

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 6, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

The Community Gathers before God

Gathering Song

setting by Valeria Foster

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Did ever you see the like before? King Jesus preaching to the poor.

Oh, wasn't that a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away.

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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Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

+ Hymn 26

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

+ Invocation

Paul Sims

+ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Psalm 146 – *“Improvisation on Old 113th”*

by Timothy Belflowers

please read silently as the organ “sings” the psalm

*Happy are those whose hopes rely on God the Lord, who made the sky,
And earth, the sea, the night and day;
God’s truth forever stands secure, God keeps God’s promise to the poor,
And none who seeks is turned away.*

*The Lord gives eyesight to the blind and calms and heals the troubled mind;
God sends the wounded conscience peace;
God helps the stranger in distress, the widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner glad release.*

– Isaac Watts, 18th century

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 35:3-10

Jimmy Taylor

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Sing Praise to the Lord”

setting by Robert Hobby

The Summer Choir

*Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height;
Rejoice in God’s word, you angels of light;
O heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise upon earth,
In tuneful accord, all you of new birth;
O praise him who brought you his grace from above;
O praise him who taught you to sing of his love.*

*Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory tell out in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what God has done.*

*Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To God be outpoured all ages along:
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!*

– Henry Baker, 19th century

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 7:24-37

John Hewett
Sara Spahr Stubbs

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response

AZMON

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

***Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.***

*He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

***Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.***

– Charles Wesley, 18th century

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

+ Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Loving God, we admit that we often think we are better than others and therefore treat people very badly. We look down on and tease people whose clothes look strange to us. We feel sorry for and ignore people who live in houses that are shabbier than ours. We boast about our grades in front of those whose grades are worse, and we describe our accomplishments in detail to people whom we know could not do what we have done. We are even willing to make others look worse than they are, so that we can look better than we are.

Forgive us.

Teach us to accept one another as we are and to treat all people as brothers and sisters in your family.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who made friends with and taught and healed all who came to him. Amen.

+ Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+ Hymn

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

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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

Dot Taylor

All loose change received in September will benefit the Literacy Council, a local agency whose mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals by teaching them to read, write, speak and understand the English language. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

by Marty Haugen

please see page 8

Mission Focus – The Literacy Council of Union County

Linda Moyer

Prayers of the People

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.*

The Community Departs for Ministry

+ Commission

David Mosely

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy; pray for the kingdom of peace;
Work for the kingdom of justice; hope for the city of God!*

– Marty Haugen, 20th century

+ Hymn 596

“We’re Marching to Zion”

MARCHING TO ZION

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D”

by David N. Johnson

+ 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

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

David Mosely, Ministry Intern

The Choral Scholars

Dot Taylor, Deacon

Jimmy Taylor, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, Robin Haas, Kim Tyson, Jon Mackay

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ken and Ann Handy
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cheyenne Handy*

This Week at FBC

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM Summer Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

All adult classes meet in the gym

10:45 AM Preschool Extended Session

11:00 AM Service of Worship

12:00 PM College Lunch/Bible Study

Monday, September 7

Church Offices Closed

6:30 PM TOPS

Tuesday, September 8

9:30 AM Craft Club

10:00 AM Teacher Training

2:00 PM Teacher Training

6:30 PM Board of Trustees

7:00 PM Lottie Moon Group

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 AM Teacher Training

12:00 PM Brownbag Service in gym

2:00 PM Teacher Training

5:30 PM Fall Kickoff and presentation of
Proposed Master Plan

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

7:45 PM Teacher Training

Thursday, September 10

10:00 AM Teacher Training

7:00 PM Teacher Training

Saturday, September 12

9:00 AM All Boards Retreat at UBA