

Scripture Reading

I Kings 19:4-13

While he himself went a day's journey into the desert, he came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said.

"Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

**Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.
All at once an angel touched him and said,
"Get up and eat."**

He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Sermon Resources

An arresting phrase in Psalm 40:6 serves admirably as a metaphor for *lectio divina*: *'azanayim karitha li*, literally, "ears thou hast dug for me." Translators routinely but timidly paraphrased: "thou hast given me an open ear." (RSV); "my ears you have pierced" (NIV); "mine ears thou hast opened" (KJV). But the Psalms' poet was bold to imagine God swinging a pickax, digging ears in our granite blockheads so that we can hear, really hear, what he speaks to us.

The primary organ for receiving God's revelation is not the eye that sees but the ear that hears—which means that all of our reading of Scripture must develop into a hearing of the word of God.

Print technology—a wonderful thing, in itself—has put millions and millions of Bibles in our hands, but unless these Bibles are embedded in the context of a personally speaking God and a prayerfully listening community, we who handle these Bibles are at special risk. If we reduce the Bible to a tool to be used, the tool builds up calluses on our hearts.

Reading may seem to be the first thing, but it's not. Reading is always preceded by hearing and speaking. Language is essentially oral. We learn our language not from a book, not from a person writing words, but from a person speaking them. The written word has the potential to resurrect the speaking voice and listening ear, but it does not insist upon it. The word can just sit there on the page and be analyzed or admired or ignored. Just because we have read it doesn't mean we have heard it.

—*Eat This Book* by Eugene H. Peterson

City Church Announcements

Lost and found. Lost and found boxes of items will be in the Narthex for the next two weeks. Please check the boxes for your lost items. After two weeks, remaining items will be donated to the thrift store.

New Sabbath School. Today a new Sabbath School class will begin: *Prassó*, Greek for "practice." What does it mean to be a Christian in the 21st Century? What does it mean to live by grace? Join us as we take some time to slow down, to meditate on these things and to discuss together how to put them into practice. We will use Kathleen Norris' book *Amazing Grace* as the starting point for our reflections and conversations. All are welcome.

Family Sabbath Pictures. For Family Sabbath, February 10, we would like to show pictures of the beautiful places you have been. Don't be shy to bring in pictures with you in them! Please turn them into the church office by Tuesday, February 6. All pictures will be returned. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Denise.

Veggie Tales. Following Family Sabbath service and Children's Choir practice, we invite you to a luncheon in the Youth Center. We will watch the new Veggie Tales movie, "Moe and the Big Exit," featuring Larry the Cucumber in a western-themed film.

Renovation. As you may have noticed, renovation of the front of the sanctuary is in progress. The organ is being built for us in Tennessee, and will not be in service for several more weeks. We will take this opportunity to enjoy other musical selections, as we anticipate the inauguration of our new organ on Easter Sabbath.

Organ Concert. There will be a performance by Kemp Smeal at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow, Long Beach on February 18, 4:00 p.m. For more information visit www.stgregoryschurch.com

Benefit Concert in Loma Linda. *Women of Spirit* Magazine will host a Women of Spirit Day for the entire family at Campus Hill Church, Loma Linda, Sabbath, April 21. Seminars by Carla Gober and Bobbie Alley Clement followed by an evening concert featuring *Called IV*, DeAnne Knipschild, and more. Child care will be available during the seminars. For more information about the event visit www.WomenofSpirit.com or Carole Derry-Bretsch at 909-797-8659 or carole.wos@hotmail.com

Upcoming Sermons

February 10	Family Sabbath	Denise Kasischke
February 17	"Words Get in the Way"	Mitchell Henson

Sunset tonight – 5:24 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 5:30 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Second Movement– Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13" Dr. Charles Witt, piano	<i>Beethoven</i>
Morning Hymn	"Dear Lord and Father"	No. 480
Entering of the Light	Kristoffer & Kristina Wahagheghe	
Call to Worship	Mitchell Henson	
	By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made The starry hosts were formed by his mouth Continue your creation in us today, Oh God, as we worship.	
Gifts of the Congregation	Michael Quishenberry	
Anthem	"Lord We Come To Praise" Sanctuary Sunshine Singers	<i>H. Hopson</i>
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering		Dr. Robert Marsh
Offertory	Medley of Hymns	Dr. Charles Witt
Children's Sermon	Cherise Gardner	
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation	Mitchell Henson	
Prayer Response	<i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i> <i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i> <i>Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!</i> <i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i>	
Anthem	"An den Frühling, Op. 43, No. 6" Dr. Charles Witt, piano	<i>Edvard Grieg</i>
Scripture	I Kings 19:4-8; 9-13	Rachel Pereyra
Sermon	"Yadda Yadda Yadda"	Mitchell Henson
Blessing and Sending		
Choral Benediction	"Lead Me, Lord"	<i>S. Wesley</i>
Postlude	"Étude, Op. 25, No. 9" Dr. Charles Witt, piano	<i>F. Chopin</i>

Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Open Door	19-99 yrs	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
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Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

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Who is my neighbor?

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Seventh-day
Adventist Church

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