

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

March 27, 2016 9:45 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY

MEDITATION

Ephesians 3:2-12 "The Mystery of the Church" (opposite page)

Choir Anthem "Joy in the Morning"

Hymn 357 "Christ Arose"

Scripture Reading and Prayer John 20:1-18

Violin Solo Gigue from Partita No. 3 in E major J. S. Bach Eve Rouchie

Hymn 45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 358, 372 "Because He Lives" "Our God Reigns"

Message THE DIFFERENCE THAT EASTER MAKES:

Jesus Christ's Resurrection can Transform the Way I Live & the Way I Die

Colossians 2:11-15 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 368 "He Lives" Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Payer meeting Monday 7pm

Bible study Tuesday at 7pm - Ernie Beck

No Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm

Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am - Jim O'Rourke

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - The book of "Amos" - Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this Resurrection Sunday Morning!

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thank you to our cooks this morning!!

Thank you to Pizza Amore

Please take your memorial Easter lily flowers home today

The Easter offering will go towards a storage barn on property

² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. ⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

The revelation of the mystery of the church is made known in the New Testament. The mystery is that Gentiles should be fellow heirs and partakers of the Gospel. This grace given to Paul to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the Gentiles was first made known to Paul on the Damascus Road.

Verses 7-8 tell us that Paul as the Apostle to the Gentiles is the one who will administer this mystery. Paul is not boasting about this fact. The Lord chose him for the task, and prepared him to do the work.

Verses 9-12 talk of the divine purpose of the mystery of the Church from Eternity. To add the church was not an afterthought but rather a part of the eternal decrees of God given before time began. Since there was no time in eternity we can safely say that it has always been that the Church composed mainly of Gentiles was God's plan. As Jesus Himself said, "salvation is of the Jews," and yet that salvation went through the vehicle of Jewish history to its intended destination—the Church. Romans 9-11 makes it plain that there will still be a future for the Jews, and that is not a part of the mystery that we have in these verses.