, writes: "All our staff members and the vast majority of our church family have lost their homes. If you need to contact the church office, please understand that we may not be able to respond as quickly as we might like" (www.paradiseadventist.org).

But stamped across the church's homepage in fiery letters is #ParadiseStrong. Pastor Hamilton notes: "Though the physical attributes of our earthly Paradise are destroyed, the spirit of Paradise has spread across the country and around the world, as people are moved to volunteer resources to help. Despite the loss, we recognize that we're also blessed by the kindness and generosity of others" (ibid).

What can we, a half a nation away, do to help? Hamilton again: "In fact, at this point, we have donations of material in excess of what we have resources to distribute. For the immediate future, monetary donations are more useful. You can go direct to our Giving page [on their website], if you like. And course, prayers are always welcome" (ibid).

If you would like to send a donation for the Paradise relief (and rebuilding) effort, here are two suggestions from Mark Woodham, president of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, on the conference website: (1) donate online (www.nccsda.com) or (2) text NCCSDA to 77977 to give.

My psalm for the day this Wednesday included these words: "Who is like the LORD our God, the One who

heap" (Psalm 113:5-7).

Truth be told, this entire civilization is on fire, metaphorically and in California literally. But the tender-hearted Creator of Earth is not unmindful of what His children suffer here below. He needs no binoculars to observe our plight. He is Immanuel, the God who is with us. "In all [your] affliction. [1] am afflicted" (Isaiah **63:9).** This is the One who promises to raise the needy "from the ash heap." And while we are all yet far from Paradise (the promised home of God's friends one day)—do not fear the fires that scorch your own heart and life right now. "When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze," is His promise to you spiritually (Isaiah 43:2).

Because with Jesus the best is yet to come. In the words of the English writer John Milton, we will one day move from "Paradise Lost" to "Paradise Regained." And in that penultimate move, we shall know at last the greatest Thanksgiving of all.



UNDER THE ROOF: Capturing the Heart of PMC

BY DEBBIE MICHEL

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PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH



t's 5:30 on a Sabbath evening and the air in the Earliteen Loft is electric with excitement. It's the opening day of the GROW Group called Earliteen Extended (ETX) and almost 70 young students are in attendance. Why all the interest? This PMC GROW Group is specifically targeted to the needs of the young.

Last week's ETX program topic on "Awkward" was presented by Andrews University communication professor Heather Thompson Day. Past topics have ranged from "Gorgeous 2 God," which deals with the esteem challenges girls often face, to "Something about the Music," questions the power and place of

music in the life of young Christians.

ETX grew out of a need. It was during the Hope Trending evangelistic campaign two years ago when 7th and 8th graders packed the Loft night after night for their own watch party, bringing along friends and even pet dogs, a turtle and gerbil. It was truly a zoo! After Pastor Dwight Nelson completed his 20-minute Ted Talk-style presentation, the students had their own lively 20-minute Q&A with a panel of specialists. There was never enough time to cover topics, which naturally led to leaders creating another outlet to explore relevant issues.

Since then FTX has featured musicians

from the ranks of Earliteen and Youth and has had a social component with games and icebreakers led by our college students. The Earliteen Sabbath School also embraces service projects and students are now working toward contributing to the church's renovation budget.

The students are no strangers to giving when they notice a need. Last fall they heard of a huge need involving children in Syria, where children lacked the basic supplies that many take for granted. Since they were aware that Jesus Christ said to let their lights shine, they knew they had to do something, and the backpack project was born.

Sabbath School teacher Carmen Avila said that the idea began when the students were studying their lesson and began asking a series of questions: How can I be a missionary? How can I do something for someone? As Carmen thought about it, she knew that whatever the students decided on, it should be "something that they

could put their hands on, not just get some money from their parents." What if, she thought, they neglected to give themselves something really important or something they enjoyed and set aside that money to do something meaningful?

It was around this time Carmen heard about a project of sending backpacks with school supplies to refugee children in Syria. When she told her class, they were excited to help, and fundraising plans were quickly hatched.

The main challenge was how to get 7th and 8th graders with no jobs to raise \$1,000. But the students' faithfulness surpassed everyone's expectations! The entire Sabbath School class ended up raising \$1,200 within the span of eight weeks.

Under the roof at PMC, as Earliteens learn to extend themselves, they're living out Philippians 2:4: Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also to the interest of others.



WE STUDY

CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

Marching to Zion **Opening Song**

Rachel Sauer Song Service

Judy Aitken **Prayer**

Exodus 25:8 • Samuel Adjei-Boadi Scripture

Special Feature "A Sanctuary for God" • Anthony K. Yeboah

Great is the Lord • arr. Rolin R. Mains Offering

"When Conflicts Arise" **Lesson Study**

Make Me a Blessing Theme Song

> 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.

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Rachel Sauer **Benediction**

> ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Tyler Ninalga

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING

Michigan Advance Partners

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PIONEER PULPIT

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"The Treasure Chest: Looking for Christ in Christmas"—1

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

Near Pokagon, Michigan, is the First Methodist Episcopal Church. This small country church remains a monument to the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." Written by evangelist George Bennard, this beautiful hymn is considered to be the best-loved Christian hymn. But the song's beginnings were humble. Bennard wrote the first verse in 1912 in Albion, Michigan. The song was finished on the last night of meetings at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Great things often have small beginnings. "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin..." (Zechariah 4:10, NLT). Today as we give offerings large and small, the Lord looks not at the amount but on the heart of the giver.

Office Closure

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 21, until Friday, November 23. We will reopen on Monday, November 26 at 9:00 AM. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

We Mourn

We grieve today with Jean Patterson whose husband Robert, died November 8. A memorial service will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Church Youth Chapel on Sunday, November 25, at 11:00 AM.

With this family we long for Jesus' triumphant return. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery

The PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club needs your help to deliver the Thanksgiving Food Boxes we are making today. If you can help by delivering the food boxes please come this afternoon at 4:30 PM to the PMC main entrance (green awning) and pick up names and boxes to deliver throughout the community. Thank you for being a part of this PMC family service opportunity.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Eventide—a time to celebrate the close of our Creator's Sabbath.

Christmas Angel Tree

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17

Brighten someone's holiday and bring smiles to struggling individuals. This is a great opportunity to show someone in need that we as a church care. Please stop by the Christmas Angel Tree located at the Welcome Center. Choose an angel from the tree, you can either give a donation (money, gift card, food, toys, etc.) or buy a gift for them. Then bring the gift wrapped with the angel attached to it to PMC by December 17 (Monday). You may call Lailane Legoh at 471.3543 if you have any questions.

Thank You!

The family of Alma Brown thanks the Pioneer Memorial Church for the many words of comfort, lovely mum, and excellent dinner provided at the time of her funeral. We so appreciate the beautiful service led by Pastor Dwight, music by Ken Logan, and PA support from Richard Parke. Mother loved the PMC community. We send a heartfelt thank you to all who blessed us through our loss.

Pathfinder Apple Pie Fund-Raiser

If you pre-ordered an Apple Pie from the Pathfinder club and were not able to pick it up last Sunday you can pick them up this Sunday from 11:30-3:30. If you need to pick it up at some other time please email pathfinders@pmchurch.org and we can schedule an alternate time. If you didn't pre-order a pie we have a limited quantity of extra pies for walk-in orders at the same time.

Wind Symphony Christmas Concert

NOVEMBER 17 • 8:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Christmas starts early this year as the Andrews University Wind Symphony presents "Christmas Around the World." Holiday music from around the world will be featured. The AU Woodwind Quintet and AU Chamber Winds will also be featured, along with several graduate conductors. Come kick off the holidays with us!

Paper Crafting Together

NOVEMBER 18 • 11:00 AM LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

Do you have paper crafting Christmas gifts and/or Christmas cards to make? Bring your projects and enjoy fellowship with others while enjoying the snacks and prizes. We supply the chocolate and prizes. Please bring your favorite snack. Questions, contact Sherrie Davis at sherrie.da-vis@lakeunion.org.

Howard Series Presents-Presidio Brass

NOVEMBER 18 • 7:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Founded primarily as a vehicle for promoting music education, Presidio Brass has become known as a contemporary brass ensemble that combines piano, percussion instruments, guitar and vocals with original arrangements to bring a fresh approach to well-loved music.

Adventist Retirees Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 9 • 1:00 PM

Senior members of the Pioneer Memorial Church and the Village SDA Church are cordially invited to a Christmas Banquet at the Fellowship Hall of the Village SDA Church. Reservations must be made by calling Claudia Sowler at 269,471,3134. Please leave the name(s) of who will be attending, contact number and the name of your church. The deadline for RSVP is Friday, November 30 at Noon.

Funeral Dinner Team

The funeral dinner team needs additional helpers to bring food and/or work in the kitchen. If you would like to assist in this way. please contact Pat Erhard at 471,7366 or the church office at 471,6565.

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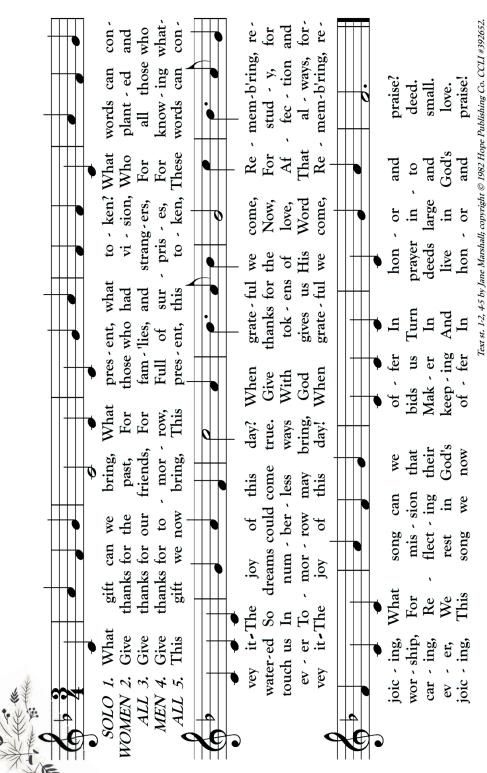
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