

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

May 2, 2010

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Assemble In God's Name

Greeting

John Hewett

The Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Bell Voluntary

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

setting by Kevin McChesney

The Chancel Ringers

Call to Worship

Sarah Poindexter

Imagine ...

... a place where all are welcome

... and everyone hears the sound of their name.

Imagine ...

... everyone having enough food and water

... and a home free of hatred and fear.

Imagine ...

... a place where creativity is valued

... and the spirit is nurtured in love.

Imagine ...

... just imagine.

+ Hymn

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

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+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

John Hewett

+ 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

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6a

Sara Spahr Stubbs

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

setting by R. Vaughan Williams

sung by The Chancel Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

John Hewett

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"

setting by Jorge Lockwood

We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one
spir - it, all to geth - er. We are geth - er. We share one
God, one might y Lord, one a - bid - ing
faith, one bind - ing love, one sin - gle bap - ti - sm, one Ho - ly
Com - fort er, the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all.

Sermon

"E Pluribus Unum"

John Hewett

Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn

“O Praise the Gracious Power”

MARION

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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

Nathan Hopper

All loose change received in May will benefit Restoration House, a local ministry that reaches out to lost and broken people, offering them an encouraging hand in the name of Christ. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

setting by Keith McCutchen

The Chancel Choir; Zack Morris, soloist

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.*

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

– John Newton, 18th 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

Go In God's Name

+ The Peace

John Hewett

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ Hymn 669

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

+ Those who are able may stand

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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

Noel Lance, Guest Organist

Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern

Taylor Vancil, Ministry Intern

The Choral Scholars

The Chancel Ringers

Nathan Hopper, Deacon

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas, Judy Edwards and Margaret Price

Coming on Wednesday Nights in May and June

Dr. Hewett will lead a study entitled ***I AM SECOND*** on Wednesdays at 6:30 during May and June. It is a movement meant to inspire people of all kinds to live for God and for others. The authentic stories of ordinary people will provide insight into dealing with typical struggles of everyday living. These are stories that give hope to the lonely and the hurting, help from destructive lifestyles, and inspiration to the unfulfilled. You'll discover people who've tried to go it alone and failed. Find the hope, peace, and fulfillment they found through ***I AM SECOND***.

Called Church Meeting

There will be a brief Called Church Meeting on Sunday, May 16 following worship to elect a Senior Minister Search Committee as recommended by the Nominating Committee: Mark Eagle, Pat Herrell, Judy Jewell, Tim McBride, Martha Parris (Chair), Richard Poindexter and Nancy Thomas.

The "Amazing Grace" Open Community Competition

featuring

The Chancel Choir of First Baptist Church

this afternoon at 2:00

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