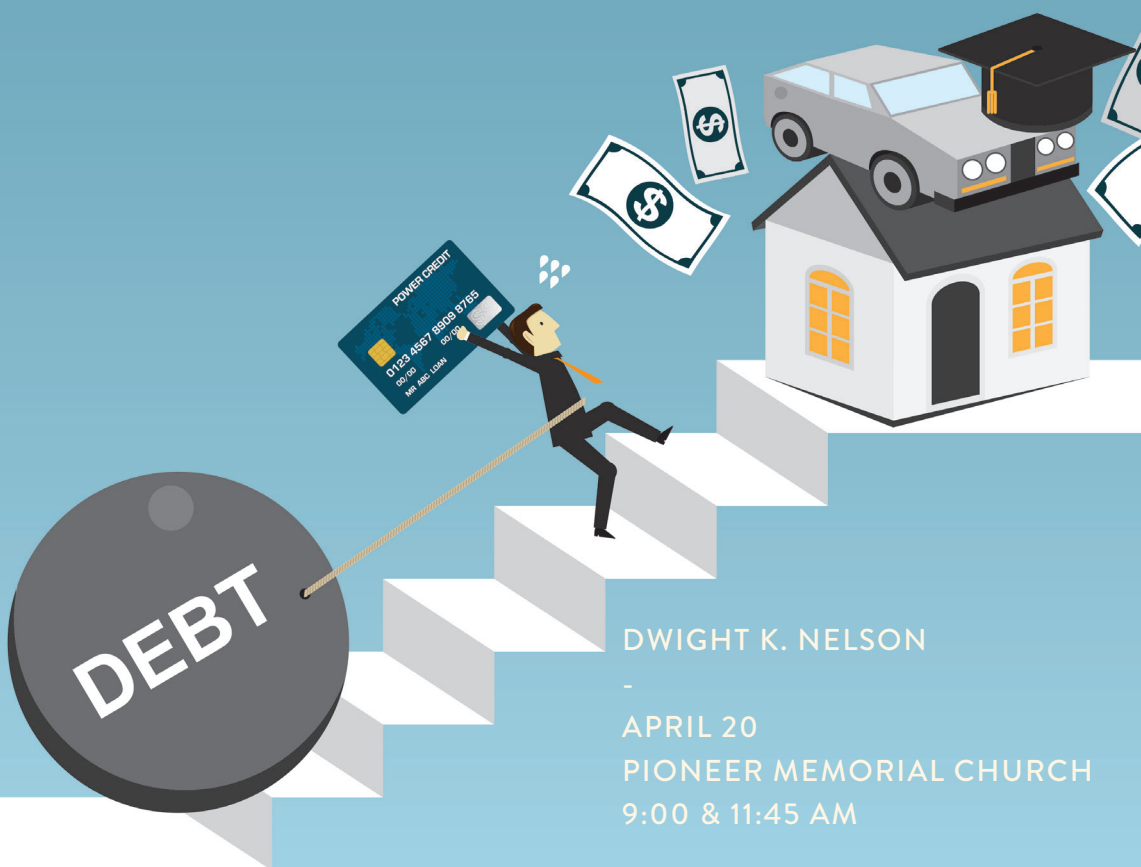




CELEBRATION OF  
THE RESURRECTION

# HE IS RISEN: BREAKING THE CHAINS OF FINANCIAL BONDAGE



DWIGHT K. NELSON

APRIL 20

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

9:00 & 11:45 AM

# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

There is probably no more sacred weekend in the Christian calendar than this one. You see, this weekend we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a big deal for churches all across the world.

If today is your first time with us, I want to point out two things that we do on Easter Sabbath. First, you'll notice that many around you have come with flowers. There is a part of the service in which people are given an opportunity to bring a flower forward and lay it on the steps in honor of a loved one who has passed away this past year. If you didn't bring a flower, we always bring many to share specifically for that purpose. Receive a flower and bring it to the front in memory of your loved one. Second, we take a moment during this same time to read the names of Pioneer Church family members who have passed away since the last Easter.

The point of all of this is that we remember with hope in our hearts that we will see our loved ones again. And this was made possible because of the resurrection morning. Happy Easter and welcome.

-Rodlie Ortiz



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Sabbath 11:45 AM

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He is  
not here,  
He has  
Risen!  
Luke 24:6

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**THE FOURTH  
WATCH BLOG**

"He Lives: Of Fragments  
and Harbingers"

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**WE WORSHIP**

9:00 AM Service

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**WE STUDY**

"Preparing for Change"

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**WE WORSHIP 2**

11:45 AM Service

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**UNDER THE ROOF**

"Renovate in Progress"

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# HE LIVES: OF FRAGMENTS AND HARBINGERS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**P**erhaps we should call this Passion Week a snapshot of fragments. But what a mixed up mosaic it turns out to be:

- The week begins on Sunday with Tiger Woods making what one commentator declared “the greatest comeback in all of sports history!” as he won the coveted Masters green jacket for the 5th time, his first major golf championship in eleven years—a comeback feat phenomenal considering his 2010 on-camera live confession of a moral meltdown and a series of back surgeries that precipitated a wilderness-wandering dearth of golfing and personal success—all of it erased in the glory of the Masters—yup, phenomenal!

- Also on Sunday South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg formally announced his candidacy for U.S. president, becoming the first Millennial and first LGBT candidate in the race for the White House. His on-camera kiss with his husband choreographed new parameters for presidential politics.

- The tragic fire in the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris galvanized the world on Monday, as flames engulfed this 850 year old iconic Roman Catholic church, ravaging the roof and inner sanctuary, collapsing the famed spire, but somehow sparing its twin towers and adjoining cathedral structures—while cordoned crowds mourned and sang and prayed—and billionaires stepped forward to raise

(in the two days since) over €1 billion for its renovation.

- On Tuesday the FBI announced they were seeking a young Florida woman of interest, purportedly fascinated by the Columbine massacre (that left fifteen dead) 20 years ago this weekend—and because her whereabouts in the Denver area are still unknown authorities shut down more than 130 schools.

- And on Wednesday a Russian company announced plans “to build gigantic billboards in space, lighting up the night sky with advertisements for companies like Coke, McDonald’s, and KFC” by placing “dozens of tiny CubeSats into orbit roughly 280 miles above the ground in a single rocket,” tiny boxes that would fly in formation “and deploy giant reflective sails to send the sun’s light to Earth” (each sail independently controlled to behave “like programmable pixels”)—all of which could come to a night sky near you by 2021! ([www.popularmechanics.com/space/satellites/a25950681/startrocket-space-billboards/](http://www.popularmechanics.com/space/satellites/a25950681/startrocket-space-billboards/))

What a world this is this Passion Week (and the half hasn’t been told)!

But how far away and long ago—in muted contrast to our headlines—is the eyewitness story of an innocent Man who was crucified on Friday and who rose triumphant as God Almighty early Sunday morning. How far away and how long ago.



Yet every story recounted in this Passion Week's headlines is mysteriously bound up in the saga of the living Christ:

- Who for Buddhist adherent Tiger Woods surely longs for the day when He will be the only winning Master Woods seeks (Acts 4:12).
- Who for Pete Buttigieg offers the highest position in the universe—a seat beside Him on the throne of God (Revelation 3:21).
- Who for the parishioners of Notre Dame cathedral promises an even more glorious temple unrivaled, awaiting the arrival of us all (Revelation 21:22-24).
- Who for the young woman and the inhabitants of Denver and the survivors of Columbine offers a no-fear peace that can never be taken away even now (John 14:27).
- Who for the Russian promoters—and the rest of civilization staring

into the heavens for some sign of security, of hope—promises to set those heavens ablaze with the only ever full-sky marketing on the day He returns for every friend He's ever had (Titus 2:11-14).

“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades” (Revelation 1:17-18). Christ promises.

In the words of the poet Christian Wiman: “Christ is not alive now because he rose from the dead two thousand years ago. He rose from the dead two thousand years ago because he is alive right now” (*My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* 165). In the midst of a week of fragments and harbingers we call life, He lives. Right now.

Rejoice! ■

# WE WORSHIP

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

## Opening Voluntary

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* • D. Forrest / J. Turner  
*The Adventist Hope* • José Cruz

## Introit

*How Cheering Is the Christian's Hope* • S. Hibbard

## Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

Hallelujah! The morning star has dawned!

**Hallelujah! The tomb is empty!**

Hallelujah! The Spirit blows free!

**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Hallelujah! Amen!

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* • 182

## Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

*Spirit of the Living God* • 672

## Worship in Music

*On an American Spiritual [Were You There?]* • David Holsinger

## Children's Story

*Wondrous Love* • Donald Grantham

## Scripture

Mark and Gillian Howard • Luke 12:22-31 NIV

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

**In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground,**

but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

**Then they remembered his words.**

**Processional of Hope**

Dwight & Karen Nelson

**Hymn of Preparation**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* • 166

**Sermon**

"He Is Risen: Breaking the Chains of Financial Bondage"  
Dwight K. Nelson

**Commitment Card, Tithes & Offerings**

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**Hymn of Commitment**

*He Lives* • 251

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Alleluia* • Théodore Dubois

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony; Byron Graves, director

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# MUSIC ALIVE

"WERE YOU THERE?"

**A**s they have spread from tongue to tongue, from heart to heart, the message and melody of many an African-American spiritual have become transformed and renewed. Emotive strains from a spiritual graces today's celebration of Jesus' resurrection . . . before His resurrection was His cross on that unparalleled weekend. Of "Were You There?" one commentary states, "This

is perhaps the most universally used spiritual in all the hymnals of Christendom. With a variant form of the first phrase, it first appeared in print in *Old Plantation Hymns*" (1899). The commentary continues, "The primary poetic analogy is that all of us were there at Calvary, by virtue of the fact that 'all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Rom. 3:23)." ■

# WE STUDY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

<b>Song Service</b>	Jimmer Mun
<b>Scripture</b>	1 Corinthians 10:13
<b>Prayer</b>	Carlos Tavaréz
<b>Welcome</b>	Qaisar Ayaz
<b>Special Feature</b>	"The Family on the Run"
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Lesson Study</b>	"Preparing for Change"
<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>	Jimmer Mun
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan



# WE WORSHIP 2

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

—Luke 12:22-31 NIV

## We Begin

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
D. Forrest / J. Turner

## Praise

*Christ Is Risen*  
*Because He Lives*  
*Worthy Is the Lamb/Agnus Dei*

## Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

## Children's Story

*On an American Spiritual*  
*[Were You There?]*  
David Holsinger

## Worship in Music

*Wondrous Love*  
Donald Grantham

## Processional of Hope

Dwight & Karen Nelson

## Hymn of Hope

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
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## Homily

"He Is Risen: Breaking the Chains of Financial Bondage"  
Dwight K. Nelson

## Commitment Card, Tithes & Offerings

*He Lives*  
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## As We Depart

*The Adventist Hope*  
José Cruz

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

PRAISE LEADER: Jamila Sylvester; VOCALS: Gelline Balmes, Kelli Miller, Sarah Stelfox, Stephen Farr

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Randall Ulangca; BASS GUITAR: Chris Wilson

CAJON: Rodney Balmes; PIANO: Lester Pitogo; VIOLIN: Jade McClellan

CELLO: Jamison Moore; ELECTRIC GUITAR: Noah Rupert

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony; Byron Graves, director

# RENOVATE

*heart & house*

*"Renovate in Progress"*

BY PMC MEDIA TEAM

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH







**SUBMIT** bulletin announcements by visiting our form online at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit). Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Michigan Advance Partners

**SUNSET TODAY** • 8:31  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:39

## PIONEER PULPIT

| 04 • 27 |

### DWIGHT K. NELSON

"How to Survive the Coming Economic Crisis: The New Wealth Formula"

| 05 • 04 |

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Kenneth Denslow  
"Homecoming!"

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three;

The Greek made all men slaves; the Jew made all men free.

One built a throne on blood; the other built on love;

The one was born of earth; the other from above.

One won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven;

The other gave up all, that all to Him be given.

The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives;

He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.

—Charles Ross Weede (abridged)

## We Mourn

Long-time Pioneer member and former Associate Food Service Director at Andrews University, John David, died on February 2 in Loma Linda. He was the uncle of Melchizedek Ponniah. His memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 21, at the Pioneer Memorial Church Commons, at 10:00 AM. Please continue to keep the family of John David in your thoughts and prayers.

## Renovation Begins

Pioneer Memorial Church is pleased to announce the beginning of its renovation project! Our goal is to complete the project by the start of the fall school semester. Roof work began on April 1 along with adjustments to interior lighting. For your safety, please observe all posted signage related to construction areas. For the most updated information regarding construction, safety, and use of the church, please go to [www.pmchurch.org/renovate/updates](http://www.pmchurch.org/renovate/updates). If your question isn't answered there, you may also email [renovate@pmchurch.org](mailto:renovate@pmchurch.org) or call the church office at 269.471.3133.

## Visitors' Dinner

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

## Summer GROW Groups

Would you like an amazing summer opportunity to grow in your faith and make new friends at the same time? How about leading a GROW group? A GROW group is a small group that's based on interest. Groups consist of 12-15 people and they meet for 10-12 weeks in convenient locations around the area. There are outdoor groups, activity groups, Mom groups, singles groups, Bible study groups—or something else entirely. You choose! In addition, you won't be left on your own. We have a team in place to help coach and support you as you lead.

## Complete the PMC Parent Survey now!

We're eager to hear about your family's experience with PMC Sabbath Schools. Whether your kids are 2, 22, or 52, completing this short survey will help us plan for children and family discipleship. Type [tinyurl.com/pmcparent1](http://tinyurl.com/pmcparent1) into a browser, and fill in the online form today. Thank you!

## Adventist Forum Meeting

APRIL 20 • 3:30 PM  
GARBER AUDITORIUM  
CHAN SHUN HALL

Historian Dr. Doug Morgan from Washington Adventist University will present "Advent Hope and Racial Justice: The Prophetic Witness of James H. Howard." All are invited to attend.

## Sunday Music Series Canceled

APRIL 21 • 4:00 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Sunday Music Series concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center with violinist Brian Lewis, has been canceled. We

apologize for the inconvenience caused to those who were planning to attend the event.

## Seminary Spring Concert

APRIL 21 • 7:00 PM  
SEMINARY CHAPEL

A free concert featuring the Seminary Chorus and other students and staff, faculty and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

## Knitting Hearts Together

APRIL 23 • 7:00 PM  
MACCARTY HOME

This ministry provides hand-created items to the bereaved and seriously ill. We meet twice a month for fellowship and planning. Please consider joining us.

## Sidewalk Prophets: These Simple Truths Tour

APRIL 28 • 7:00 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Ten years ago Sidewalk Prophets released their first album "These Simple Truths." The songs from that album have impacted their ministry and their lives resulting in their ability to travel the world, meet amazing people, and hear powerful stories. They have been able to see Christ at work in so many ways. Today, Sidewalk Prophets wants to take those miles on the road and share stories they have heard with you. Sidewalk Prophets is bringing their "These Simple Truths Tour" to Berrien Springs, Michigan. Help us spread the word! It is going to be an incredible experience!

# pioneer memorial church FAMILY FINANCES

As of March 31, 2019

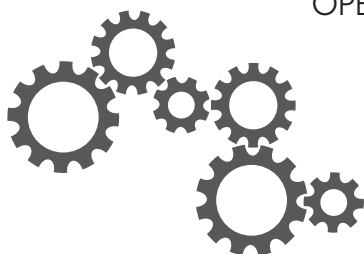
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## RENOVATE

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## OPERATING FUND



### LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	154,752
RECEIVED TO-DATE	125,558
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2018	114,155

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	45,760
RECEIVED TO-DATE	36,214
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2018	40,272



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### LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	27,001
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# SERVE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**Renovate** - Our first volunteer opportunity is helping to disassemble the pews in the sanctuary on May 6 - 7. Additional opportunities are available. Email <renovate@pmchurch.org>.

**Soup for Students** - Finals week is coming and we are hosting Soup for Students again on Tuesday, April 30. We need at least 30 people to commit to a pot of soup. You may also donate cookies and bread. Volunteers during and after the event are needed too. Please contact Lailane Legoh at <legoh@pmchurch.org> or 269.471.6565 by Tuesday, April 29.

**Children's Sabbath Schools** - As a university church, we disciple AU students helping in every Sabbath School. May through August, and December, we need substitute teachers and pianists. Experience God through the eyes of a child by making a Sabbath School small group part of your summer adventure this year. Sign up today: [tinyurl.com/IcanHelpPMC](http://tinyurl.com/IcanHelpPMC)

**Traffic Team** - Volunteers are needed to commit to one Sabbath a month to help with the flow of traffic during services, especially over the summer due to renovations. If interested or for more information, call, text, or

email Derrill at 732.379.1300 or [legoh@andrews.edu](mailto:legoh@andrews.edu).

**Welcome Team** - We are "renovating" our frontline ministry to welcome guests and members. Whether you can serve once a month, a quarter at a time, or in a leadership role you are welcome to come on board! Communicate your interest to Pastor José ([jose.bourget@pmchurch.org](mailto:jose.bourget@pmchurch.org)).

**Bible Work Coordinator** - Do you have some experience giving Bible studies? Do you feel like God is looking for you to take the next step in your journey with evangelism? We're looking for someone to help coordinate Bible study interests. If you're open to hearing more, please contact Pastor Rodlie Ortiz ([ortiz@pmchurch.org](mailto:ortiz@pmchurch.org)).

**Grow Group Leaders** - To register to lead a group go to [pmchurch.org/grow](http://pmchurch.org/grow) and click "Lead a Summer Group." Or for more information feel free to contact Pastor Rodlie Ortiz <[ortiz@pmchurch.org](mailto:ortiz@pmchurch.org)> or Brianna Martin <[brianna.martin@pmchurch.org](mailto:brianna.martin@pmchurch.org)>. Leader registrations will remain open until May 3rd at noon (see pg 13).