

Reading from the Psalm (Psalm 145:1-13) **Deanna Dedeke**

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

ALL: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

ALL: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

One: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

ALL: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

ALL: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

One: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Testimony **Fran Blake**

Anthem **Sanctuary Choir**

Lord, Here Am I
John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; Willing to follow if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Living or dying. I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity and bring me again to the right.

Offertory Prayer **Robert Anderson**

Meditation **Brent Johnson**

***Hymn** **#225**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

During the last stanza, children are invited to join Rev. Stinnett at the front of the sanctuary to be dismissed to children's church.

Scripture Reading (Isaiah 6:1-13) **Rick Lay**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the House filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message **Dr. Greg Hunt**

God Has Questions for Us: “Who Will Go for Us?”

***Hymn of Response** **#488**

Just As I Am

***Benediction** **Dr. Terrell Carter**

Postlude **Brent Johnson**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE AND SERVE

TODAY, MARCH 23, 2014
NOON Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014
NOON Staff Meeting, Room 2
4:00 pm TBC Tutoring, Rooms 401, 403

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
9:00 am WMS Mission Projects, Room 2

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014
9:00 am Friendship International, Various
4:00 pm TBC Tutoring, Rooms 401, 403
4:30 pm Library Open
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Adults \$5.50, Kids \$3.50), Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome! Please help us plan by calling the church office (314) 533-7340) to make a dinner reservation.

Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Mixed Greens, Cornbread, Dessert
6:00 pm Upward Basketball Practice, Johnson Hall/Gym
6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do, Room 402
7:00 pm WMS Mission Projects, Room 2
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014
12:30 pm Friday Pipes, Sanctuary
1:30 pm Area V Board Meeting, Room 2

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014
12:00 pm Upward Celebration, Johnson Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014
9:00 am Coffee and doughnuts, Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Adult Lenten Study Class -Dr. Hunt teaching, Fellowship Hall
Blackbird Singing in the Dead of Night
10:40 am Worship
God Has Questions for Us: *Do You Want to Be Well?*
NOON Coffee Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

LOOKING AHEAD
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014
1:30 pm Area V Board Meeting, Room 2

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014
NOON Upward Celebration, Johnson Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014
NOON Luncheon and Interim Time Table Talk, Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR HOSPITALS

None reported.

MARCH 30: LUNCHEON AND INTERIM TIME TABLE TALK

The Transition Team is planning a congregational meeting and conversation for Sunday, March 30 immediately following worship. Following lunch, provided by the church, we will be invited to dialogue about our recent past, celebrating the good things, grieving our losses, and letting go of things we need to let go of. The goal is that all of us will leave the conversation with a renewed energy and vision for the future of the church. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please contact the church office to make a reservation. Additionally, childcare is available for families with young children. Please contact Maria to make a reservation for childcare.

FRIDAY PIPES, MARCH 28

Third Baptist's weekly organ recital series continues this week with organist Barbara Harbach. Dr. Harbach is the Curators' Professor of Music at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Organist and Minister of Music at Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dr. Harbach is known around the world as a composer, recording artist and organist. She founded *Vivace Press*, a music publishing company specializing in works by women and other traditionally under-represented composers, the journal *Women of Note Quarterly*, and in 2004, Harbach founded Women in the Arts-St. Louis, devoted to creating more opportunities for audiences to see and hear women composers and other artists, as well as encouraging education and recognition of women artists. Come hear Dr. Harbach perform on the restored pipe organ this Friday at 12:30pm.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

There is no greater fun than to sing and when you get to sing with the folks in our Sanctuary Choir your joy is doubled (at least). Another blessing is seeing all the beautiful faces of our congregation. How can you resist such an offer?!! Also, we have been discussing signing bonuses for all new members. Those bonuses have not yet been defined but surely they will be highly desirable! The choir rehearses on Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 pm in the Choir Room, next to Room 2. Please come join us!!

PASTELS AND POLKA DOTS TEA

Tickets for the annual Pastels and Polka Dots Tea will be on sale today following worship. The tea will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 PM in Johnson Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person. *Don't forget to bring your tea cup and its story.*

Welcome to our Guests

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to complete a welcome card located in the back of the pew and make that your contribution to our morning offering. We would be honored to care for your children during the worship service. Childcare is available for infants through age 3 on the first floor; children ages 4 - 6 are cared for in Room 100A. May you receive a blessing as we study and worship together!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH?

Near the end of worship, the pastor will invite any who wish to become members to the front of the sanctuary. Following this response, you will be introduced to one of our deacons, who will guide you in the first weeks of church membership and beyond.

If you are presently a member of another church:

- If it is another Baptist church, we will write to ask them to transfer your membership record to Third. *It's that simple.*
- If it is a church of another Christian denomination, we will inform them that you are now a member of this church. You will *not* be asked to be re-baptized here in order to join Third.
- If you cannot remember or locate your previous church, we will accept you upon your own statement of Christian faith and previous baptism.

If you have not been a church member anywhere before, or if you seek to follow Jesus but have not been baptized, we invite you to be baptized as a believer by immersion as a testimony of your decision to be a Christian. The pastor will set a date with you for your baptism.

We provide Covenant Classes for new members and interested friends. We ask that you attend one of these sessions either prior to or soon after joining the church. This class will help you to better understand our faith and how Third Baptist Church conducts its ministries.

Our Mission

Third Baptist Church is a caring congregation of believers who have accepted by faith the saving power of Jesus Christ, and who are committed to the advancement of God's Kingdom. Our purpose is to worship God and to share Jesus Christ, ministering in love to the spiritual and physical needs of all people.

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Welcome to THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

In the city for good!

MARCH 23, 2014
10:40 AM



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

Announcements

Dr. Greg Hunt

Passing of the Peace

*Doxology

#815

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prelude

Brent Johnson

Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices and set aside other matters as we prepare to worship.

Invocation

Rev. Maria Stinnett

*Hymn

#33

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise