

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 11, 2011

Nine Thirty in the Morning

Gathering

Gathering Songs

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

by Thomas A. Dorsey

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;*

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;*

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

— 20th century

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

by Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

The image shows the first line of musical notation for the song "Bless the Lord, My Soul". It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." are written below the treble clef staff.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in - to life.

The image shows the second line of musical notation for the song "Bless the Lord, My Soul". It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in - to life." are written below the treble clef staff.

*It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. REFRAIN*

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. REFRAIN

As a father has compassion for his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him;

For God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust. REFRAIN

— Psalm 103

Greeting and Call to Worship

Gene Derryberry

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

† † †

Here, we gather to worship God;

here, we come to gather up hope.

***Here, we come to find renewed strength,
to put flesh on our faith.***

Here, we wait for God to speak;

here, God waits to fill our hearts.

Here, we encounter the One who gives life;

here, we are given the hope for which we long.

+ Hymn

“O God of Vision”

LOBE DEN HERREN

please see insert

+ Invocation

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ 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.

The Word

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

setting by Hal Hopson

sung by the Chancel Choir

O Lord, from the depths I cry; Lord, hear my voice.

More than the watchmen wait for the morning, I wait for the Lord.

O Israel, wait for the Lord.

Children Worship & Wonder

Gene Derryberry

The children and others are invited to the front for Children Worship & Wonder

Preschoolers will then be dismissed for Extended Session

A Reading from the Gospels: John 20:19-23

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.

Sermon

"Last Gasp or Fresh Breath?"

Larry Hovis

Responding

+ Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

please see insert

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

Lisa Davis

All loose change received in September will benefit the Crisis Assistance Ministry, which provides emergency help 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 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 Peace

Paul Sims

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

Anthem

"In Remembrance"

by Jeffrey Ames

The Chancel Choir

*Lux aeterna, luceat eis, Domine (Let eternal light shine on them, Lord).
Turn to me and be gracious, for my heart is in distress.
Oh God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
My tears linger at night, but joy comes in the morning light.
Lord, in your infinite mercy, grant them rest. Rest forevermore.*

– from the Latin mass and the Psalms

Prayers of the People

Gene Derryberry

+ Hymn 530

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

Sending

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*Go from this place to proclaim the grace and forgiveness of God.
Spread hope to those who are in distress.*

*With God, there is great power to redeem.
We will eagerly share God's steadfast love.*

Organ Postlude

+ *Those who are able may stand.*

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

D. Gene Derryberry, Intentional Interim Minister

Larry Hovis, Guest Preacher

Paul M. Sims, Associate Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Centria Brown, French horn

Zack Morris, Cantor

Lisa Davis, Deacon

We welcome Larry Hovis to First Baptist Church

Larry is the Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina

*The congregation is invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room
following worship this morning as he leads in a dialogue to explore
congregation life/work in the "Missional Church"*

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Ken and Ann Handy
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their granddaughter, Cheyenne Handy*