

# FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

## Fearfully and Wonderfully Made | Chapel 1

### Hope & A Future

#### **Call to Worship & Prayer:**

We begin our chapel in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

We thank you Heavenly Father, Creator of all things. We come into your house this day praising you for creating each and every one of us. You know everything there is to know about us and your love for us knows no limit. Let us celebrate this great love as we come into your presence, thankful that we have been fearfully and wonderfully made to praise you. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

#### **Opening Song: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Hearts for Jesus Theme Song) by Aaron Rohde**

#### **Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)**

"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

#### **Introduction of Video: (Read by Leader)**

Our world is full of innovations. With the development and use of new technologies, people are constantly creating new ways to solve problems, to learn, to be entertained, and to invent new and amazing things. People have worked for centuries to discover and develop new and improved methods and tools designed to make life better. In recent years the growth of technology has evolved so rapidly that it has created for us a future where the sky's the limit on what we can achieve.

It makes sense that as God's children, created in His image, we would be a people interested in creating new things. Of course, even the greatest of our creations pale in comparison to God's creation of the heavens and the earth, but the spirit of creativity is evident in our lives each day. We give thanks to God for giving us problem solving minds, ingenuity, and a passion for making the world of tomorrow a better place to live.

So what might cities of the future look like? Meet Ethan Dodson, an eighth-grade student from Michigan who has been fearfully and wonderfully made to create.

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When the world speaks about the future it does so with a mix of enthusiasm and fear. We're excited about what new things are coming; what innovations will be next. 100 years ago, there were no televisions, Internet, drones, or virtual reality and an apple was just something you ate with your lunch. Considering how far we've come, there's plenty of reason to be excited about the future.

But with that excitement comes reasons for concern. With new technologies come moral and ethical questions, safety concerns regarding their use, and potential negative impacts the changes will have on our mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. With many new advances in science we see a greater desire to pull away from the God who created us and gives us the ability to invent these new things in the first place. That's the unfortunate twist that sin will place upon our future.

Thankfully it doesn't end there. God is active in His creation and because of His great love for us has put together a plan to save us from our sinful selves. Jesus has paid the price for our sinfulness. His sacrifice makes it possible for us to move forward with certainty in an otherwise uncertain world. God's words in Jeremiah 29:11 clearly promise us a future and hope. A future with our Lord in heaven for eternity. As we look forward to the great things that Ethan and others like him will design, we can hold firm to the hope given to us by the greatest Creator of all-time!

**Offering****Prayer:**

Father, we give You thanks and praise for everything You have given us. You have blessed us with everything we need to live and to serve You. We thank You for our families and friends, our church and our school, our food, clothing, shelter, and those things in life that bring us joy. We are especially thankful today for the gift of technology and innovation. You have given us everything we need to dream, design, and create amazing things to improve our lives. Let us never forget that these marvels are merely a part of your plan and design for the world You have ultimately created. Lead us to use these new and amazing things to serve you better. May we always give thanks to You for the plan You have for our lives and the sure hope that we have in Your Son Jesus, who died and rose to bring us back to You today, tomorrow and into the future for eternity.

(Insert Prayer Request and other individual church/school needs here)

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer and Benediction:**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

**Closing Song Options:**

"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LSB 707)

"Now Thank We All Our God" (AGPS 181)

"Help Me Find It" by The Sidewalk Prophets