

The Message of Creation by John Piper

Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (Romans 1:22-23)

It would be great folly and a great tragedy if a man loved his wedding band more than he loved his bride. But that is what this passage says has happened.

Human beings have fallen in love with the echo of God's excellency in creation and lost the ability to hear the incomparable, original shout of love.

The message of creation is this:

There is a great God of glory and power and generosity behind all this awesome universe; you belong to him; he is patient with you in sustaining your rebellious life; turn and bank your hope on

him and delight yourself in him, not his handiwork.

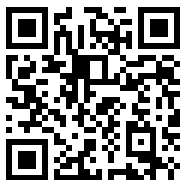
Day pours forth the "speech" of that message to all who will listen in the day, speaking with blindingly bright sun and blue sky and clouds and untold shapes and colors of all things visible. Night pours forth the "knowledge" of the same message to all who will listen at night, speaking with great dark voids and summer moons and countless stars and strange sounds and cool breezes and northern lights (Psalm 19:1-2).

Day and night are saying one thing: God is glorious! God is glorious!

Events

10/13 Greater Vision
Banquet 6:00 PM
10/14 Flourishers Bonfire
7:00 PM
10/15 Men's Prayer for
Revival 7:30 AM
10/16 Fellowship Picnic
7:00 PM

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Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd
#6 All Ye that Fear Jehovah's
Name

Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Preparatory

Matthew 5:33-48, page 810

#175 Man of Sorrows
Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory/Preparatory

Pastor Charles Fortner
#135 I Greet Thee
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, page 952

The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life – "Finished!" the vic'try cry.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Communion

Pastor Stu Johnston

**#195 Alas, and Did My Savior
#186 When I Survey
#580 It is Well**