

THE MORNING WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent

"Only when we see the barriers Yahweh smashes in order to fulfill his word, only when we see his promise trampling all apparent obstacles put in its way, only then will we appreciate how tenacious our God's fidelity is to his promise and his people."

- Dale Ralph Davis

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Pat Nepute, Handbells / Marie Hasse, Piano

V. Gumma

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

Rev. Chad Reynolds

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn No. 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Invocation

Matthew J. Joldersma

*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 21:1-45 (ESV)

¹Then the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel. ²And they said to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, "The LORD commanded through Moses that we be given cities to dwell in, along with their pasturelands for our livestock." ³So by command of the LORD the people of Israel gave to the Levites the following cities and pasturelands out of their inheritance.

⁴The lot came out for the clans of the Kohathites. So those Levites who were descendants of Aaron the priest received by lot from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin, thirteen cities.

⁵And the rest of the Kohathites received by lot from the clans of the tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

⁶The Gershonites received by lot from the clans of the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

⁷The Merarites according to their clans received from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

⁸These cities and their pasturelands the people of Israel gave by lot to the Levites, as the LORD had commanded through Moses.

⁹Out of the tribe of the people of Judah and the tribe of the people of Simeon they gave the following cities mentioned by name, ¹⁰which went to the descendants of Aaron, one of the clans of the Kohathites who belonged to the people of Levi; since the lot fell to them first. ¹¹They gave them Kiriath-arba (Arba being the father of Anak), that is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, along with the pasturelands around it. ¹²But the fields of the city and its villages had been given to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

¹³And to the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasturelands, Libnah with its pasturelands, ¹⁴Jattir with its pasturelands, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands, ¹⁵Holon with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands, ¹⁶Ain with its pasturelands, Juttah with its pasturelands, Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands—nine cities out of these two tribes; ¹⁷then out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasturelands, Geba with its pasturelands, ¹⁸Anathoth with its pasturelands, and Almon with its pasturelands—four cities. ¹⁹The cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were in all thirteen cities with their pasturelands.

²⁰As to the rest of the Kohathites belonging to the Kohathite clans of the Levites, the cities allotted to them were out of the tribe of Ephraim. ²¹To them were given Shechem, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasturelands, ²²Kibzaim with its pasturelands, Beth-horon with its pasturelands—four cities; ²³and out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasturelands, Gibbethon with its pasturelands, ²⁴Aijalon with its pasturelands, Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands—four cities; ²⁵and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasturelands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands—two cities. ²⁶The cities of the clans of the rest of the Kohathites were ten in all with their pasturelands.

²⁷And to the Gershonites, one of the clans of the Levites, were given out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beeshterah with its pasturelands—two cities; ²⁸and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands, ²⁹Jarmuth with its pasturelands, En-gannim with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁰and out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands, ³¹Helkath with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands—four cities; ³²and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Hammoth-dor with its pasturelands, and Kartan with its pasturelands—three cities. ³³The cities of the several clans of the Gershonites were in all thirteen cities with their pasturelands.

³⁴And to the rest of the Levites, the Merarite clans, were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasturelands, Kartah with its pasturelands, ³⁵Dimnah with its pasturelands, Nahalal with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁶and out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its pasturelands, Jahaz with its pasturelands, ³⁷Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands—four cities; ³⁸and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Mahanaim with its pasturelands, ³⁹Heshbon with its pasturelands, Jazer with its pasturelands—four cities in all. ⁴⁰As for the cities of the several Merarite clans, that is, the remainder of the clans of the Levites, those allotted to them were in all twelve cities.

⁴¹The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands. ⁴²These cities each had its pasturelands around it. So it was with all these cities.

⁴³Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. ⁴⁴And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. ⁴⁵Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Anthem

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil, Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance, Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer

*Lenten Hymn No. 231

Ab, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

(11:00) Children through 2nd grade are now dismissed to attend Children's Church

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Chancel Handbells

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

*Doxology (No. 808)

OLD HUNDREDT

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 Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon The Conquest Paradox: God With Us
Rev. Chad Reynolds

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 543 *Christ Beside Me* BUNESSAN

*Benediction

Postlude *Christ Beside Me* setting by Malcolm Archer
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 lectern.

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 in loving memory of Dee Harrell by her family.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS: Please be in prayer for the work of World Vision and other Christian agencies who are proclaiming the Gospel in the face of famine, medical crises, and injustice the world over by offering a piece of bread and a cup of water to the least of these. The youth of our church, together with other

students in Lake Wales, will be fasting on March 12-13 for thirty hours in an effort to raise funds to support the ministries of World Vision. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to support this ministry.

THIS WEDNESDAY'S WHO-U PICKUP: 8th grade

Next week's sermon: will be from Joshua 22:1-34.

EKKLESIA dinner for Wednesday, March 3rd, is a Southern Buffet. **THERE WILL BE NO 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: Youth Council (FLC/Game Room) Tuesday at 7:00 pm; **WOC Executive Board Mtg.** (Lecture Hall A) Wednesday at 5:00 pm; **Nominating Committee Mtg.** (Library) Wednesday at 5:15 pm; **Diligent Mtg.** (Kitchen) Thursday at 12:00 pm; **Missions Mtg.** (Library) Thursday at 5:30 pm.

CIRCLE & K-GROUP MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Ruth Circle will meet Thursday at 6:30 at the home of Laney Reynolds; Deborah Circle will meet March 9th at 9:30 at the home of Carol Bourdette; K-1 Adult Study group will meet this evening at 7:00 pm at the home of Bob and Ellen Harmeling (676-7571). The group will discuss Chapter One, a & b (Alexander the Great and George Washington) of Os Guinness's When No One Sees. All are welcome.

THE LOVE OFFERINGS from the Mission Festival will be sent to the visiting missionaries on Friday. If you did not have a chance to participate in these offerings and would like to show appreciation to them, you can get an envelope from the pews, identify it as "Love Offering to the Missionaries" or drop off a check at the church office this week.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING immediately following the 11:00 o'clock morning worship service in the FLC Fellowship Hall.

CONCERT SERIES today at 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary will be the fifth in a series of concerts. Our guest for this concert is Kevin Orr. Mr. Orr is the current Associate Professor at the University of Florida, School of Music. Mr. Orr maintains an active performance schedule throughout the United States and abroad.

First Sunday Communion and Prayer service is Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

If you are interested in donating **flowers for Sunday mornings** in the Sanctuary please contact Nancy Hunt at 676-2449.

THIS MORNING'S GREETERS & USHERS:

Greeters: 8:30 Gene & Willa Campbell, LaDonna & John Matteson
11:00 John & Charlee DuBois, Duncan & Nancy MacCallum
Ushers: 8:30 Bob Armington, Pat Frankenburger
11:00 Dick Bailey, Bill Bryan, Bob Hulen, Tom Kohl



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ASSOCIATE REFORMED SYNOD



THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-eighth Day of February
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."*