

## Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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### For Today: God's Passion for Singing

God's heart for setting words to melodies is evident from even a casual reading of the Psalms.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. (Psalm 96:1–2)

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Psalm 47:6)

In just four verses we're commanded to sing seven times.

All told, the Bible contains over four hundred references to singing and fifty direct commands to sing. The longest book of the Bible, the Psalms, is a book of songs. And in the New Testament we're commanded not once, but twice, to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to one another when we meet (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Why does God so often tell us not simply to praise him but to sing his praises when we meet? Why not just pray and preach? Why sing? Why are God's people throughout history always singing? Why words and music and not just words alone? Why does God want us to sing? One reason is that God himself sings. In Zephaniah 3:17 God exalts over his people "with loud singing."

On the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus sang hymns with his disciples (e.g., Matthew 26:30). Hebrews 2:12 applies Psalm 22:22 to Jesus when it says, "In the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And Ephesians 5 tells us that one effect of being "filled with the Spirit" is "addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" (verses 18–19).

We worship a triune God who sings, and he wants us to be like him.

Excerpt from *The Power of Words and the Wonder of God*



# Happy Sabbath!



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Sabbath, February 1, 2020



## Sabbath Worship

### *Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.*

Welcome Frank Thieme  
*Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m.* Robert Steele

### *Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m.*

Hymn of the Month, "Prince of Peace, Control My Will" Frank Thieme Hymn 12

### *God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.*

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn 482

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:18 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Wally Remitz

Special Music

Sermon "Locked Out" Wally Remitz

Closing Hymn, "We Gather Together" Hymn 8

Benediction

***I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.***



—Revelation 1:18 (NKJV)

## Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that through Bible study, prayer, and song, you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please stay and fellowship with us at the potluck meal following church service. Everyone is invited!

## Upcoming

Sabbath, February 8 Olaf Betat

## Announcements

**What To Do when the Mark of the Beast is Enforced:** On Friday, Feb 7 from 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. all day, the Newport Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a special 2-day event. Special music by Neville Peter. Church location: 777 Lilac Lane, Newport, WA. Live stream available at <https://whitehorsemedia.com/mark-of-the-beast-enforced>.

**Larger TV needed for Bonners Ferry Thrift Store outreach!** If you have a 65-inch or larger flat screen TV to donate, please let Pastor Jason know.

**Locking File Cabinets** needed at Sandpoint SDA Church. Looking for three tall 4-drawer units. Contact Rhonda Jepson or Terry Loss.

**2020 is a General Conference year:** Please consider making plans to attend at least part of the session in Indianapolis, June 25 to July 4. There is nothing like rubbing shoulders with our brothers and sisters from around the world.

**Children's Ministries Leadership EXPO:** Sunday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UCC Conference Center in Spokane.

**Annual UCC Men's Summit** will be March 6–8 at Camp MiVoden. E-mail Eric Brown at [EricB@uccsda.org](mailto:EricB@uccsda.org) for more information

**Bible Study on Tuesday** from 6 p.m. at Beth Duffey's house. Lively gatherings and everyone is welcome! We are reading *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*.

### Prayer Requests:

Call Janet Remitz. 406-847-5526.



*Clark Fork, Sunset tonight: 4:45 p.m.*

*Next Friday night: 4:54 p.m.*