

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

February 14, 2010

Transfiguration
astounding glory

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary *Meditation on 'O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair'* arr: Richard Webster

Greeting and Call to Worship

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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We come into this ordinary place expecting the extraordinary:

**community in the hands and hearts of common people,
and spirits lifted in the words and music of weekly worship.**

A way is made through the wilderness of our souls;

**valleys lifted and mountains brought low,
for Spirit to come alive within us again.**

A voice assures us, "You are my beloved ones."

**and we are called to be Christ community,
proclaiming that now is the time of God's favor.**

Let us worship in the glory of God.

+ Hymn 62

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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+ Confession

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Holy God,

**Hearing today of Jesus' transfiguration,
we become aware that we ourselves need to be changed.**

Sin stains our lives, and soils our hearts.

We are seemingly incapable of doing good and the truth is often far from us.

Cleanse us with your love.

Wipe away our transgressions.

Purify us so that we might begin again to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ Assurance

Shine out as people of the Spirit.

Shine out and reflect the love of Christ.

Shine out and be love in this world.

Thanks be to God.

+ The Peace

John Hewett

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, Amen.

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a prayer with Dr. Hewett

Anthem

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

setting by D. & J. Perry

The Children’s Choir and the Congregation

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

– Christian Henry Bateman, 19th century

Proclaim God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination – *“Shine on Us”*

by Michael W. Smith

sung by Sarah Poindexter

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us,
That we may be saved; that we, may have life
To find our way in the darkest night –
Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us,
That we may be saved; that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night –
Let your love come over us.

First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

John Hewett

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Mountain of the Lord”

by Eugene Butler

The Chancel Choir

In the last days it shall come to pass that the house of the Lord shall be established
In the top of the mountain and be exalted above the earth!
And many nations shall come and say:
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.
And he will teach us of his ways. We will walk in his paths.
For the law shall go forth of Zion! And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And he will judge the peoples and decide concerning strong nations.
And they shall beat swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore.
For the Lord of hosts has spoken it from the top of the mountain!
And all the world shall live in peace and not be afraid.

– from Micah 4

Second Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Lauren Lowery

The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*“Who Are You, Really?”
“You Are God’s Glory”*

John Hewett

Give Thanks to God.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 51

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

HYFRYDOL

stanzas one and two

First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and our minister will receive you. *You are welcome here.*

+ Offertory Prayer

Babs Simpson

All loose change received in February will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Union County, a local food bank agency that provides groceries for families in need. Please give as you are able.

Piano Offertory

Prayers of the People

John Hewett

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

*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.*

Go In God’s Name

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

We have been talking with God; what a privilege!

We have glimpsed eternity; what a joy!

How awesome to worship at the footstool of God!

The veil has been lifted, but the mystery remains.

In the presence of God’s glory, we are made new.

We have a ministry, by the grace of God.

We have found within us the dwelling place of God,

Our faces and our manner declare God’s glory.

+ Hymn

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*God, your will is still creating, calling us to life made new,
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare to do.
Keep us clear of all distortion, fashion us with loving care,
Thus new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

– Jane Parker Huber, 20th century

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude *“Improvisation on ‘All Creatures of Our God and King’”*

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

John H. Hewett, Senior Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

Kenneth C. Murray, Music Director

The Chancel Choir

The Children's Choir

Peggy Nash, Children's Choir Accompanist

Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern

Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern

Babs Simpson, Deacon

Lauren Lowery, Reader

Senior Minister Search Committee

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