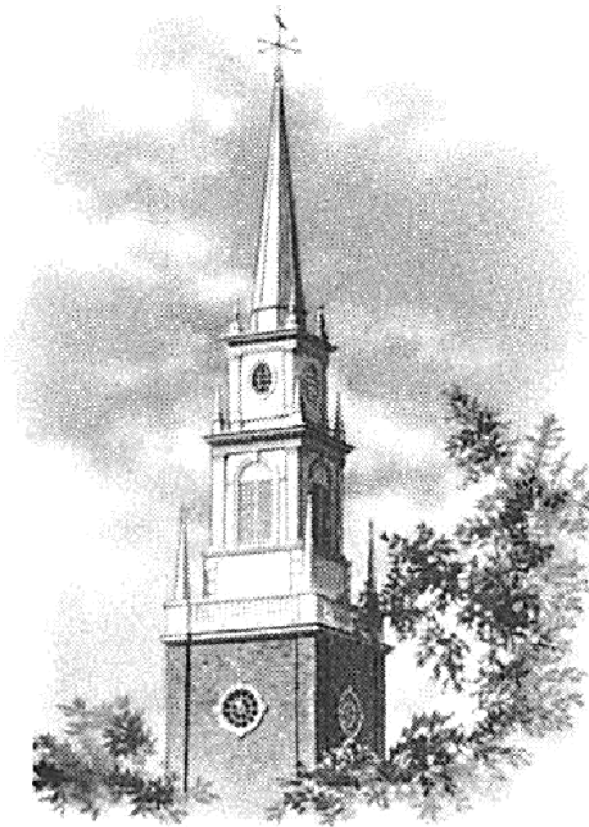


First Baptist Church

June 28, 2009



Worcester, Massachusetts
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Mission Statement

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

Morning Worship

June 28, 2009 10:00 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 *Sonata per Organo*Giovanni Pergolesi
1710-1736

***HYMN 31** I Sing the Almighty Power of GodEllacombe

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....David Story

Leader: Through prophets, rulers and leaders,

People: God passes on the story to the world.

Leader: Through disciples and apostles and followers,

People: God passes on the story to the world.

Leader: Through saint and reformer and mystic,

People: God passes on the story to the world.

Leader: Through you and me, and us,

People: God passes on the story to the world.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, and continue the story.

***INVOCATION (Unison)**David Story

Open us to your presence, loving God. Open our hearts to your teaching, that your ways might become our ways, and that your laws might become written on our hearts. Help us to know your unconditional love in every moment of our lives and every beat of our hearts. We pray the words that Jesus taught us: Our Father... (debts)

***GLORIA PATRI 734**.....Creatorex

SOLO *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Charles Gabriel
1856-1932

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDavid Story

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.....David Story
Mark 1:40-45 (pg. 813)

LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOME Koleda
 Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in; arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!
 We, the church of Jesus, we will help your growing, Jesus' love enfolds you, little children, welcome!

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN.....David Story
 (Children may return to their seats following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Hospitality* Rev. Robert Bachelder

***HYMN 631** There Is a Balm in Gilead.....Balm in Gilead

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS..... Robert Bachelder

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS.....David Story

Offertory *Aria* Craig Phillips
 b. 1961

***Doxology 34**..... Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 461** Breathe on Me, Breath of God Trentham

***BENEDICTION**..... Robert Bachelder

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D*.....William Mathias
 1934-1992

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Natalie Aalto, soprano
 William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

ABOUT OUR GUEST MINISTER:

Rev. Robert S. Bachelder is Minister and President for the Worcester Area Mission Society [WAMS], a mission arm of the United Church of Christ that sponsors work in housing, family development, and hurricane recovery. He was educated at Dartmouth and the Yale Divinity School, has served churches in England as well as Massachusetts, and has written widely in the field of ethics and economics. WAMS was the first organization in the country to be recognized by the National Council of Churches for "Best Practice" in public ministry. We welcome Rev. Bachelder to our service this morning.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUES 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & PROGRAMS

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.✠

HEARING AIDS AVAILABLE DURING THE SERVICE...If you would like to take advantage of our hearing aids, please speak with one of our ushers, who will explain this simple yet effective device.

ROSEBUDS TO WELCOME...Patience Kagoma, born in April, 2009. Congratulations to parents Martha and Gerald, and "big sister" Geraldine. Also, Sabine Lillian Gaudette, born June 20, 2009, 7:29 PM, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., 21 inches long. Our congratulations to parents Stephanie & T.C. Gaudette and Grandparents Denise and Richard Wolf. ✨

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAYS...Summer Sundays are truly SUPER at First Baptist Church! We offer excellent programming for every group at 9:00 AM. Dedicated teachers will lead the children in object-oriented, interactive, Bible-based learning in the Green Room, using the **KidsOwn Worship®** Curriculum. **Bible & Bagels** continues in the Lee Room. Join your friends for a study of Galatians. No prior knowledge of Galatians is required.☺

COFFEE AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. ☺

THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU...to a welcome shower for Patience Kagoma **TODAY, June 28, 2009**. He was born in April 2009 to our Baptist refugee family from Burundi, Africa: Martha, Gerald, and big sister Geraldine. Please join us in Gordon Hall following the worship service for cake, gifts, and congratulations. 🎁



GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...Due to so few floral dedications for the months of July and 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 it with you on Sunday before Worship, to be placed on the Chancel in July or in Gordon Hall in August.



SUMMER CHOIR REMINDER...We will meet at 9:00 AM on **July 5, 12, 19, 26**, for those who are interested in singing only on Sunday morning with no robes. One Anthem per Sunday. Please join with us and sing!



YOUTH COOKOUT & SWIM PARTY...Come cool off from the summer heat! Please join us on **July 12, 2009**, for a meal together at the home of Paula, Mike, and Stephanie Harvey, and then we will walk to the JCC for some swimming. We will leave the church at 11:30 AM. **PLEASE SIGN-UP. A COMPLETED permission slip is required for this event.**



VACATION BIBLE CAMP...Experience & Discover God Everywhere during **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, August 2—5, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! VBC is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, expedition that teaches kids and adults their might and strength come from God! **SAVE THESE DATES**, and plan to join the adventure. Parents of children and youth should look for more information and a registration form in the mail. Anyone interested in helping "behind the scenes" should speak with Heather Kattan.



VISIT TO OVERLOOK FARM...Planned for **July 26, 2009**, we will take a trip to the Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA, to learn more about Project Heifer International, and spend some time visiting with the animals. THIS TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL, and it will kick off our goal to raise \$500 to buy a heifer. We will leave the church at 11:45 AM, and return approximately 3:30 PM. **PLEASE SIGN-UP**, and be sure to bring a bag lunch! Children ages 10 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent. Ages 11-17 not accompanied by a parent will need a completed permission slip in order to attend!





**COMING SOON:
4-R-KIDS 2009!**



**A Summer Learning Program with the Elm Park Community School
and the Worcester School Department.**

**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED to walk from the school site to FBC
and back, AND/OR to help with crafts, breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
CORI required. More info to come. Please speak with Heather Kattan
or Jean Perkins for more information!**



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.

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



TANGELWOOD TRIP CANCELLED...We did not meet the
minimal number of individuals needed to sign-up to attend
this event, planned for July 12, 2009, so we are no longer
offering this outing. Please stay tuned for any future offerings!

PLEASE NOTE...The Women's Prayer Fellowship and the Evening Prayer Fellow-
ship will resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on Wednesday, September
23, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE...The 35th Annual Worcester CROP Walk will be held on
October 25, starting from Trinity Lutheran Church. As this is a special
anniversary, they are hoping to raise \$35,000, and will need lots of prayers,
donations, and workers to pull this off. **SAVE THE DATE** and then **PLAN TO WALK**
for hunger.





MY SOUL WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD
I HOPE.

Psalm 130:5, NRSV



OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- TODAY, Jun. 28, 2009 8:45 AM Coffee & Bagels in the Lee Room
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Super Summer Sundays!
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Coffee and...; Welcome Shower (Kagoma)
- Tue., Jun. 30, 2009 9:00 AM Jericho Road
10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Habitat Board
7:00 PM Benevolence
MUSTARD SEED
- Wed., July 1, 2009 7:00 PM Food Addicts in Recovery
- Thu., July 2, 2009 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- Fri., July 3, 2009 *OFFICE CLOSED*
- Sat., July 4, 2009 **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
- Sun., July 5, 2009 8:45 AM Coffee & Bagels in the Lee Room
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Summer Choir;
Super Summer Sundays!
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Summer Beverages and...



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