

# CORNERSTONE

Christian Church



## LOVING GRACE

**Growing  
Reaching  
Authentic  
Community / Creative  
Empowering / Equipping**



**In the beginning  
God created the  
heavens and the  
earth.**

**Genesis 1:1**

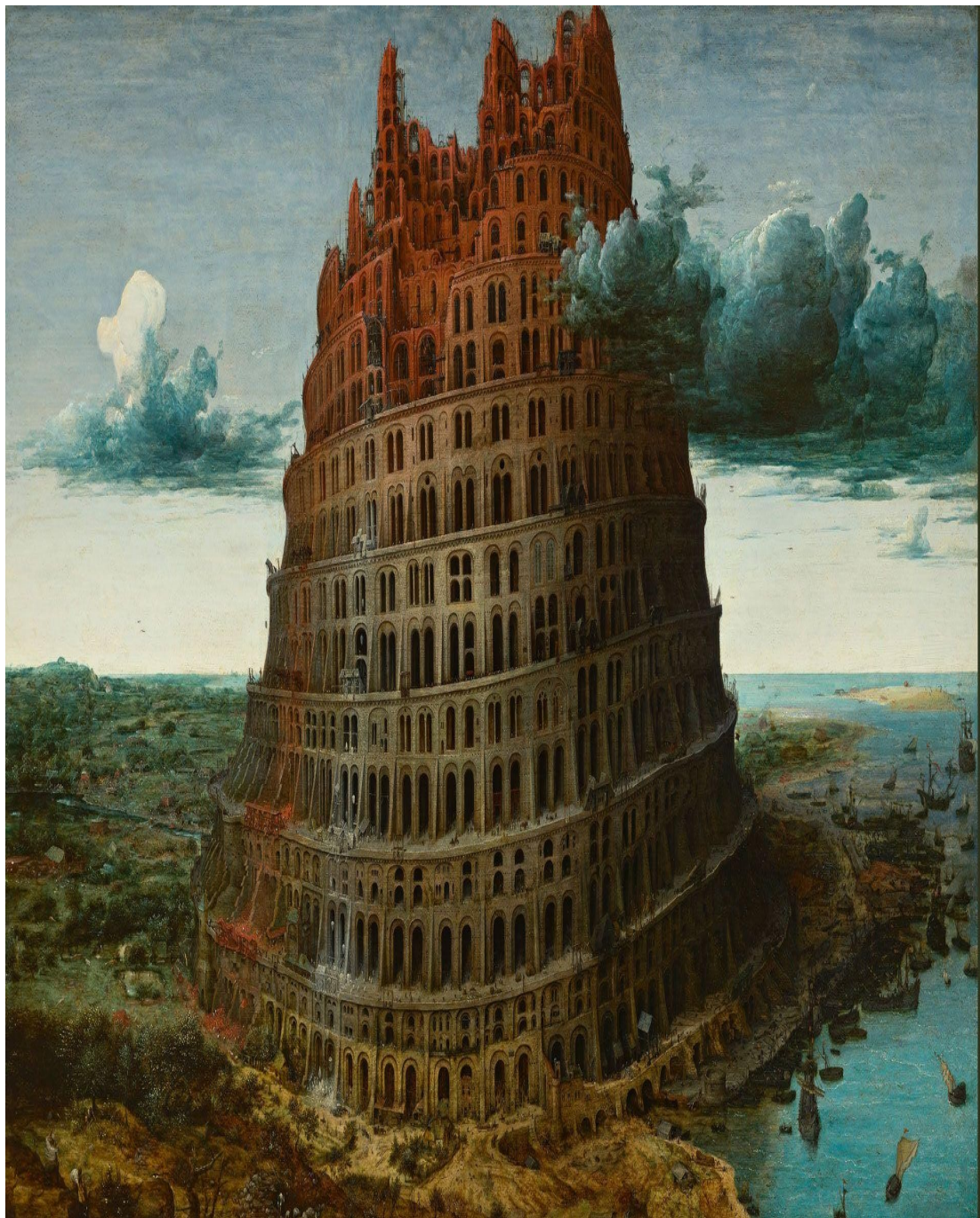




**Then God said “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness,... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.**

Genesis 1:26 - 27





**Then they said,  
“Come, let us build  
ourselves a city,  
with a tower that  
reaches to the  
heavens, so that we  
may make a name  
for ourselves.**

Genesis 11:4a



**Because creation is neither an accident nor a divine necessity but instead the absolute gift of a gracious God, human beings GET TO make something of it all, they do not only HAVE TO. In such a grace saturated universe, there is an invitation, not just an obligation.**





**Humans HAVE TO make clothes for protection against the elements, but they GET TO make cassocks and bonnets and paisley ties. They HAVE TO build shelters, but they GET TO build chapels and cathedrals.**



**Human beings HAVE TO give glory to God, because their life depends on it, but they GET TO do so with a wealth of artistic goods: pipe organs, and balalaikas, syncopated jazz and resplendent cantatas, whimsical sonnets and somber chants.**



**In God's creation, and through the wonder of an eighty-eight key piano, for instance, there is the possibility of 309,485,009,821,345,068,724,781,056 chord voicings - an excess of possibilities!**





**In God's creation there  
is more than human  
beings need or deserve or  
could ever make good use  
of in one lifetime - or several.**

*Glimpses of the new Creation*  
*W.David O.Taylor*



**God is more like a cantor who  
chants his creation into  
existence and rejoices  
everlastingly over its  
beautiful harmony. His  
song continues, and its melody moves  
and inspires humankind to restore  
beauty and harmony to a creation that  
is fallen and misshapen.**

*Beauty will Save the World*  
*Brian Zhand*





**“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible....**

**Colossians 1:15-16**



**“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him and through him and to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”**

**Colossians 1:19-20**





**God's creation through  
design and colours with  
incredible diversity**

**Design of the Ark  
Temple & Architecture  
David's Psalms  
Jesus' Parables to teach complex truths**



**the *GIFT* of creativity  
by the *GRACE* of God  
to the *GLORY* of God  
for the *GOOD* of one  
another**





**Business Strategies**

**Problem solvers**

**Entrepreneurs Builders**

**Woodwork Restorers**

**Gardeners Florists Bakers Cooks Prose**

**Poetry Music Musicians Sing Dance**

**Artists Photographers Sew Craft Drama**

**Design Pottery Teach Counsel Nurture**



**Creativity can grow out of  
love and worship**

**Necessity**

**Growing**

**Reaching**

**Authentic**

**Creative / Community**

**Equipping / Empowering**



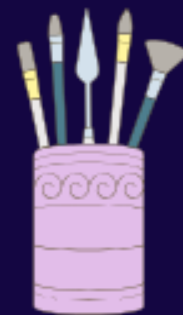
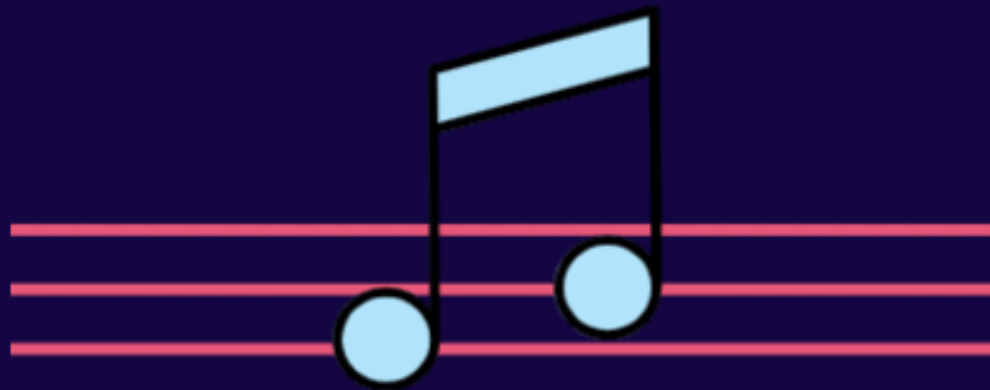
**So here's what I want you  
to do, God helping you:  
Take your everyday  
ordinary life - your sleeping, eating,  
going-to-work, and walking-around life -  
and place it before God as an offering.**

**Romans 12:1 (MSG)**





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# *Creative Collective*

October 18th 1pm - 5pm

more information will be coming via email this week