

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 2, 2011

Ten Forty-Five in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting

Gene Derryberry

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Gathering Song

"You Are Holy"

setting by John Helgen

The Chancel Choir

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always, ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,

Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

— Per Harling, 20th century

Call to Worship

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Today we gather with Christians near and far to sit together at God's table.

Together we will eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation.

God prepares the table with room enough for everyone.

We will give praise to God, who invites us all to feast.

+ Hymn 16

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

DUKE STREET

+ Opening Prayer

Paul Sims

+ 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.

+ 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.

Proclaim God's Word

Children Worship & Wonder

"The Ten Best Ways to Live"

Gene Derryberry

Children and others are invited to come to the Chancel for Children Worship & Wonder
Preschoolers will then be dismissed for Extended Session

The Decalogue – from Exodus 20

Sara Spahr Stubbs

God spoke all these words, saying:

*“I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.*

***You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form
of anything that is in heaven above, or on earth below,
or that is in the waters under the earth.***

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

***You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses God’s name.***

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

*Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath
of the Lord your God; you shall not do any work.*

***For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day;
therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.***

*Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long
in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house or spouse or belongings.”

The Lord said to Moses:

***“Thus you shall say to the Israelites: ‘You have seen for yourselves
that I spoke with you from heaven. In every place where I cause my name
to be remembered, I will come and bless you.’”***

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

setting by Joe Cox



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, the sky pro-claims all his works.

The law of the Lord is perfect, the soul to revive.

The law of the Lord is trusted, making the simple wise. REFRAIN

The laws of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

Radiant are God’s commands, giving light to our eyes. REFRAIN

The fear of the Lord is pure and forever endures,

Altogether righteous and altogether sure. REFRAIN

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be pleasing in your sight O Lord, my Rock and Redeemer.

Sermon

“Our God Is an Awesome God”

Gene Derryberry

Give Thanks To God

+ Hymn 328

“God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

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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 one of our ministers will receive you. You are welcome here.

+ Offertory Prayer

Nancy Thomas

All loose change received in October will benefit Operation Warm Hearts, a ministry that provides new or gently used coats and new blankets for people in need in Union County. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning our offerings 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 Celebration of Communion

Breaking the Bread

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

setting by J. S. Bach

The Chancel Choir

*O Bread of Life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness
Of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.
O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming
From Jesus' wounded side: come now, your love bestowing
On thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied.
We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor
Within these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riven,
And our clear eye in heaven behold your glory face to face.*

— Latin hymn, 17th century

Sharing the Cup

"Taste and See"

by James E. Moore, Jr.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Taste and See". The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness". The second staff continues the melody with a half note followed by a quarter note, then a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The lyrics are: "of the Lord. — O taste and see, taste and". The third staff concludes the melody with a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The lyrics are: "see the good - ness of the Lord, — of the Lord."

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. REFRAIN*

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. REFRAIN
Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. REFRAIN*
—from Psalm 34

Go In God's Name

+ Closing Prayer

Paul Sims

+ The Peace

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

Organ Postlude

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+ *Those who are able may stand.*

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

D. Gene Derryberry, Intentional Interim Minister

Paul M. Sims, Associate Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Chancel Choir

The Choral Scholars

Brooke Blevins, Cantor

Jessica Bachelder, Sarah Bailey, Robert Summerell, Ethan Greene, Quartet

Nancy Thomas, Deacon

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Chris and Anita Melton
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Melton*