

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

May 9, 2010

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Gathering

Gathering Songs

"Rain Down"

by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain
down, rain down your love, God of life.

*Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth. REFRAIN
God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
All of our hope lies in you. REFRAIN*

Hymn 291: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

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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*Here, we gather to worship God;
here, we come to gather up hope.
Here, we come to find renewed strength,
here, we come to put flesh on our faith.
Here, we wait for God to speak;
here, God waits to fill our hearts.
Here, we are reminded of God dwelling in us;
here, we lift up our voices in praise.*

+ Hymn 34

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Come Down, O Love Divine”
The Chancel Choir

by R. Vaughan Williams

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

Biano da Siena, 15th century

Sermon

“BODYWORKS: Minds to Know”

John Hewett

Responding

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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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

Jane Hawkins

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

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”
The Chancel Choir

by K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.*

— Thomas Lynch, 19th 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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

The steadfast love of God goes with you.

The redeeming power of Christ sustains you.

We have been forgiven and renewed.

We face another week with confidence.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving.

Live in love as Christ demonstrated God's love.

We have been taught to live as God's children.

We will share the Spirit's gifts with others.

+ Spiritual

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)*

2. *I'm gonna work*

3. *I'm gonna pray*

4. *I'm gonna sing*

— African-American Spiritual

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

~ All worshipers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew ~

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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 Belflowers, Organist

David Mosely, Ministry Intern

The Chancel Choir

Jane Hawkins, Deacon

Jim Stubbs, Reader

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas and Melody Hawkins

The sanctuary flowers are given by Max Penegar

to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mildred Penegar

and in loving honor of all the mothers in First Baptist Church

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.

Budget Planning Committee Hearing ...

The Budget Planning Committee will hold a hearing meeting on Sunday, May 16 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for all those wishing to make budget requests for 2010-2011. Church members are also invited to attend and can make suggestions for the new budget.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Join us for Bible Fellowship, Morning Worship (which will include Baptism and Communion), and then our annual Pentecost Picnic at Belk Tonawanda Park. Wear something red and dress comfortably for Morning Worship. All food, drinks and paper products will be provided by the church for the picnic at a cost of \$2.00 for adults, with those 18 and under eating for free.

Food-Packs-4-Kids

Each Friday afternoon, twenty-five children from Rock Rest Elementary School return to their homes with backpacks laden with kid-friendly foods that will sustain them through the weekend. With only about three weeks left in this school year, our food supply for them is running low. A list of suggested donations is printed in this week's newsletter if you would like to help.