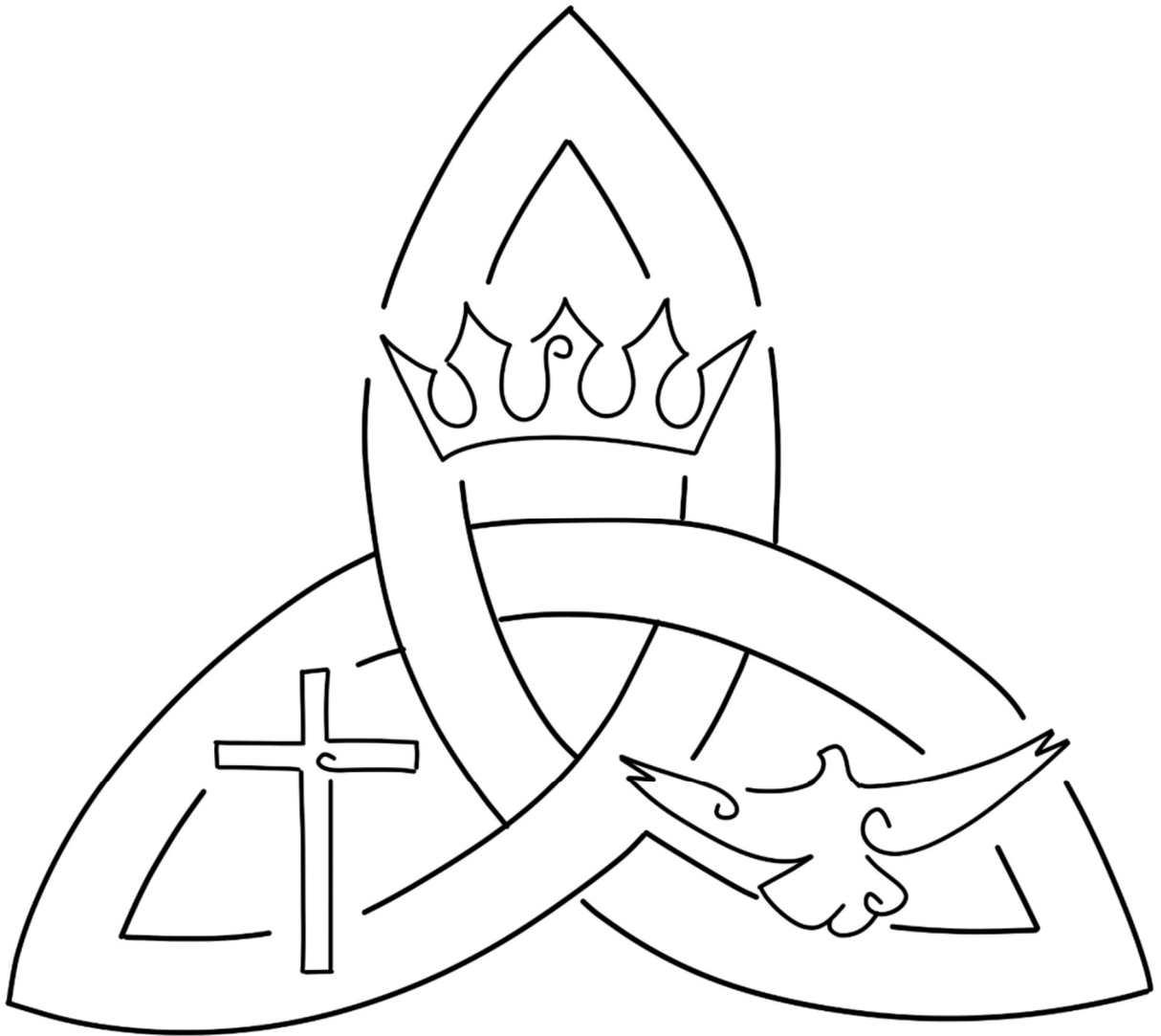


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 31, 2026

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INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

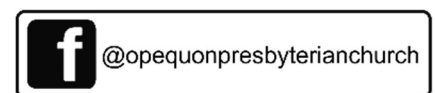
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and children under the age of 5.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3 – kindergarten.** These bags are in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 PM on Friday.

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- ☞ **Thank you for silencing your phones before we begin the Worship Service.**
- ☞ **As the music of the Prelude begins, we invite you to take a moment to quietly focus your heart and prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.**
- ☞ Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.
- ☞ PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in the offering plate.

† = All who are able, please stand.

Bold print = All in unison.

☞ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ☞

PRELUDE..... *Sunday*
By: Stephen Sondheim

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG..... *Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 8)

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,
we come to worship one, holy God.

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.
**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

†OPENING HYMN No. 1..... *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are created in God's image, and we are called good, but too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect God's goodness in this world. Let us return to who we were made to be within the plan and purpose of God as we confess our sin, first in unison prayer, then in personal silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic God, you have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE..... *Holy, Holy*

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
We're so blest to be Your children, gracious Father;**

**And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,
Gracious Father, gracious Father.**

**Precious Jesus, precious Jesus,
We're so glad that You've redeemed us, precious Jesus;
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

✎ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ✎

ANTHEM..... *The Mighty Power of God*

Arr. by: Mark Hayes

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing, I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey. Their luminous display reflects the pow'r of God, the pow'r of God. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food. He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how, Lord how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye; If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky. From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God. The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with His glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God! There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne. Whie all, while all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, And ev'rywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there; We joyously declare the power of Your love, Your powerful love, Your love!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4Pew Bible p. 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 28:16-20Pew Bible p. 812

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "An Apple for Trinity"
Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

**Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose, with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,**

**give us all new fervor, draw us, closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood."
Let us all for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
May your care and mercy round us, share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us, to a just society:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

SERMON..... "Created for a Plan and Purpose"
Pastor David Witt

☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?*
By: Kyle Pederson

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we
bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may
be made whole by your goodness and grace. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 481..... *I Believe in God the Father*

**I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;
and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.
Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.**

**From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies;
now enthroned with God in heaven,
he will judge the dead and living.**

**I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

☞ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ☞

†CLOSING HYMN No. 295..... *Go to the World!*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.**

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,**

when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE *Holy, Holy*

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

†POSTLUDE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Ramon Jones in honor of his anniversary and in loving memory of his wife, Karen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bud & Becky Proctor	Bill Gesell	Michael Callahan
Robin Owens	Cheri Norris	David Goode
Xavier	Rob Stratton	Caroline Hastreiter
Freddy Rathel Family	Kaley, Matt, & Emmet	Lori Jones & Stephen
Kyle Busch Family	Bender	Armstrong
Krista Hartenbach	Betty Ganoë	Mike & Trish Crawford
Matthew Shade	Tom Callahan	Pastor Kristin
Rich Reifsnyder	Barbara Donegan	Whitesides
San Diego Mosque &	Brad & Denise Lincoln	June & Nathan Windle
Community	Chick Doroffe	Judy Gaines
Carolyn, Jordan, &	Mo & Heide Mohler	Tim Loftis
Judith Hartman	Jay Horne	Lynne Rosamilia
Janie Mohn	Charlie Clark	JoAnne Farrell
Carol Tubbs	Marge & Tim Higgins	Katie Happel
Annemarie Matthews	Susan Arthur	Judy Camper
Dawn Williams	Tammy Mowery	Candi Gardner
Basil Clark	Earhart	David Lewis
Ben Costello	Mary Bremer	David DesMaria
Strukoff & DeCeault	David Emery	Megan Tschappat
Families	Dan Cammer	Charlotte Rosamilia
Mia Beato	Middle East War	All Struggling with
Mike Shade	Our Soldiers	Mental Illness
Deanna Deck	Nathan Smith & Tracy	Nancy Kerns
Karen Lemons &	Roger Murphy	Jewish & Muslim
Family	George & Carole	Victims Worldwide
Krista Bowen	Schwantes	Cindy Corell
Bonnie Triplett	Gary McDowell	Katie Wolf
Jenna Boyer	Rick Ours	Ukraine
Vern Gamble	Jolissa Matthews	Ethiopia Church
Hannah Wheeler	Riley Fitzgerald	Mekane Yesus
Al Schollenberger	Sara Frey	

✠PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES✠

Robert Littman, Cameron Lloyd, Cameron Andrew Veach, Kayleen Paquette,
Kelly Klimek, Jacob & Tiffani Peoples, Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake,
Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Jacob Heavner,
Samuel & Julia Phillips, Michael White, Ben Jensen, Gavin Eanes, Eli Keaton

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – May 31 (Trinity Sunday)

Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

- 8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 AM VBS Team Meeting – Memorial Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room & Zoom
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

THIS WEEK

- Monday: 9:30 AM Older Adult Planning Team – Bageant Room
5:30 PM Windsong Rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:30 PM VBS Staff Orientation – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday: 5:00 PM Tech Team – Bageant Room
6:00 PM Ministry Team Night – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Staff Meeting – Bageant Room
6:00 PM Choir Potluck & CAT – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Windsong Craft Project – Bageant Room
Thursday: 10:30 AM Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary
6:30 PM Sherando Food Pantry
7:00 PM ART Team Meeting – Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY – June 1 (Summer Worship @ 10:00 AM ONLY begins!)

2026 Summer Worship Theme: "Time to Bloom!"

Communion

Scriptures: Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Matthew 9:9-13 Sermon: "Time to Bloom!"

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time – Gathering Area
11:15 AM Opie's Playhouse – Playground
11:15 AM ABUG Training – Sanctuary

OLDER ADULT TEAM MEETING TOMORROW

The Older Adult Planning Team meets **tomorrow** morning at **9:30 AM** in the Bageant Room. This team discusses plans for Happy Days gatherings, day trips, and special events. The meeting is open to any older adult who would like to join us. Coffee and morning goodies are served.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF ORIENTATION

All VBS Staff are asked and encouraged to attend the VBS Staff Orientation **tomorrow, Monday, June 1**, at **6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. You will learn all the details for VBS week as much information is provided to you while we have some fun mixed in too. We appreciate the VBS staff and volunteers so much and look forward to being together for this experience. Childcare is provided during the meeting.

ABUG TRAINING – Next Sunday

Are you A BUG now? Would you like to be A BUG? Training for everyone who fulfills the role of Acolyte, Beadle, Usher, and Greeter (ABUG) will be next **Sunday, June 7, at 11:15 AM** in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in learning more about serving in one of these roles, you are cordially invited to join us! Training will be led by the Worship Ministry Team and Pastor David.

TIME to REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

There is still time to register for the fun Summer nights of Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School will be held **June 14-17, (Sunday – Wednesday) 5:00 – 7:30 PM**. The theme is: "EVERY LIVING THING!" We will be focusing on how every living thing needs Food, Water, Shelter, Air, and Community. Vacation Bible School is open to 4-year-olds through 8th grade with an adult class as well. Get your children and their friends registered to join us for this magnificent time.

Registration forms are at the VBS HUT in the Gathering Area and available online.

***REGISTRATION CLOSING IN ONE WEEK.**

Children & Youth Registration: <https://forms.gle/SjMUNVAnDkrJKRWK8>

Adult Class Registration: <https://forms.gle/k9HFYAUZS9HHEZxx6>

FELLOWSHIP TIMES FOLLOWING WORSHIP THIS SUMMER

Summer is a special season when the rhythm of life changes. This happens at church, too, especially with one worship service at **10:00 AM** for the next three months. Since we have discovered that people often remain to visit and interact following worship during these summer months, we thought it would be nice to have some drinks and snacks available each week. If you and your family, team, group, or several friends are willing to provide simple drinks and snacks, please sign-up for a Sunday on the poster in the Gathering Area marked, "SUMMER SOCIALS." Now, obviously, some Sundays are already spoken for, dedicated already to events and happenings sponsored by teams and groups, but a whole host of Sundays within the next three months are available. Please lend a hand to bless us during this "time to bloom" and sign-up today.

TRAVEL WITH FLAT JESUS THIS SUMMER!

Every age and stage are invited to choose a "Flat Jesus" picture from the back of the Sanctuary, color, and cut it out. Wherever you go-pool, park, vacation, camp, beach, walk, work, practice, etc., bring along Flat Jesus! Take a picture with Flat Jesus and send it to Rebekah Witt (rwitt@opequonchurch.org) so we can see all the wonderful things you are doing! If you want to print Flat Jesus at home, then please let Rebekah know and she will email you one.

BUILDING UPDATE FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION – Sunday, June 14

The Session invites you to a Congregational Gathering to get the latest updates on our proposed building expansion. This informational gathering will be on **Sunday, June 14**, at **11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, immediately following our 10:00 AM worship service. We look forward to sharing a timeline called, "Steps to Putting a Shovel in the Ground." This gathering will also be available via Zoom and link will be shared in the Tuesday/Friday emails the week prior. Please join us as we together take steps forward in this unfolding vision.

FLAG RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITY

Many of us have a US Flag or two that have outlived their pristine appearance. Yet, we still have them lovingly tucked away. Here is a solution to retire your well-loved Stars and Stripes with dignity... Nick and Ben Jenkins are very active with Scouting America and, during their weeks at summer camp, the Scout Leaders hold a very specific and dignified US flag retirement ceremony as needed. Along with their parents, Austin and Amanda, they have agreed to transport your flags to camp for this ceremony, as a ONE-TIME service to our OPC family. A designated tote will be available in the Gathering Area to receive flags ready for retirement – but only until Flag Day, **Sunday, June 14**.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED for VBS

Some items for our upcoming Vacation Bible School meals are needed. See the chart in the Gathering Area to sign up to donate items. The quantity of each item is listed along with the date the item is needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

The outreach component for Vacation Bible School this year relates well to our theme of "All Living Things." We will be collecting items for FAMILY PROMISE to help those settling into a new home and we will be collecting items for the SPCA to benefit those animals. The congregation is invited to contribute items along with the VBS families and staff. These are the items we are collecting:

For FAMILY PROMISE – Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, All-purpose Cleaner, and Small household trashcans.

For the SPCA – Pet toys, small pet beds, dry and wet pet food, washcloths, large dog harnesses, and collars.

Items will be collected through **June 17**. There will be a bin in the Gathering Area for items. If you feel led to donate any of these items, it is greatly appreciated.

A ROYALS BASEBALL OUTING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

Save the date and plan to join the Men of Opequon for the Winchester Royals game on **June 25** at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park! *(see June Newsletter for details)*

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Jack Youngblood

Beadle: June Malone

Door Greeters: Sven Thulin, Linda Butler

Ushers: Jim Horner, Kathy Hoffman,
Alyce Callahan, Terry Hartman, Ethan
Jordan

Acolyte: Ethan Jordan

Building Steward: Mike Wygant

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Bill Deck

Beadle: Shirley Tomblin

Door Greeters: Sven Thulin, Kirsta
Weber

Ushers: Greer Birchenough, Joshua
Lilly, Madelyn Estep

Acolyte: Greer Birchenough

Livestream: Nick Jenkins, Rebekah Witt

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did today's music witness to the nature and work of God - three in one, one in three?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Where and for whom do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ What do we learn about God from the three parts of an apple

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ What does the first story of Creation tell you about God, about humanity, and about our relationship with God?

✂ How does the structured, orderly process of creation reflect God's nature?

✂ What do you think you would feel on the mountain with Christ?

✂ What does Jesus expect of us?

✂ What does it mean to be a disciple?

✂ How do you respond to the Great Commission to "make disciples of all nations?"

✂ How are you created for the plan and purpose of God?

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