

Music and Spoken Word

Hymn #146 -- Gently Raise the Sacred Strain -- Opening Title Screen

Hymn #72 -- Praise the Lord Almighty

Nice Organ Intro! Moderately fast tempo, well sung by unified choir in diction and pitch.

-- I could have sworn we heard this song twice during the preshow recording. (Not complaining, as it is a good song, and in fact, the song God Be With You Till We Meet Again was played a third time [preshow, closing the live show, and then the closing hymn of my ward sacrament meeting] last week)

-- Interesting! You are probably right, although I don't know about this myself. Wow, nice for local preparation and worship service...

-- One of the Elders that taught me had said the song was probably telling me something. And a friend told me to sit down and consider the words sometime

-- Yes, the words are powerful and faith strengthening, in Praise and Glory to God.

Hymn -- If the Savior Stood beside Me, Sally Deford, arr by ?

Again, the choir is singing well, with superb organ accompaniment

-- This was a Primary Theme Song for Presentation, I believe maybe 2 years ago, or so.

Hymn -- Fountain Reverie, Peggy Fletcher

Being an instrumentalist at heart, I really enjoy the Organ solos for the colour of the timbres.

Nice duet part, with woodwind ensembles (flutes, reeds) and of course the strings (diapasons)

Beautiful visuals, with the shimmering sounds and waves of the water, and of course, other nature sounds.

Hymn #4 -- Truth Eternal, arr. Alexander Schreiner

One of my favorite Tabernacle Organists -- words are beautiful

Hymn -- My Song in the Night, by ?)

Nice crescendo, with wonderous conviction and testimony, expressed through sacred music.

Again, the visuals are complementary and well done.

Spoken Word: [Lloyd D Newell](#)

- Too many people feel alone -- searching for purpose, meaning and connection. To Love and Be Loved...
- Victor Hugo's classic Les Mis) Jean Valjean -- was not trusted because of crime. Sneaks away with the church's silverware. *Clergyman, insisted that Valjean take more, and convince the police that he was not stealing (or taking without permission)*
- Everyone falls short, and needs forgiveness
- God's Love is Unbounded, Enters readily into the trembling heart.

Hymn (#172 -- 'Love Divine, <...>', alternative words to the tune of 'In Humility, Our Savior')

Marvelous, nice arrangement and almost without words to describe, greatly sets the tone for Conference to Begin Soon :)

90th year for this program

Hymn #152 -- God Be With You Till We Meet Again - Closing Credits Screen

Anna and Simeon Video followed, time to refresh Browser! Alright.

Sunday Morning Session

Hymn #66 -- [Rejoice! The Lord is King](#)

Conducting: President Henry B. Eyring, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Hymn #6 -- [Redeemer of Israel](#)

Invocation: Elder Allen F. Packer - General Authority 70 Emeritus

Hymn #239 -- [Choose the Right](#)

-- Good hymn! Slowly becoming one of my favorites!

-- This is a much more relaxed version in tempo and tone, than from my youth days! Good, and nice variety.

Talk: [M. Russell Ballard](#) - Acting President of the Quorum of the 12

The Vision of the Redemption of the Dead

Major Themes: (Talk prepared before the passing of his wife--*and deals with a lot of death*) Section 138

- Background of Section 138, Joseph F Smith
- Joseph F. Smith was not quite 8 when he was required to drive a team of oxen to Winter Quarters
 - His mom died when he was 13, making him an orphan
 - He was called to a mission at 15, served 3 years
 - apostle at 27; counselor to First Presidency, then to Taylor, Woodruff, and Snow; president in 1901
 - First child passed away at 2.5 years old; sisters/brothers; 2 wives, 13 children
 - Died one month after receiving the vision of redemption for the dead
 - He prayed and received no answer on why he had so much suffering.
 - *(I love how much faith he had even through all his hard times!)*
 - Millions had died from WWI and a flu pandemic
- All of the above was a precursor to the vision that he received on October 3, 1918.
- The revelation he received on October 3 comforted his heart
- 30 But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead.
- 33 These were taught faith in God, repentance from sin, vicarious baptism for the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands,
- 34 And all other principles of the gospel that were necessary for them to know in order to qualify themselves that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.
- 51 These the Lord taught, and gave them power to come forth, after his resurrection from the dead, to enter into his Father's kingdom, there to be crowned with immortality and eternal life,

- 52 And continue thenceforth their labor as had been promised by the Lord, and be partakers of all blessings which were held in reserve for them that love him.
- Invitation on its 100 year anniversary: Thoroughly and thoughtfully read this revelation (D&C 138)
- We will be together with our family and loved ones for all eternity
- The gospel of Jesus Christ brings comfort to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. It is a healing balm

Talk: [Bonnie Cordon](#) - YW General President

Becoming a Shepherd

Major Themes: The Heart of the Shepherd; service and love

- Everyone wants to feel recognized and loved
- Knowing that the Savior loves us, how can we best show that we love Him?
- "Feed my sheep"
 - *(German shepherd hehe)*
 - *(So we are all mini-Uchtdorfs? Haha *cheeky grin*)*
 - *(If only)*
- Peter needed to:
 - Receive revelation and then act
- Each of you matter. Even if you are not spoken of in general conference, the Savior knows you and loves you
- Look to the Savior's example:
 - 1) Know and number His sheep
 - 2) Watch over His sheep
 - 3) Want our sheep to be gathered into the fold of God
- Numbering isn't really about numbers, it's about making sure each feel the love of the Savior
- To effectively accept this invitation (to minister), we must develop a shepherd's heart and understand the needs of the Lord's sheep
- Is there anything we can include in our prayers on your behalf?
 - share the love you have for others not only in your prayers but also with those
- Get to know those that you minister to. Find common ground. Be their friend. Let them know that you love them -- and you will when you start to serve them
- The watch full..... Can't remember the rest
- Matthew 25: 38 When **saw** we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
 - 39 Or when **saw** we thee sick, or in prison, and czswqa came unto thee?
- The righteous saw those in need.
- I hope those to whom you minister will see you as a friend and realize that in you they have a champion and a confidant
- We have a tendency to only bring brownies, we need to learn to provide true love
 - Find ways to give service/show love that brings people closer to Christ, sometimes that means brownies
- You won't know what those whom you minister to need unless you talk to them

- What better way is there to help them feel His love than through you?
- We have the opportunity to be angels about people we meet daily
- We need to feed the Lord's sheep
- We need our youth to be shepherds. We should minister side by side with them.
- Do our sheep know we are watching over them with love and will take action to help?

Talk: [Jeffrey Holland](#) - [Quorum of the 12](#)

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Major Themes: Ministering. Letting go of offenses. Forgiving others. Ministry of reconciliation

- Being a ministering person without an assignment
- *Glasses?!*
 - *I am willing to wager once he gets into his talk, he will remove them and point the arm at us for emphasis.*
 - *OK. So I was wrong.*
 - *His red tie really stood out*
- Don't wait for more instructions on ministering; jump into the pool and swim
- (Don't worry about [whether] it is a backstroke or dog paddle)
- Story of a member who felt offended during a temple recommend interview (tithing) and left the church for 15 years. He was brought back because his son called him out.
- 'Anger, if not restrained, is frequently more destructive than the injury that provoked it.' Roman proverb?
- Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
- They forgot: "Agree with thine adversary quickly."
- The miracle of reconciliation (?)
- Despite repeated invitations by his bishop, Bro Bowen didn't decide to return to the gospel until his son called him out. Within weeks he was back in activity, shortly after he was a branch president.
- Jesus has asked that we live together in love.
- Contention...
- Live together in love with no disputations among you.
- Each of us have scars and painful memories. Some wounds we received, some we inflicted on others.
- Come unto me
 - Remember the savior
 - With full perfection of heart
- Old expired food in the fridge..
- "...he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another." 3 Nephi 11:29
- Forgiving does not mean participating in a toxic relationship or dangerous circumstance
- forgive and you will be forgiven
- D&C 64: 10 I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men.
- Arise above our pain and walk in the path of true healing.
- Walk into the moment with honesty and love.
- Even the most terrible of offenses can be overcome

- Christ is determined, or at least affected, by our relationship with each other
- Forgiving and forsaking is central to the gospel of Christ
- D&C 136:23 Cease to contend one with another
- Repair old injuries in love
- Be peacemakers
 - Love peace
 - Seek peace
 - Create peace
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace
- I testify of the tranquility to the soul that reconciliation with God and each other will bring if we're meek and courageous enough to pursue it
- My beloved brothers and sisters, I testify that forgiving and forsaking offenses, old or new, is central to the grandeur of the Atonement of Jesus Christ

Hymn #19 – [We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet](#)

(Intermediate Congregational Hymn & Station Identification)

Talk: [Shayne M. Bowen](#) - General Authority 70

The Role of the Book of Mormon in Conversion

Major Themes: Joseph Smith, Book of Mormon, conversion

- In our Day, Questions are focused not only on the Savior, but on His Church that he restored through Joseph Smith
- The first question one should ask is "Was Joseph Smith a Prophet?"
- Story of preacher(?) who experienced missionaries and was eager to show them how wrong they were. The missionaries gave the man a Book of Mormon, testified, and left. The man read the Book of Mormon and was converted.
- Elder Bowen's mission president had his missionaries read Joseph Smith's first vision every week.
- BoM has 108 references to the house of Israel
- Principle purpose of the Book of Mormon: Gather scattered Israel.
- BoM intent is to persuade people to come to the God of Israel
- The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is Jesus Christ, the God of the Old Testament
- We are saved by coming unto him and living his gospel
- What are the eternal covenants Moroni referred to ? Look at the Book of Abraham
- As we better understand who we are and the purposes of the Book of Mormon, our conversion deepens and becomes more certain
- We are the latter day gatherers
 - "As we read daily ...- Pres. Nelson
- We are saved when we come to Jesus Christ by living his gospel
- The BoM is the most powerful tool of conversion
- Book of Mormon is the keystone to conversion of all of Heavenly Father's sons and daughters.

Talk: [Neil Andersen](#) - Quorum of the 12

-- Elder Andersen spoke at the Ft. Myers (FL) Stake Conference a couple weeks ago. In fact, the Ft. Myers Stake was broken up and the Naples stake was developed.

Wounded

Major Themes: Spiritual and physical wounds

- Story of the [Brussels airport bombing](#)
 - (oww)
 - *This was the most graphic thing I've ever heard in conference, I have no problem with it but it's not normal for conference*
 - *Was there talk of the September 11 Attacks at the October (2001) General Conference?*
 - *Hinckley talked about it; I don't remember the other talks. The US started bombing during the morning session and Hinckley mentioned it.*
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APoIGYUfaEk> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPEPFg0ABBU>
 - *Do you mean that the airplane crashes (bombing theory) actually took place during the morning session of conference? If I recall, 9/11 was during the week, so you probably mean that this was spoken in the morning session instead.*
 - *The attacks were a few weeks before conference. The US started bombing Afghanistan the morning of conference.*
 - *Thanks for that clarification!*
 - <https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2001/10/the-times-in-which-we-live?lang=eng>
 - *Thanks. Will look at it during break.*
 - *He looks so happy even though his trial*
 - My message today is especially to those who are keeping the commandments of God, keeping their promises to God, and...are confronted with trials and challenges that are unexpected and painful
 - There will be moments when your soul will be wounded.
 - Wounds of the soul are not unique to the rich or the poor, ... they come to all
 - Without being alarmed, we must be ready.
 - We need to be ready for whatever hits us
 - "Intermingled with the joy and happiness, one thing is certain—there will be moments, hours, days, sometimes years when your soul will be wounded."
 - These struggles although difficult can be our greatest teachers.
 - Never give up. However deep the wounds of our soul... You are not meant to perish spiritually. You are meant to survive spiritually.
 - The savior is sent to heal our broken hearts
 - We look for peace. We long for happiness. We hope for love
 - Come, bring your wounded hearts, earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.
 - The savior never leaves us comfortless

- Hold on to these words: 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect through weakness"
 - *My theme verse, esp. since I have a disability.*
- Trials are real but won't last forever. Disappointment doesn't have to stay; even if it comes to visit on occasion.
- You may be exhausted, but don't ever give up
- Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal
- 1995 Pres Nelson's daughter Emily was diagnosed with cancer and passed away two weeks after giving birth to her fifth child.
- Along with the bright colors of happiness and joy, the darker colored threads of trial and tragedy are woven deeply into the fabric of our Father's plan. These struggles, although difficult, often become our greatest teachers
- No wound is excluded from the comfort of Christ
- In His time, the Savior will heal all wounds.
- Remember, repentance is powerful spiritual medicine
- The peace of the temple is a soothing balm to the wounded soul. Return to the Lord's house with your family names as frequently as possible. The temple projects our brief moment in mortality onto the wide screen of eternity

Hymn -- His Voice as the Sound

"The Cedars of Lebanon", "The waters, the garden of Grace",
 Nice Organ solo part featuring a piercing, and almost a shrill flute sound, but clear and bold.
 "Face of the cherubim ... angels rejoice"
 "...Wait for His Word -- He speaks and eternity filled with His Voice..."
 Harp sound from Organ -- beautiful ending!

Talk: [President Russell M. Nelson](#), President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Correct Name of the Church

Major Themes: The name of the church

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Responses to his announcement have been mixed.
- Why even try to change the name?
- This effort is not a name change, it is not rebranding, it is not cosmetic, it is not a whim, and it is not inconsequential. It is a **CORRECTION**
 - *Pres Nelson has talked about the name of the church in a few other conferences; this is obviously something he's cared about for a long time.*
 - *Something the Lord really want us to focus on*
 - *Wow I did not know that the Lord is offended for nicknames on the church's name*
- To the Nephites: 3 Nephi 27:8 And how be it my church save it be called in my name? For if a church be called in Moses' name then it be Moses' church; or if it be called in the name of a man then it be the church of a man; but if it be called in my name then it is my church, if it so be that they are built upon my gospel.

- The name of the Church is not negotiable
- Removing "Christ" from the name of the church is a major victory for Satan.
 - *And it's interesting to note in the history of the Church, of the various different name changes.*
 - **#MicDrop**
 - *From 1830, to 1840's, there were variations -- I won't go into it because it would take away from this excellent talk (and contention is of the adversary). What's important, is that the Lord, Jesus Christ, is the head of His Church.*
 - *Something else (that I have been thinking about but don't want to also take away from this amazing talk) is the name of the new motab name. It doesn't have the name of the church of Jesus Christ anywhere in it. That is an interesting thought.*
 - *The choir is not the church. They rebranded it earlier in the week to the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square*
 - *But they represent the church*
 - *Yes, and when you visit their website, you will see that they do.*
<https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org>
 - *I believe that the official hashtag is going to be (or already is) #TabChoir, that has replaced the old #MoTab hashtag.*
 - *The church has many similar sub-units, e.g., BYU, Deseret Industries, etc.*
 - *I am wondering what will happen to the site <http://mormon.org>.*
 - *Also "I am a mormon" things out there*
 - *I know I watch a YouTube channel called "3 Mormons"*
 - *I wonder about <https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/> as well*
 - *The church said they'd change everything but it will take a little time.*
 - *I kind of wish it flew off the tongue a little easier*
 - *Amen... I'm fine with the correction and understand why it was made, but I'm lazy. The original announcement did offer 'latter-day saint' as an appropriate way to refer to a member of the church.*
 - *My parents are disagreeing with that statement. So I am now confused*
 - <https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/style-guide>
 - *The fourth bullet point says: "When referring to Church members, the terms "members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" or "Latter-day Saints" are preferred. We ask that the term "Mormons" not be used."*
 - *I agree*
- When we discard the Savior's name, we are subtly disregarding all that Jesus Christ did for us, even His Atonement.
- In the sacrament we promise to take upon us His name.
- If we allow nicknames to be used and adopt or even sponsor those nicknames ourselves, he is offended
- We must clearly acknowledge him as the source of that power.
 - *I defer to Pres Nelson, he speaks with far more people than I do, but I've never had someone think our church worships Mormon.*

- We are not Mormon's disciples. We are the Lord's disciples.
- We should be courteous and patient as we correct those using non supported terms.
- Have we been so afraid to offend someone who called us Mormons that we have failed to defend the Savior Himself, to stand up for Him even in the name by which His Church is called?
- Are you a mormon? If you are asking if I am a member of the church of jesus christ of latter-day saints"
 - Haha
 - Are you mormon?
 - No he died a long time ago, but would you like to read his book?
- If someone asks, 'Are you a Latter-day Saint?' You might respond, 'Yes, I am. I believe in Jesus Christ and am a member of his restored Church'
 - *The official style guide says "Latter-day saint" is an appropriate way to refer to members of the church, but this could still be a good teaching opportunity.*
(<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org/style-guide>)
- The church isn't concerned about SEO. The church is concerned about obeying Heavenly Father's command
- But it is disingenuous for us to be frustrated if most of the world calls the Church and its members by the wrong names, if we do the same
- The work of the Lord is moving into a new phase. Mark this day. We are moving into a new era of revelation and miracles ahead
- For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. D&C 115:4
- I promise that if we will do our best to restore the correct name of the Lord's Church, He who's Church this is will pour down His power and blessings upon the heads of the Latter-day Saints--the likes of which we have never seen
- So, what's in a name? When it comes to the name of the Lord's church, the answer is, 'Everything!' Jesus Christ directed us to call the church by is name because it is his Church, filled with His power
- Responsible media will be sympathetic to our request to the refer to the Church by its proper name
- If this were a discussion about branding a man-made organization, those arguments might prevail. But in this crucial matter, we look to him whose Church this is and acknowledge that the Lord's ways are not, and never will be, man's ways

Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul

- **So pretty!**
- Yes, it is quite nice, again another original that is not a standard hymn from our 1985 hymnbook
 - When they released the 1985 edition they explained many popular hymns were removed because they were difficult for congregations to sing. The hymn book is designed for people with limited singing ability (like me). The choir is much more talented than me.
 - Yes, the key signatures have been lowered from the previous (1949?) brown hymnbook edition-- the classic soprano or melody range has been made more comfortable for mezzo (medium) sopranos and baritones (between tenor and bass).
 - Really looking forward to the next Hymnbook! :)

Benediction: [Donald Hallstrom](#) - General Authority 0070**THOUGHTS:**

- Wow! Simply an amazing Conference, and beyond clumsy English words. I hope that most of us who participated here on GoogleDocs, and at the Conference, felt inspired.
 - I really enjoyed the side discussions that were very good to participate in.
 - And I'm thinking for the last session, I'm going to attend my local Stake Centre to enjoy there.
 - My family used to have a tradition of attending the Sunday morning session at our chapel; unfortunately when we moved to Utah, our building doesn't broadcast conference. It's a lot harder to keep kids focused at home.
 - You could see if you could start it one of these years
 - Good suggestion
 - That's cool -- and other opportunities to share and enjoy also abound! :)

TO-DOs:

- Study section 138 (Ballard)
- Find ways to give service/show love that brings people closer to Christ, sometimes that means brownies (Cordon)
- Do our ministering assignments (Holland)
- Let go of past offenses; repair an old injury (Holland)
- Read the Book of Mormon and know it is true (Bowen)
- Call the Church by the name the Lord decreed. (Nelson)
- Seek to understand what we should do and why we should do (Hallstrom)
 - *This was in the prayer but I liked it.*