



*We are a community of believers who seek
to grow in our faith and understanding as
we live the Way of Jesus Christ.*

The First Baptist Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Worcester, Massachusetts
July 25, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

July 25, 201010:00 AM

*Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.
Nursery care is available for children during the worship service.
Please speak to one of the ushers for assistance.*

PRELUDE Nave from *Byzantine Sketches* Henri Mulet
1878-1967

***OPENING HYMN 649** Gather Us In.....Gather Us In

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Song of Solomon)Heather Kattan

One: Let us join together in a cherished prayer of the heart.

Many: My Beloved is mine and I am my Beloved's.

One: Day after day I seek my Beloved; I seek but do not find. Have you seen my Beloved: Justice is his name!

Many: Waters cannot quench, nor floods drown Truth!

One: I arise and go about the city; in the streets and in the squares, I call for my Beloved: Justice is his name!

Many: Waters cannot quench, nor floods down Justice!

One: In the church I seek my Beloved; with heart and soul, mind and strength; have you seen the one my soul loves? Hope is her name!

Many: Waters cannot quench, nor floods drown Hope!

One: Have you seen my Beloved? At Home? In the city? In the Church? Passion is his name!

Many: Waters cannon quench nor floods drown Passion!

One: O friends and companions, come, let us seek our most desired: Truth, Justice, Hope, Passion!

Many: Set us as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm; for Love is as strong as death. Waters cannot quench, nor floods drown Love!

One: Let us enter into worship and proclaim:

ALL: My Beloved is mine, and I am my Beloved's!

***INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Holy God, at Sinai in days of old you were believed to be unapproachable. The earth shook and as fire and smoke proclaimed your presence, people trembled in fear and awe. At Bethlehem people trembled once more in awe, but this time with anticipation, as angels sang of your presence on earth in human form in Jesus Christ. At Calvary, the earth shook once more as the power of love overcame the power of evil. We tremble at the depth of such love and we worship you O God, with awe and with wonder over your desire to approach us and link our lives more closely with yours. Accept our prayers and praise made in the name of Jesus Christ as we pray together: Our Father (debt)...

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 36:24-28 (pg. 704)
Luke 13:10-16 (pg. 848)

SOLO Sarabande J.S. Bach
1685-1750

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING..... Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN

(Children who desire to participate in Summer Church School are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

***HYMN 615** Community of Christ Leoni

(Continued)

SERMON *Healing From Our “Isms”* David Story

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERSDavid Story

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*.....J.S. Bach

***Doxology**Old Hundredth
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 355** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*.....Beginnings

***BENEDICTION** David Story

POSTLUDE *Carillon Sortie*Henri Mulet

**Those who are able may stand.*

Bryan Urbina, viola
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts
CCLI #2763143

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TODAY’S GUEST MINISTER:

The Rev. David F. Story is now retired from ministry and working for GE Capital. He received his education at Mercer University, Macon, GA and Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. David has been the pastor at two churches: New Providence Baptist in Forsyth, GA, and Peachtree Baptist in Spring Hope, NC. He is also the father of two children, Jonathan and Laura, both of which live in GA.

TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIAN:

Bryan Urbina is a resident of Clinton, MA, where he is home-schooled. He performs with the New England Youth Chamber Ensemble, and recently participated in the Worcester Chamber Music Society Summer Festival (formerly the Thayer Festival), located on the campus of Anna Maria College in Paxton.

TODAY’S CHANCEL FLOWERS:

are given in loving memory of Paul M. Aney, by Martha Aney 🌸

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUE STATEMENTS

INCLUSION

We welcome all in Christ's love.

FREEDOM OF FAITH

Individual interpretation of God's Word and freedom of expression are cornerstones of our faith.

SERVICE

We seek to be a Christ-like presence in the world.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We encourage all to seek Christian growth.

WE WELCOME YOU...to the Morning Worship of the First Baptist Church. If you are a guest, we express a special word of welcome and invite you to fill out the Welcome Card found in the pew rack. We are honored by your presence and hope you will return whenever you are able. The congregation of First Baptist Church, believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, embraces persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. We welcome everyone to participate in the membership, life, worship, and activities of this church.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY:

Please join us for fellowship in Gordon Hall following the service. You can enjoy refreshments, meet members of this congregation, and learn about the many programs of this church. Gordon Hall is located by exiting the Sanctuary through the double doors near the pulpit. Enter Gordon Hall by the first door on the left in the hallway. **If you are searching for a church home**, we would love to get to know you. Please speak with one of our Ministers, or call to speak with them during the week at 508-755-6143.

Those with infants and children ages up to age 5 are welcome to take them to the **Nursery/Preschool class (located in the Caboose)**. Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

Hearing Aids, Large Print Bulletins, and Children's Bulletins are available... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...During the month of August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring them with you on Sunday before Worship and place them at the front in Gordon Hall. 🌸

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM: Nursery & Preschool Room Opens (next week @ 9:45)

9:00 AM: Bible & Bagels (concludes for the summer)

10:00 AM: Morning Worship; Summer Church School

11:00 AM: Refreshments and...

Youth Group: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL...Children will be dismissed following the Children's Affirmation, and have class in the Green Room on the second floor. Parents may pick up their children following Morning Worship. For directions to the Green Room, please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

REFRESHMENTS AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!

THE PRAYER PYRAMID will assume the responsibility for your prayer needs while the prayer fellowships are not meeting. Please contact the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests.

WORSHIP MOVES TO GORDON HALL NEXT SUNDAY...our Sunday Worship Service will begin meeting in Gordon Hall through the month of August, providing greater comfort during the warmest weeks of the summer, and permitting routine cleaning and maintenance of the narthex and sanctuary areas. Sunday Worship will continue to meet at 10:00 AM, with fellowship following in the Lee Room. ***Please assist this relocation by placing a hymnal and a bible on the cart located at the front right entrance to the Sanctuary as you pass by on your way to Fellowship in Gordon Hall.***

PREACHING THIS SUMMER

August 1	Rev. Heather Kattan (Mid-Summer Communion in Gordon Hall)
August 8	Rev. George McDermott
August 15	Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton
August 22	Rev. Gordon Swan
August 29	Rev. Paul Ferrin

DONATIONS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES NEEDED...Warren Jones continues to coordinate pick-up and delivery of much needed household items for arriving refugee families. **Please contact Warren to arrange pick-up items you wish to donate: 978-368-1310**

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRTS...Love the t-shirts worn by the Youth on Youth Sunday and wish you owned one? You're in luck—we are now taking orders for those interested in making a purchase! Place your name, number and shirt size you desire on the sheet outside of Rev. Heather Kattan's office. Pricing determined by the size of the order, so place your order today!

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to purchase your food shopping cards! When used, 5% of your total purchase goes toward the prevention and early intervention assistance to those who are at risk of homelessness.

THIRD ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC is COMING SOON...to Barre Falls Dam in Hubbardston, MA on **September 12, 2010**. We look forward to another wonderful day, departing immediately following Morning Worship and enjoying the beautiful picnic grounds as long as we like. Look for a copy of the flyer NEXT WEEK!

NEWSLETTER: GOING "GREEN"...Beginning with the September, 2010 issue, we will send an e-mail notice when our monthly newsletter is available online at www.fbc-worc.org (where is it already posted each month!). Hard copies will continue via U.S. Mail, unless you opt out by contacting the Church Office at 508-755-6143 or patc@fbc-worc.org.

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER:

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care emergencies during Tom's sabbatical. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, July 25, 2010	8:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Refreshments and...
Mon., July 26, 2010	9:00 AM	Literacy
	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
Wed., July 28, 2010	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., July 29, 2010	10:00 AM	Literacy Class
	11:30 AM	Hope for Housing
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., July 30, 2010	9:30 AM	Hope for Housing
Sun., Aug. 1, 2010	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship in Gordon Hall; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Refreshments and...in the Lee Room



**Fall POTLUCK Picnic @ Barre Falls Dam
Festival Sunday/BRUNCH
New Directory Photos
Laity Sunday**

...and much MORE!