

Scripture Reading

Joshua 22:10-16, 32-34

When they came to Geliloth near the Jordan in the land of Canaan, the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an imposing altar there by the Jordan. And when the Israelites heard that they had built the altar on the border of Canaan at Geliloth near the Jordan on the Israelite side, the whole assembly of Israel gathered at Shiloh to go to war against them. So the Israelites sent Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, to the land of Gilead—to Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh. With him they sent ten of the chief men, one for each of the tribes of Israel, each the head of a family division among the Israelite clans. When they went to Gilead—to Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh—they said to them: "The whole assembly of the LORD says: 'How could you break faith with the God of Israel like this? How could you turn away from the LORD and build yourselves an altar in rebellion against him now? Then Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, and the leaders returned to Canaan from their meeting with the Reubenites and Gadites in Gilead and reported to the Israelites. They were glad to hear the report and praised God. And they talked no more about going to war against them to devastate the country where the Reubenites and the Gadites lived. And the Reubenites and the Gadites gave the altar this name: A Witness Between Us that the LORD is God.

Malachi 2:10

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our fathers by breaking faith with one another?

1 Corinthians 1:10;4:5

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

Romans 14:11-12

It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' " So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Luke 6:37; 9:46-50

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest." "Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

Sermon Resources

Just as the Vietnam War enlarged our understanding of Asian issues, the Iraq war is currently informing us of the names, places, and issues of the Middle East of ancient Bible times. The Islamic sectarian strife between the Taliban, the Kurds, the Sunnis, and the Shiites can be, in my view, a signal for us to control our political, ecclesiastical, and denominational passions. For it has been said, "those who fail to learn from history are destined to repeat it." It is always easier to see the flaws in others while failing to see them in ourselves. Anger, like a cancer, can evolve into interpersonal, interdenominational schism and strife. The United States is only 150 years from our Civil War and still striving for Civil Rights.

The California Governor's remarks at a Governor's conference is an introductory resource to our sermon today, from the Associated Press, *February 27, 2007*:

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger accused Washington leaders Monday of divisiveness and partisanship, chiding them to learn the lessons of California and start to cooperate.

"Politics is about compromise. It is about give-and-take. Doesn't anyone here in Washington remember that chapter from their civics book?" the Republican governor said in a speech to the National Press Club.

"You can't catch a socially transmitted disease by sitting down with people who hold ideas different from yours," said Schwarzenegger, a moderate who has frequently split from his party.

He had advice for both national parties, too: Democrats should "stop running down the president" and Republicans should "stop questioning the motives of the Democrats on the war."

"What is the point of stirring up bitterness over nonbinding resolutions? What is the point of each side preventing the other side from conducting a vote?" he asked in his speech.

"The point is, of course, political advantage, because it's definitely not to the public's advantage."

Peace comes to our hearts, homes, churches, and nation when we let GOD be JUDGE and realize that we are called to no longer be GOD'S JURY or EXECUTIONER, but DISCIPLES of peace. In the last words of scripture say it best: "May the GRACE [not *the wrath*, my emphasis] of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." This is stifling sectarian strife the Jesus' way!

– Elder Herman Kibble

City Church Announcements

Flowers. Today's flowers are given as a prayer offering for Pastor Mitch's speedy recovery from his Church Family. Praise be to God!

Prassô. What does it mean to be Christian in the 21st Century? Join us as we take time to slow down, to meditate on this and discuss how we practice being Christian. Kathleen Norris' book *Amazing Grace* is the starting point for our reflections and conversations. All are welcome.

Anchor Points. We meet today at 9:30 in Room 10, and will be discussing some key teachings and doctrines of the Church. All are welcome!

Passing. Longtime member Lillian Reid passed away on March 2. A celebration of her life will be held in the Loma Linda University Church Chapel on Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lillian's name to: LLBN Drawer A, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Sunshine Singer Sign-ups TODAY! Sunshine Singers welcomes singers ages 4–6. Sign up today in Sunshine Singer's room.

Stories from the Pew. Sabbath, March 31, is "Stories from the Pew" and we are asking for your participation. Write or edit a spiritual story of your choice and submit it by March 14 to be included for this special worship service. For more information, call the Church Office at 818/244-7241.

March 24 Luncheon. There will be a luncheon at the Fanselau home following the church service on March 24 in honor of our speaker, Chaplain Black. Space is limited. This is open to any church member. To RSVP call the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Last RSVP March 15. No voice mail RSVPs will be accepted. 818/244-7241.

Listening Committee. Our church leadership would like to hear your ideas on a number of issues, including the Chapel. On Sabbath March 17 and 31, the special listening committee will be in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11 o'clock service to hear from you. A light boxed lunch will be provided to those who attend. Each session will last no longer than two hours. Please pick one of these two dates to come and share your thoughts and ideas with us. *In addition to these two general sessions, there will be additional meetings scheduled with other groups within the church, e.g. the young adults, the choirs, etc. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.*

Time Change. Remember to set your clocks forward an hour tomorrow!

Easter Packets. These are available in the Narthex after the worship service. We ask for a \$2.00 donation per packet. The packets are designed for infants to junior high students and are great for parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to use with children during the Lent and Easter season.

Adventist Marathon Clinic. This program accommodates individuals at any level of fitness. The new training begins on Sunday, March 11, at 7:00 a.m. in the Verdugo Park parking lot. See flyer in Narthex.

Upcoming Sermons

March 17	"Talking to the Dead"	Denise Kasischke
March 24		Dr. Barry C. Black, 67th Chaplain of United States Senate
March 31	"Stories from the Pew"	Staff

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Sonata, Opus 27, No.2 - Allegretto"	<i>Beethoven</i>
Morning Hymn	"Christ is the World's Light"	No. 234
Entering of the Light	Jamie & Kiera Quishenberry	
Call to Worship	Herman Kibble	
	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	"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"	<i>arr. M. Vree</i>
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering	Don Greathouse	
Offertory	"If with All Your Hearts"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
	from " <i>Elijah</i> " Daniel Chaney, solo	
Children's Sermon	Denise Kasischke	
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	"O Jesus, I Have Promised"	<i>H. Helvey</i>
Scripture	Jason Schlatter	
Meditational Hymn	"Dear Lord and Father"	No. 481
Sermon	"Stifling Sectarian Strife" (The Jesus' Way)	Herman Kibble
Responsive Hymn	"Wonderful Peace"	No. 466
Postlude	"When Peace Like A River"	<i>arr. K. Smeal</i>

Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
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
Prassó	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	
Anchor Points	General	Room 10	Leif Lind

Worship Options

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

Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
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/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

Officers

Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
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Guest Sanctuary Choir Director	John St. Marie
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
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Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Sunset tonight – 5:55 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 6:01 p.m.

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