



**Sunday Worship Times:**  
8:15 am online on Facebook  
Live  
10:30 am in-person  
service  
School-aged Children Sunday  
School 9:30 am

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## *The Anchor: NCCU News*

**May 2022**

*We exist to proclaim & promote the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation & sanctification of all people.*

May 2022

May. The fifth month of the year. The month that ushers in warmer weather, picnics, BBQs and fun with family and friends. And... paradoxically, spring snow! Yes, spring snow. At least that's the way it was for me in my growing up years.

Now, I wouldn't say it snowed every year in May, but it snowed enough times during the years for it to be considered a usual occurrence. I remember because I was particularly sensitive to snow in May. You see, my birthday occurs in May, and on numerous occasions, the raucous plans of an outdoor party became the more subdued plans of an indoor birthday. Further, I remember the flowering bushes and trees being bent low under the load of the heavy spring snow, sometimes breaking branches and crushing bushes. I never did like that snow, nope, never did. It just seemed like cruel and unusual punishment to an already long winter.

I learned years later however, that the spring snow was not just a cruel and punishing work of ruining trees and shrubs and my birthday party. No, the spring snow actually brought benefit and goodness to the ground upon which it fell. Spring snow, as it turns out, is quite high in nitrogen, and acts as an early fertilizer to all it falls upon. (Nitrogen is the first ingredient in all fertilizers that are applied to lawns in the spring and summer.) After the snow melted into the ground, the grass almost immediately turned green and began growing, as did all of the ground plants. That snow was also good for gardens as the soil was now nitrogen rich and ready to kick start any seed planted into it. Who knew? Such a destructive and unwelcome snow could be uplifting and life-giving?

Isn't it interesting how we tend to view life? We often call good "bad", and call that which is bad "good." My early memories of snow in May are labelled as bad, yet, unknown to me, there was some actual good that the "bad" snow was bringing to the earth around me. It makes me think of Isaiah 55:8-9 where God says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God does not think like we do, nor does He see life like we do. His ways are vast and infinite and wholly good. Our ways are limited and finite, and not always so good. God sees what is best for His whole creation; we see what is best for us, or for a few parts of His creation. We will never be able to fathom the great depths of God's purposes in that which takes place upon our lives. The best we can do is give it a temporal and limited interpretation, which always falls short of God's thoughts and God's ways.

I have come to see and accept that I simply do not know what God knows, and I cannot, therefore, always see the good of who God is and what He is bringing into the situation that I am in. Further, I have come to accept by faith that *God is good, and that God knows what He is doing.*

Isaiah 55:10-11, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

It's good to know that God has a purpose... for everything. Even that birthday party ruining snow.

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael Wedman



# *~The May Extra~*

**What:** Union Vintage Flea and Art Show

**When:** May 27 & 28, 2022

**Where:** New Community Church of Union

**Time:** 10:00 am—4:00 pm

**Join NCCU for the first event of the year. NCCU will once again be cooking & serving food. Help is needed both days in the kitchen for cooking, taking money, and clean up. Sign up in the foyer. Come help with the food prep & sales, or come and buy some vintage things from this event.**

## *Women's Fellowship*

*The first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the conference room behind the office.*

*Note new time*

## *Men's Fellowship*

*The second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am, in the sanctuary.*

*Become a member of NCCU. Membership classes can be found on our website, [thenccu.org](http://thenccu.org).*

## *School aged children's Sunday School*

*9:30—10:30 Sundays*

*Questions? Talk to Ray & Laurie Copelin 503-523-8724.*

## *Fellowship Time*

*Sunday 9:30—10:30 am*

*Come join in fellowship with others before in-person service with others, and have a cup of coffee.*

## *Hands for Christ*

*The second and forth Wednesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm*

*Men & women welcome. Contact Joline Moore 208-746-9230.*

*May 11 & 25*

## *Karaoke Night*

*Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 pm.*

*All ages are welcome.*

*How about a Movement Class? Call Birdi Haus at 206-485-8181 to join the Monday 9:30 am class in the Worship Center.*

*Our Purpose:  
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<p>8</p> <p><b>Mothers Day</b> Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30</p> <p>In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Movement 9:30 am Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood</p> <p>Great Bend Choral 4:30 pm-9:00 pm</p> <p>Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading</p> <p>Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Journey through Acts 10:00 am <b>In person/ Facebook Live</b></p> <p>Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am Men's Fellowship</p> <p>The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
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