

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

June 27, 2010

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Assemble In God's Name

Gathering Song

by Michael W. Smith

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just; by his
pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
fath-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.
1., 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and
wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now
lift up your voice: Great _____ is the Lord! _____
_____ Great _____ is the Lord!

Greeting

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

"Meditation on 'Jerusalem, My Happy Home'"

by George Shearing

Call to Worship

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!*

*We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!*

*We will give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Let us worship God.

- from Psalm 108

+ Hymn 16

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

DUKE STREET

+ Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.*

+ 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.*

+ 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 brief prayer with Dr. Hewett

Proclaim God's Word

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

First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Taylor Vancil

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

Psalm 48

setting by **Hal Hopson**



*How great is the Lord and worthy of praise,
 Whose glory above Mount Zion displays!
 In light of your splendor our cities are dust;
 Eternal our refuge, unquestioned our trust. **REFRAIN**
 The far-fashioned bounds of earth lift their voice,
 And for your goodwill, the mountains rejoice;
 Your kindness still follows the course of our days;
 Whatever our pathway, our guide for always. **REFRAIN***

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

Paul Sims

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

Sermon

“God Is Great, God Is Good”
 Psalm 48

Daniel Vestal

Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

Hymn

“O God Beyond All Praising”

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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

Babs Simpson

All loose change received in June will benefit Union County Residential Services, Inc. UCRS is a non profit residential facility that serves the needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

"How Great Thou Art"

setting by Craig Courtney

*O Lord my God, when I on awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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--- Stuart Hine, 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.

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Go In God's Name

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ Spiritual

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET

please see page seven

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

"Improvisation on 'Jerusalem, My Happy Home'"

+ 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, Minister of Worship and Teaching
Paul M. Sims, Minister
Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister
Timothy D. Belflowers, Organist
The Summer Choir
David Mosely, Ministry Intern
Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern
Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern
Zack Morris, Soloist
Babs Simpson, Deacon

*We welcome Dr. Daniel Vestal, Executive Coordinator of the
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as our pulpit guest today*

Annual Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Included on the agenda will be the election of officers and board members, consideration of proposed 2010-2011 Operating Budget, proposed amendments to the By-Laws, staff reports, report from the Senior Minister Search Committee, and reports from the Boards of Deacons, Trustees, Missions and Christian Education.

July 4th

Join us on Sunday, July 4 for a "Patriotic" Breakfast at 9:00 in the courtyard, followed by morning worship at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

Music Day Camp

This year's Music Day Camp is just a few weeks away. It will be held July 12-16 from 9:00-1:00 p.m. daily. The children will be learning the musical, "A Tale of Three Trees." Guest director will be Terri Vancil. Cost is \$25. Registration forms are available on the church website and in the church office. Help us spread the word!