

Bow Valley Baptist Church

The Four Stained Glass Windows

Iconography of the Designs

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Window 4



WINDOW FOUR

Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness. Revelation 1:5

Jesus said - "I am Alpha and Omega; I will give unto him that is athirst, of the fountain of the water of life, freely," and "with joy shall you draw out of the wells of salvation." (Revelation 21:6 ; Isaiah 44:3).

These are the waters of life "more abundant," (John 10:10), for whoever believes in Jesus Christ, "from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38). The design seeks to express this message of superabundance through images chosen to represent various undulations and wave patterns produced by the energies in flowing waters.

In the Book of Revelation, John places considerable importance upon 'seven' (as the symbolic description of unity, completeness, perfection), and attention was given to this particular emphasis by including a designed representation of the "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the sevenfold Spirit of God." (Revelation 4:5).

This is the throne of the Omnipotent, Omniscient Lamb of God, seven horned, seven eyed, who is, also, at one and the same time, the Shepherd who will "feed them and lead them to living foundations of water." (Revelation 7: 17).

The twelve golden leaves set in the top right corner of this window refer to, "The leaves of the tree (of life) are for the healing of the nations." (Revelation 22:2). Paradise Lost will be Paradise Regained - and infinitely more.

There is a correspondence between the terrestrial image of the rainbow and its vivid, spiritual counterpart described by the apostle John: "round about the throne was a rainbow, in appearance like an emerald." Here is the double delight of remembering and of recognition. For the central colour of an earthly rainbow - Noah's-Ark-green in the 'Genesis' window – has become God's Covenant-rainbow-green in the 'Revelation' window; promise brought to fulfillment.

To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:6).

"Amen. Hallelujah!" (Revelation 19:4).