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"A.I. and the End of the World!"

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Worship: 10:00 AM **Pastor:** Steve Ramer **Cell:** 970-412-7510

SEASON OF PENTECOST

Romans 8:2 A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. (The Message)

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship (Steve): based on Revelation 21:1-7

Leader: Then I saw a brand new Heaven and a brand new earth. The original Heaven, the old earth and even the sea had disappeared from sight!

People: I saw the Holy City of Jerusalem, also brand spanking new, descending resplendent out of Heaven, ready to join God, just like a bride walks down the aisle.

Leader: Then I heard a voice thunder from the Throne — "Look! Look! God has moved in right next door to you, nesting down there in the same tree as all of you! This is how God can wipe every tear from your eyes."

People: Death is gone for good - tears gone, crying gone, pain gone - all of it - finally gone.

Leader: The Voice from the throne continued, "Look! I'm making everything new…"

People: Then it said, "Only I have the final word! I am A to Z. I'm the Intro and I'm the Conclusion."

Leader: And from the Forever Life Giving Water Well I shower the thirsty and submit no bill. Those who hold on 'through it all' until the end will inherit it all.

All: The One who rescues us will be our ever present Divine Lover and we will be cherished sons and daughters forever!

Opening Prayer (Steve)

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also, with you.
Leader: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

"Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future." — Robert H. Schuller

"Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future." — Charles Kettering

"I want to try my hardest to be invested in reality and other people, instead of an apocalypse." — Ayo Edebiri

2. Hearing God's Word

Scriptures: Genesis 6:5-22 (The Message - mostly)

5 God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil, dreamed evil, and did what was evil, day and night.

6 God regretted even trying this crazy experiment. It was heartbreaking. 11 And as far as the Divine Creator was concerned, the Earth had become a sewer, with violence everywhere. 12 The Lord God took one look and saw how bad it was, everyone corrupt and corrupting - all life corrupted to the core. It was so bad that God decided the best thing to do was to make a clean sweep and start all over.

8 But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah. 9 …Noah was a good man, a man of integrity in his community and Noah spent quality time with God.

13 God said to Noah, "It's all over. I'm done with humans. The violence is so bad that I'm making a clean sweep. You and me, we're gonna start over."

14 "So build yourself a ship from teakwood. Make rooms in it. Coat it with pitch inside and out. 17 I'm going to bring a flood on the Earth that will destroy everything alive under Heaven. Complete and total annihilation."

22 And Noah followed God's instructions to a tee.

Sermon: "A.I. and the End of the World!

Its been just a little over a month that we were warned by a former AI researcher at Anthropic that AI "will kill us all" inside of a decade. Wow! That seems pretty serious. But how should we respond? Panic, denial or somewhere in-between? I'm really not sure myself…

3. Responding to God's Word

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Geoff)

"To be hopeful means to be uncertain about the future, to be tender toward possibilities, to be dedicated to change all the way down to the bottom of your heart." — Rebecca Solnit

Sending (Steve): based on Matthew 24

Jesus' followers asked him, "Tell us, when the end of the world will happen? What will be the signs when 'the time's up?'"

But Jesus said, "Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Those who show up with forged identities, and spreadsheets, claiming, 'I'm better than Jesus.' In the confusion, lying preachers will come forward and deceive a lot of people, while others will give up overwhelmed by the spread of evil."

"Sticking with it until the end": that's what God wants from us. 'Cause between now and then the good news will spread all over the world. But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, only God does. The return of the Son of Man will occur just as it did in Noah's time. Right up to the moment that Noah escaped on his ark, everyone else was carrying on as usual and having a good time. They knew nothing - until the flood hit and swept everything away.

So stay awake, be alert since you have no idea what day will be your last. Be busy caring for others...