

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

GOD’S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

**GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS
WORD**

Revelation 1:1-3, 8:1-6

“The Solitary Angel”

Rev. Kevin Skogen, Senior Pastor

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE

**My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

SERMON NOTES

Sandhills Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Service
May 2, 2010

MEDITATION

Everything in creation bears some analogy to God. All the world has been made with God's stamp on it, revealing Him. Creation is His temple, heaven His throne, earth His footstool. Thus Scripture finds analogies to God in every area of creation: inanimate objects (God the rock of Israel, Christ the door of the sheep, the Spirit as wind, breath, fire), plant life (God's strength like the cedars of Lebanon, Christ the bread of life), animals (Christ the Lion of Judah, the lamb of God), human beings (God as king, landowner, lover; Christ as prophet, priest, king, servant, son, friend), abstract ideas (God as spirit, love, light; Christ as way, word, truth, life, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption). Even wicked people reveal their likeness to God, with, of course, much irony-see Luke 18:1-8.

John Frame

All this can be boiled down to a simple fact: The universe and everything in it symbolizes God. That is, the universe and everything in it points to God. This means that the Christian view of the world is and can only be *fundamentally symbolic*. The world does not exist for its own sake, but as revelation of God.

James B. Jordan

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:31-32

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