

2024-06-02 Elder Pete Peterson - Hope, Love and Joy of Jesus - Song and Worship Service  
Notes and Clickable Time Stamps

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### Clickable Time Stamps

**[27:17](#) Welcome and Call to Worship** - Elder Larry Cain

**[32:55](#) Special Music – “Savior, Redeemer of my Soul”** - Erica Jobe

**[39:44](#) Sermon – “Hope, Love and Joy of Jesus”** - Elder Pete Peterson

**[01:22:18](#) Special Music - “The Pearl”** - Erica Jobe

**[01:26:51](#) Pastoral Prayer** - Elder Gary Hawley

**[01:41:14](#) Overview of the Year and Monthly Themes** - Elder Larry Cain (Notes on this overview are listed below the sermon notes.)

### Sermon Summary

Elder Pete Peterson emphasizes the significance of gathering to partake in the sacrament, reflecting on our identities, and recognizing the joy that comes from a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Pete encourages self-reflection on love, forgiveness, and the importance of choosing positivity and joy in our lives. Pete also urges attendees to practice joy, repentance, and kindness, illustrating how our actions can impact ourselves and others.

### Sermon Highlights

1. **Solemnity of the Day:** Today is a respectful day for remembrance, not sorrow.
2. **Reflection on Identity:** We must consider who we are before remembering Jesus' sacrifice.
3. **Joy in Christ:** True joy comes from abiding in Jesus, not worldly possessions.
4. **Power of Forgiveness:** God's love manifests through our ability to forgive ourselves and others.
5. **Shine Your Light:** We are called to spread love and light to others, not hide it.
6. **Practice Joy:** What we practice daily shapes our mindset and experiences.
7. **Hope and Healing:** Embracing God's love leads to healing and unity among people.

## Sermon Key Insights

1. **Sacrament as a Reminder:** The sacrament serves as a profound reminder of Jesus' love and sacrifice, urging us to reflect on our spiritual journey and the relationships we nurture daily.
2. **Joy Beyond Materialism:** The joy discussed is distinct from worldly happiness; it's about a deep-seated sense of fulfillment derived from living in accordance with God's teachings and commandments.
3. **Importance of Forgiveness:** Forgiveness is essential not only for our relationship with God but also for maintaining healthy relationships with others, underscoring the healing power of letting go.
4. **Impact of Our Choices:** Our choices reflect our values and beliefs, and we must consciously choose positivity and love to create a ripple effect in our communities.
5. **Light in Darkness:** In a world filled with negativity, we must actively choose to be lights of hope, sharing the love of Christ with those around us and encouraging others to do the same.
6. **Daily Practice Shapes Us:** The habits we cultivate—joy, peace, or negativity—shape our character and our interactions, emphasizing the importance of intentional living.
7. **Unity in Diversity:** Embracing each other's differences while focusing on our shared values leads to a stronger, more unified community, reflecting God's love for all humanity.

## **Comments from Pastor Larry Cain giving an overview of the Year and Monthly Themes** (given at the end of the service)

### **Theme Overview Summary**

Elder Larry Cain (Pastor) emphasizes the urgency of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, as highlighted by Elder Bob Dickson's and Seventy Richard Neill's prophetic words. During the first 5 months of the year, the congregation has focused on themes such as love, knowledge of God's word, prayer, forgiveness, and unity. Larry invites everyone to reflect on their spiritual condition and actively engage in these themes to foster growth and community.

### **Theme Overview Highlights**

- 1. Time is Short:** Urgency in spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming.
- 2. Monthly Themes:** Each month focuses on a specific spiritual practice to nurture the soul.
- 3. Love and Worship:** Emphasizes loving God with all one's heart and strength.
- 4. Knowledge of Scripture:** Encourages feasting on the words of Christ for guidance.
- 5. Prayer and Fasting:** Highlights the importance of continuous prayer in daily life.
- 6. Forgiveness:** Stresses the necessity of forgiving others, reflecting God's love.
- 7. Unity:** Calls for love and unity within the congregation to strengthen community bonds.

### **Theme Overview Key Insights**

- 1. Spiritual Readiness:** The call to prepare spiritually reflects a deeper understanding of faith as a journey rather than a destination. It highlights the importance of being proactive in one's spiritual life.
- 2. Community Engagement:** Focusing on collective themes fosters a sense of belonging and shared purpose within the congregation, reinforcing the idea that spiritual growth is a communal effort.
- 3. Active Love:** Love is not just a feeling but a conscious action, urging members to practice kindness even toward challenging individuals, promoting a culture of acceptance.

4. **Importance of Scripture:** Engaging with the scriptures is portrayed as vital for spiritual nourishment, encouraging individuals to develop a habit of reading and reflection.
5. **Power of Prayer:** The emphasis on continuous prayer illustrates the transformative power of communication with God, shaping not only individual lives but also the community as a whole.
6. **Forgiveness as Strength:** Forgiveness is presented as a powerful tool for healing, showcasing its ability to change lives and foster reconciliation within the community.
7. **Desire for Unity:** The theme of unity underscores the importance of communal harmony, suggesting that collective efforts in faith can lead to greater strength and purpose as a congregation.