For behold,

I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

# But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I create;

For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

Isaiah 65:17-18

May 26, 2013



# THE LORD'S DAY

May 26, 2013

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

#### **MEDITATION**

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:5

#### **PRELUDE**

Priest and Victim, Jesus Dies
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## <sup>†</sup>CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION Isaiah 65:17-18

#### **ADORATION**

<sup>†</sup>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn **63** St. Denio

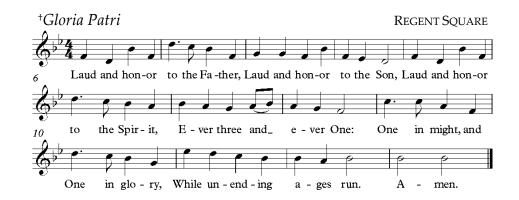
<sup>†</sup>CONGREGATIONAL READING
The congregation will read text in italics.

Psalm 85:1-7, 9-11

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. . . .
- <sup>3</sup> You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease.
- <sup>5</sup> Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup> Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
- <sup>7</sup> Show us Your mercy, LORD, and grant us Your salvation. . . .
- <sup>9</sup> Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

continued on next panel...

- <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.
- <sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.



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## **THANKSGIVING**

<sup>†</sup>Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn **499** Nun Danket

## SO HEAVENLY MINDED from 2 PETER 3:11-13

Ryan Martin, Associate Pastor

**PETITION** <sup>†</sup>Prayer of Intercession

Offering

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 3 Titus 1

<sup>†</sup>The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Hymn **559**Rutherford

THE SERMON So Heavenly Minded 2 Peter 3:11-13

<sup>†</sup>God of Our Fathers

Hymn **601** National Hymn

<sup>†</sup> Prayer & Benediction

<sup>†</sup>Congregation will stand

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Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

"He's so heavenly minded he's of no earthly good." Ever heard that before? This old sardonic criticism may have some ground to undermine the caricature of the Christian life at which it is aimed. Nevertheless, I don't think that Peter, were he to have heard it, would have thought it too funny. Peter believed that Christians ought to have so powerful a vision of the glorious future promised to believers that this vision transformed their lives in the present. No one who is truly heavenly minded will allow their life to remain unaltered.

The key idea in this sermon is: *Our Future Must Change our Present*. In our text, Peter suggests three ways the future changes our present:

1. We Must Live Lives of Holiness and Godliness.

2. We Must Wait Eagerly.

3. We Must Be Defined by Righteousness.

Planned Hymns for Next Week:

Crown Him with Many Crowns (46); Come, We That Love the Lord (53); O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (241); Come, Christians, Join to Sing (2)







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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00, Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00. Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service. Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a guest card which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM, Summer series: Philippians

SATURDAY—Ladies and Girls' Spring Luncheon

NEXT SUNDAY—WILDS summer staff attendance begin

JUNE 9th—Scott Aniol preaches in morning worship service

**JUNE 10**<sup>th</sup>**-14**<sup>th</sup> — 2013 Music Camp: From the Victorians to Vaughan Williams and Beyond!

Consider now about your possible involvement in Music Camp (June 10-14). If you are interested in helping, please email Ryan and Jen at ryanjaredmartin@gmail.com.

	May 19	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,339	\$3,712	\$84,742	\$74,231
Missions	\$0		\$1,924	
Deacons Fund	\$0		\$3,140	
Building Fund	\$1,101	_	\$4,750	\$27,715

### Weekly Catechism

- 46. Q. What are the two great commandments?
  - A. The two great commandments are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

    Matt 22:37-40