

THE MORNING WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude *Ab, Holy Jesus* setting by John Ferguson
Marie Hasse, organ

***Call to Worship** Rev. Chad Reynolds

***Hymn No. 62** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

***Invocation**

***The Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts” – text from Hymnal No. 632)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD REVEALED

Scripture Reading Joshua 22:1-34 (ESV)

¹At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ²and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. ³You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God. ⁴ And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them. Therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. ⁵ Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." ⁶So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

⁷Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brothers in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them, ⁸he said to them, "Go back to your tents with much wealth and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing.

Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers." ⁹So the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had possessed themselves by command of the LORD through Moses.

¹⁰And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size. ¹¹And the people of Israel heard it said, "Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel." ¹²And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them.

¹³Then the people of Israel sent to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ¹⁴and with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel, every one of them the head of a family among the clans of Israel. ¹⁵And they came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them, ¹⁶"Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this breach of faith that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning away this day from following the LORD by building yourselves an altar this day in rebellion against the LORD?' ¹⁷Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor from which even yet we have not cleansed ourselves, and for which there came a plague upon the congregation of the LORD, ¹⁸that you too must turn away this day from following the LORD? And if you too rebel against the LORD today then tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹But now, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over into the LORD’s land where the LORD’s tabernacle stands, and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD or make us as rebels by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the LORD our God. ²⁰ Did not Achan the son of Zerah break faith in the matter of the devoted things, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone for his iniquity.'"

²¹Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel, ²²"The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the LORD, do not spare us today ²³for building an altar to turn away from following the LORD. Or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings or peace offerings on it, may the LORD himself take vengeance. ²⁴No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, 'What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?' ²⁵For the LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in the LORD.' So your children might make our children cease to worship the LORD. ²⁶Therefore we said, 'Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, ²⁷but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the LORD in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings, so your children will not say to our children in time to come, "You have no portion in the LORD.'" ²⁸And we thought, If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, 'Behold, the copy of the altar of the

LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.' ²⁹Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away this day from following the LORD by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before his tabernacle!"

³⁰When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh spoke, it was good in their eyes. ³¹And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh, "Today we know that the LORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this breach of faith against the LORD. Now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the LORD."

³²Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the people of Reuben and the people of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them. ³³And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and the people of Gad were settled. ³⁴The people of Reuben and the people of Gad called the altar Witness, "For," they said, "it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

Anthem *O Divine Redeemer* Charles Gounod
Jenny Heidtman, Mezzo-Soprano

THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer

***Lenten Hymn No. 221** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE
(11:00) *Children through 2nd grade are now dismissed to attend Children’s Church*

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering (8:30) *How Majestic is Your Name* Michael W. Smith
Setting by Phillip Keveren/ Marie Hasse, piano

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name: Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

(11:00) *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fetteke
Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. What is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea. But what is man, Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia.

(Please sign and date the Friendship Pad and pass back to the center aisle.)

*Doxology (No. 808)

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon The Conquest Paradox: The Altar of Witness
Rev. Chad Reynolds

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No.578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

Postlude *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* setting by Mark Hayes
from The Sacred Harp, 1844/ Marie Hasse, organ

**Congregation please stand*

SPECIAL INVITATION: Anyone who has come this morning in need of special prayer or spiritual counsel, we invite you to meet with prayer partners immediately after the worship services. Prayer partners will be waiting in the front of the Sanctuary beneath the high pulpit.

WELCOME VISITORS: We trust you will find your time with us enriching. If you would like to know more about our church or talk with one of the pastors, please fill out a visitor's card and give it to one of the pastors at the door following this morning's service. Please visit our Information Desk in the Church Parlor for information on our Church's activities, Sunday School classes, etc.

Announcements

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by the flower fund.

† *We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy and supportive prayers to the family and friends of Murphy Goff, father of Ken Goff, who passed away on March 2, 2010.*

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS: Please pray for the ministry of Erskine College and seminary. Pray that Christ would be glorified by these, our denomination's institutions of higher education. Pray particularly for the faculty, administration, and board; that God would gift them for the work to which he has called them.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR MARCH ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrew 4:14-16

THIS WEDNESDAY'S WHO-U PICKUP: 7th grade

Next week's sermon: will be from Joshua 23:1-16.

Join us this evening in the Chapel at 7:00 pm for **First Sunday Communion and Prayer.**

EKKLESIA dinner for Wednesday, March 10th, is Ham, baked beans, steamed cabbage, rolls and salad bar. The Ekklesia meals and the salad bar will each cost \$3

per person if you sign up before 10:00 am on Wednesday by either calling the church office or signing up on the Friendship Pad during Sunday services. (Example: HM2 = Hot Meal 2 people, SB1 = Salad Bar 1 person). Families are \$12 maximum (\$14 if you sign up after 10:00 on Wednesday). Pizza is \$1 per slice while supplies last.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Shepherding Groups #3 & #13 (Fellowship Hall) Today at 12:30 pm; **Shepherding Group #5** (Oliszewski Home) today at 1:00 pm; **EOC Meeting** (FLC Game Room) Monday at 6:30 pm; **Christian Education Meeting** (Seminar Room) Tuesday at 7:00 pm; **Communications Meeting** (Classroom A & B) Wednesday at 5:00 pm; **Stewardship & Finance Meeting** (Seminar Room) Thursday at 12:00 noon; **Steering Committee Wrap-Up Meeting/First Fruits Offering Preparation** (Thursday) at 7:00 pm.

CIRCLE & K-GROUP MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Deborah Circle (Home of Carol Bourdette) Tuesday at 9:30 am; **Esther Circle** (Home of Keri Hunt) Wednesday at 8:45 am; **Elizabeth Circle** (Library) Wednesday at 10:00 am; **Mary Martha Circle** (Home of Carol Grimes) Thursday at 7:00 pm; **Hannah Circle** (Library) Sunday, March 14th at 3:00 pm.

Kit Taylor will be celebrating her 105th birthday Wednesday, March 10th.

The **Bach Festival** of Central Florida will present a concert, The Joy of Bach, celebrating their 35th Anniversary Year on Sunday, March 14th at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the 15-voice semi-professional choir and orchestra as they present Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, the Bach Cantata No. 147 which features the famous "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" chorale and the five movement "Coronation Anthem by George Frederic Handel. Young pianist Robert Fleitz, a student of the Julliard Preparatory School will perform three Preludes and Fugues by Bach. Dr. Gabe Statom is returning from Memphis to rehearse and conduct the chorus and orchestra.

The Stewardship and Finance committee is grateful to report that for the 2009 year, the church was able to fully fund its ministries as planned through the generosity and commitment of its congregational body. This is truly a testament to God's will, given the current uncertainty of economic conditions. We Thank You for your continued support of the church and its ministries. "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

For the Year 2009
Contributions 1,003,822.20
Expenditures 1,011,367.19
Net (7,544.99)

THIS MORNING'S GREETERS & USHERS:

Greeters: 8:30 Donald & Linda Tibbetts, Mary Youmans
11:00 Joan Busbee, Albie & Ann Stuart
Ushers: 8:30 Mike Baccus, Ron Campbell
11:00 Lorin Bice, Frank Coyne, Rick Cunningham, Jimmy Seay



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THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of March
Two Thousand Ten

*To all who are weary and need rest;
to all who are lonely and want fellowship;
to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
and to whosoever will come –
this church opens wide the door and says in the
name of the Lord Jesus, "Welcome."*