For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4
Reproductive epidemiologist Shanna Swan reports that sperm counts have dropped by nearly 60 percent since 1973 because of hormone-altering chemicals. Her research suggests that, at this rate, sperm counts could reach zero by the year 2045. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich stated in an opinion piece: “The end of humankind? It may be coming sooner than we think. …. Zero (sperm counts). Let that sink in. That would mean no babies. No reproduction. No more humans.”

People envision end-of-the-world scenarios that range from nuclear wars and astronomical catastrophes to Erin Brockovich’s picture of humankind just quietly fading away. As Christians, however, we know that humanity will never disappear. Whether or not we may experience some mass cataclysmic event before Christ’s return, God’s promise in Isaiah 65:17 is “Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore” (NLT). The statement that no one will even miss the old earth implies that there must be people around to not think about the old earth! Humanity will be fully reborn.

Isaiah’s beautiful description of life in the new earth in chapter 65 gives us a picture of a busy, active place. One of the most wonderful promises in this passage is that nothing will cause harm or destruction in this new creation. We will build houses, and then live in them. Too often in this life, people build homes and then, because of financial crises or death, pass them on to someone else. In our new life, we will enjoy the work of our hands for as long as we choose. We’ll plant gardens and enjoy the literal fruit of our labors.

We will also worship God in person on this reborn planet. Isaiah 66:22-23 tells us that we’ll continue to gather for our weekly Sabbath worship appointments, as well as a monthly worship service every new moon. We can only vaguely imagine what those worship gatherings will be like, based on our own limited experiences here. This celestial worship time will certainly include musical praise and thanksgiving. And we can be certain that it will include humans—God’s crowning creation—expressing unending gratitude to our Creator.

{Center for Creative Ministries}
**The Church at Worship**

**11:00 a.m.**

### Baptismal Vows

**Introit**

*“Sabbath Rest”*  
Praise Team/Congregation

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise**

*Hymn # 422 – “Marching to Zion”*  
Congregation

**Welcome & Pastoral Remarks**

**Intercessory Prayer**

*“Take It to the Lord in Prayer”*  
Pastor Michelle Hill

*“Praise the Name of Jesus”*  
Congregation

**Response**

*“Jesus Is Looking Out For Me”*  
Elder Kevin Burgess

**Song of Meditation**

*Speak to My Heart*  
Patrick Bogui

**The Message**

*Dr. Gene Donaldson*

**BAPTIMISM**

**Benediction**

*“Bless This House”*  
Dr. Kenneth Manders

**Recessional**

*Congregation/Pianist*

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* Loose Offering Today — Local Church Budget
  Pianist — Bro. Zane Bean
  May Enter or Depart the Sanctuary
1. The Holy Scriptures (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.)

2. The Trinity (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 6:8; Matt. 28:19; John 3:16, 2 Cor. 12:1, 22; 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2.)

3. The Father (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 4:35; Ps. 110:1, 4; John 3:16; 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:28; 1 Tim. 1:17; 1 John 4:8; Rev. 4:11.)

4. The Son (Isa. 53:4-6; Dan. 9:25-27; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14; 5:22; 10:30; 14:1-3, 9, 13; Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; 2 Cor. 8:18; 5:17-19; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:15-19; Heb. 2:9; 8:1, 2.)

5. The Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:1, 2; 2 Sam. 23:2; Ps. 51:11; Isa. 61:1; Luke 3:5; 4:18; John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 5:3; 10:38; Rom. 5:5; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Peter 1:21.)

6. Creation (Gen. 1-2; 5:11; Exod. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6; 9, 104; Isa. 45:12, 18; Acts 17:24; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2, 11; Rev. 10:6, 14-7.)

7. The Nature of Humanity (Gen. 1-26:28-27; 28, 15; 3; Ps. 8:4-8; 51:5; 10; 58:3; Jer. 17:9; Acts 17:24-28; Rom. 5:12-17; 2 Cor. 5:19, 20; Eph. 2:3; 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 John 3:4; 4:7, 8, 11, 20.)

8. The Great Controversy (Gen. 3, 6-8; Job 1:6-12; Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-18; Rom. 1:19-32; 3:4; 5:12-21; 8:19-22; 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 1:14; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:6; Rev. 12:4-9.)

9. The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ (Gen. 3:15; Ps. 22:1; Isa. 53; John 3:16; 14:30; Rom. 1:4; 3:25; 4:25; 8:3, 4; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; 20-23; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15, 19-21; Phil. 2:6-11; Col. 2:15; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; 1 John 2:2, 4-10.)

10. The Experience of Salvation (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 45:22; 53; Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 33:11; 36:25-27; Hab. 2:4; Mark 9:23, 24; John 3:3-8, 16; 16:9; Rom. 3:21-26; 8:1-4, 14-17; 5:6-10; 10:17, 12:2; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Gal. 1:4; 3:13, 14, 26; 4:4-7; Eph. 2:4-10; Col. 1:13, 14; Titus 3:3-7; Heb. 8:7-12; 1 Peter 1:23; 2:21, 22; 2 Peter 1:3, 4; Rev. 13:8.)

11. Growing in Christ (1 Chron. 29:11; Ps. 1:1, 2; 23:4; 77:11, 12; Matt. 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Luke 10:17-20; John 20:21; Rom. 8:38, 39; 2 Cor. 3:17; 8; Gal. 5:22-25; Eph. 5:19, 20; 6:12-18; Phil. 3:7-14; Col. 1:13, 14; 2:6, 14; 15; 1 Thess. 5:16-18, 23; Heb. 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Peter 2:9; 3:18; 1 John 4:4.)

12. The Church (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:3-7; Matt. 16:13-20; 18:18; 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38-42; 7:38; 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11; 5:23-27; Col. 1:17, 18; 1 Peter 2:9.)

13. The Remnant and Its Mission (Dan. 7:9-14; Isa. 1:9; 11:11; Jer. 23:3; Mic. 2:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Peter 1:16-19; 4:17; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Jude 3, 4; Rev. 12:17; 14:6-12; 18:1-4.)

14. Unity in the Body of Christ (Ps. 133:1; Matt. 28:19, 20; John 17:20-23; Acts 17:26, 27; Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 5:16, 17; Gal. 3:27-29; Eph. 2:13-16; 4:3-6, 11-16; Col. 3:10-15.)