

# you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

## Assemble in God's Name

### Greeting

John Hewett

*The Risen Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

### Organ Voluntary

*"Alleluias"*

by Robert Lau

### Acclamation

Taylor Vancil

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*This is the day the Lord hath made;*

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

### + Hymn 234

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

EASTER HYMN

### + Prayer of Praise and Adoration

John Hewett

### + Act of Praise

*"Hail Thee, Festival Day"*

setting by Hal Hopson

The Chancel Choir and the Congregation

#### Refrain



Hail thee, fes-ti-val day! The day that is hal-lowed for ev-er;



Day when the Lord a-rose, break-ing the bonds of death.

*See how the beauty of earth, reborn, blossoms forth from the winter.*

*See how it speaks of life, God's new life to the world. REFRAIN*

*He who was nailed to the cross is Lord of all creation.*

*All things created on earth sing to the glory of God. REFRAIN*

*God is the Lord of all life, God's word is assured to the nations.*

*Death has no more its sting, life forever is won. REFRAIN*

*Let all the earth sing for joy; today the Lord has triumphed.*

*Nations give ear and be glad; Christ is alive; sing for joy. REFRAIN*

- Venantius Fortunatus, 4<sup>th</sup> century

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

# Proclaim God's Word

## A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.*

**But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;**

**for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.**

*I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;*

*no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.*

**No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,**

**or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;**

*For one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,*

*and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.*

**They shall build houses and inhabit them;**

**they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.**

*They shall not build and another inhabit;*

*they shall not plant and another eat;*

**For like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,**

**and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.**

*They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;*

*for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well.*

**Before they call I will answer;**

**while they are yet speaking I will hear.**

*The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;*

*but the serpent - its food shall be dust!*

**They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,**

**says the Lord.**

*The word of the Lord.*

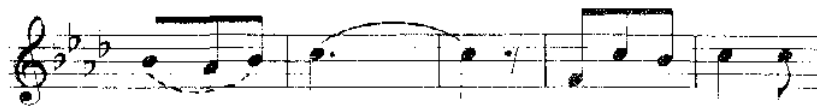
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118

setting by Marty Haugen



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



joice and be glad; This is the day the  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al -



Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!  
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever;*

*Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever." REFRAIN*

*The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,*

*I shall not die, but live a new, declaring with works of the Lord. REFRAIN*

*The stone which the builder rejected has become the cornerstone,*

*The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes. REFRAIN*

*The Gospel of our Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”*

by John Rutter

The Chancel Choir

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high: Alleluia!  
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say: Alleluia!  
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,  
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!  
Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven, how we too may enter heaven: Alleluia!  
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay: Alleluia*

Michael Weisse, 16<sup>th</sup> century

Sermon

*“And She Told Them Everything . . .”*

John Hewett

**Give Thanks to God**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn

*“Celebrate with Joy and Singing”*

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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.

*Celebrate with joy and singing, Alleluia be our song.  
Jesus Christ has ris'n to save us, praises to our Christ belong.  
Through great love has come the vict'ry; life, not death, can be our claim.  
Let us now declare Christ's greatness, spread good news, proclaim Christ's name.  
Honor, glory, praise, thanksgiving give me now to God above.  
With the cross and grave Christ bought us, let us now return that love.  
By our lives of dedication, as we teach and testify,  
May we show Christ's love around us, may it grow and purify.  
Worship now with shouts of gladness, for the Christ, the Holy One,  
On this day of resurrection, for the world new life has won.  
Let us pray and praise the Savior, trust the acts, believe the word.  
Our salvation has been purchased by our loving, Risen Lord.*

-- Mary J. Cathey, 20<sup>th</sup> century

+ Offertory Prayer

Gerhard Ungerer

*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

*"In Thee Is Gladness"*

setting by Daniel Kallman

*In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
 By thee are given the joys of heaven, thou the only Savior art.  
 To serve thee ever, forsake thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.  
 In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised  
 Jesus is giving life to the living; now and ever let him be praised!  
 Here where they laid him, death has not stay'd him, the tomb once somber holds him no longer.  
 Now is the story of Easter glory sung with glad voices, the world rejoices.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!*

Johann Lindemann, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> century

**Go in God's Name**

The Peace

John Hewett

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

+ Hymn 254

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

ODE TO JOY

+ Commission and Blessing

John Hewett

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
 in the power of his resurrection.  
 Alleluia!  
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
 Amen.  
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Postlude

*"Symphony V: Toccata"*

by Charles Marie Widor

+ Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

*John H. Hewett, Senior Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Choral Scholars*

*Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern*

*Gerhard Ungerer, Deacon*

*Preschool Extended Session workers for today are*

*Robin Haas, Kristina Latoni, Megan Williamson*

## **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. Sign up lists will soon be available.

### **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.

Prayerfully consider how your talents and gifts may best be utilized on this special day!

## **Food Roundup**

In support of the children in the care of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, we will be participating in their annual Food Roundup. We will be collecting any non-perishable foods as well as all types of cleaning supplies through the end of April. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. Thanks for helping!