

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

April 11, 2010

The Second Sunday of Easter

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Gathering

Gathering Song — Psalm 150

by J. Jefferson Cleveland

*Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.
Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, Praise God with the lute and harp;
Praise God with timbrel and dancing, Praise God wherever you are. REFRAIN
Praise God with holy cymbals, Praise God with strings and pipes;
Praise God with clashing cymbals, Praise God with all of your might. REFRAIN
Praise God in the holy temple, Praise God for almighty deeds;
Praise God for bountiful mercies, For God fulfills our needs. REFRAIN*

Greeting and Call to Worship

John Hewett

*The Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.*

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*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving God,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

...from Revelation 1

+ Hymn 92

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

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 after a prayer with Dr. Hewett

Missions Moment

Jim Stubbs

The Word

First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

John Hewett

*The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118

setting by Linda Cable Shute

This is the day... the Lord hath made, the hours are
 all God's own; Let heav'n re-joice, let
 earth be glad and praise sur-round the throne.

Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne. REFRAIN
Blest be the Lord who comes in power with messages of grace;
Who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race. REFRAIN
Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens in which God reigns shall now resound with praise. REFRAIN

The Easter Gospel

John 20:19-31

Sarah Poindexter

The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You're Not the Boss of Me"

John Hewett

Responding

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 120

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

LAUDS

please join the choir in singing stanzas 5, 6, and 7

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

Frances Knight

All loose change received in April will benefit FoodPks4Kids, which provides food and snacks on weekends for school children who might otherwise go hungry. Please give as you are able.

Offertory – singing our Easter faith

please join to sing hymn 235: “Christ Arose!” –
the three stanzas, then the refrain

“He Lives”

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him he's always near.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

– Alfred Ackley, 20th century

“Because He Lives”

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

Gloria & William Gauthier, 20th century

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.

+ Easter Doxology

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

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Venerable Bede, 8th century

Sending

The Peace

John Hewett

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

+ Hymn 245

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

+ 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

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Chancel Choir

The Choral Scholars

Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern

Frances Knight, Deacon

We welcome to worship today faculty and staff of Rock Rest Elementary School, including Principal Wendy Gravely, who are our partners in the FoodPks4Kids ministry

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas, Kim Tyson, Jonathan Mackay

The sanctuary flowers are given by Emagene Griffin, Joel and Kiki Myers, and Steve and Holly Rossi to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brooks Griffin

Operation Inasmuch

Participate in our one-day community mission blitz coming Saturday, April 24. As part of Operation Inasmuch, we are one of many churches promoting Christ's love through community mission projects all over North Carolina. This ministry allows living Christ's teaching of, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." All ages and abilities within our congregation will have opportunities to be part of this day. These include prayer opportunities, a yard sale, construction/home repair, painting projects, yard work, craft projects, office support, photography, lunch preparation, child care and more.

Special Collection Needs:

Yard Sale Donations – put aside items now for our yard sale. Bring sale items to Room 305 through Thursday, April 22.

Small Rolling Suitcases – This is a special project for children being undertaken by our Craft Club.

Yard, Knitting Needles and Materials – As part of Operation Inasmuch, we will be collecting these items to assist the Roma Community within Macedonia.

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room is most important as we will make decisions that will impact our future. We will hear reports from the Treasurer, Clerk, Nominating Committee, and Boards of Deacons, Trustees, Missions and Christian Education.