

First Baptist Church

May 11, 2008

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by,
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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

Pentecost Sunday - Mother's Day ❖ *Youth Month*

May 11, 2008..... 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 Andante (1844) Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1** God Is Here!..... Abbot's Leigh

READING FOR PENTECOST Acts 2:1-15, 22-24 (p. 885)

Readers:

Lynne Carroll, *English*; Andrew Hitzhusen, *German*; Gerald Kagema, *Kirundi*;
Agnes Liu, *Chinese*; Betty Jane Martinelli, *Italian*; Dina Martinelli, *Spanish*;
Bella Melikian, *Italian*; Ann Ming Samborski, *Latin*; Charlie Samborski, *English*;
Ashley Ward, *English*; Phyllis Whitten, *French*; Michiko Yamaguchi, *Japanese*.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Thomas R. McKibbens

Leader: We come to worship God, whose nature is to do the unexpected.

People: We are surprised and startled. Today is different from other Sundays!

Leader: We hear the Pentecost story spoken in many languages.

People: Sometimes our hands shake and our mouths go dry, for we do not know what will happen when we speak the words God gives us.

Leader: Today is also Mother's Day

People: We come to celebrate and give thanks for mothers and for all kinds of families.

ALL: We come, just as we are, eager to welcome the Holy Spirit who appears in all who discover and delight in each other.

***INVOCATION**

God of the extraordinary fulfilled promises, you sent the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary, the mother of Jesus, and upon his brothers. Be present in our worship this morning. Fill your church with power, and inspire us with your

breath of change. Open our eyes to see what you are doing and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue that all may call upon you. In the name and spirit of the risen Christ, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught when he walked among us: Our Father... (debts)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM Tune My Heart James Brighton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Thomas R. McKibbens

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me K. Lee Scott
b. 1950

***Doxology 34** Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM God's Great Love Dorothy Christopherson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ruth Richards

(Children who would like to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Message.)

***HYMN 334** On Pentecost They Gathered Munich

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:24-30 (p. 819)

SERMON Taken by Surprise Ruth Richards

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Teaching Parish Committee

Rick Markello:

Holy and Loving God, we come before You with grateful hearts for having sent Ruth Richards to us to be our seminarian.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Karen Brockney:

Gracious God, we are thankful for her leadership in worship, inviting us to learn and grow closer to You.

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ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Charlie Samborski:

Our God whose Son said, "Let the children come to me," we thank You for Ruth's ministry with the children and youth, caring for them by sharing Your love and the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Lynne Carroll:

O God who calls us to love You with our minds, we are grateful for Ruth's teaching.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Barbara Ward:

Everlasting God, we are thankful for Ruth's commitment to Jesus, for her example of faithful discipleship.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Ruth Richards:

And I give thanks for the Ministers, Boards, Committees, and all the faithful Members of this church for fulfilling their covenant with You, O God, to assist in training people for ministry. May You bless and guide First Baptist Church in this and in all their ministries.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God.

Tom McKibbens:

We ask, dear God, that Your Spirit be upon Ruth, guiding her in the ways of Your Son as she continues in ministry, serving others in the name of the Christ. God of all the seasons of our lives, we ask that as we part one from another, we might be reaffirmed in each of our calls to ministry. Enable us to serve You in all we do and say.

ALL: Thanks are to You, O God, for Your servant, Ruth. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 40** For the Beauty of the EarthDix

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE On Pentecost They Gathered..... Emma Lou Diemer
b. 1927

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Chancel Choir
Children's Choir
Sarah Sams, flute
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's arrangements are donated by Donna and Dave Roy, in remembrance of Elizabeth Roy. **Also**, a rosebud to welcome William Thompson Miller-Fruit, born May 7, 2008, 7lbs., 10 oz., Congrats to mom Emilie Miller-Fruit, and grandparents Margery & Erwin "Dusty" Miller.

COFFEE & RECEPTION...in Gordon Hall, following the service. Today's reception, led by the Teaching Parish Committee, will be in honor of our Field Education Intern Ruth Richards. It will be an occasion to thank Ruth for her year with us and to wish her well in the remainder of her seminary studies.



SCROGIN FORUM...Please join us in the Roy Room at 11:15 AM for a discussion of Dr. Paul Farmer's Pathologies of Power. Dr. Farmer was profiled recently on CBS's *60 Minutes*.

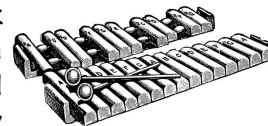
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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY...is NEXT SUNDAY, May 18! The entire service will be conducted by the youth and older children in consultation with the ministers of the church. The theme will be **"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE"**, taken from the great prayer of Jesus in John 17. Youth and children will be involved in every aspect of the service. A reception in their honor will be held after the service in Gordon Hall.

SPRING CLEANING TIME IS HERE...There are SEVERAL plates, bowls, casseroles, etc., which have been left behind in our kitchens following various events. The Kitchen Administrator will have these items on display during the Coffee Hour following Worship on May 11 and May 18. PLEASE stop by on either of those dates to check if any items are calling out for you to take them home! **ALSO:** Stop by the Church Office to review the "Lost & Found" box for any other items you may have left behind!

A REMINDER FROM YOUR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE...We hope you will join us on Sunday, May 18, at the **WALK FOR THE HOMELESS**. Be a member of our FBC team as we walk to help alleviate homelessness. Beneficiaries this year include *Hope for Housing*, making this a great opportunity to burn off calories acquired from the good food we buy with our *Hope for Housing* grocery cards. We will team up with the **Health Cabinet**, support *Hope for Housing*, and get great exercise—all together in one fun walk! Please speak with Jean Perkins following today's service, or call 508-755-2875.

ORFF-SCHULWERK...Final year event for Orff-Schulwerk will be on **Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Gordon Hall**. Our small band of participants will demonstrate what we have learned in our Tuesday afternoon Orff sessions.



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY...Please consider donating for one of the following available Sundays: May 25 (1 Urn), June 1 (2 Urns), June 15 (1 Urn), or June 29 (2 Urns). Simply complete the form located by the floral sign-up sheet outside the Church Office, and return it with your payment. Thank you!

FOR KIDS...YOUTH...ADULTS...COME TO THE VACATION BIBLE CAMP:



June 23 - 26, 2008
6:00 - 8:00 PM @ Wesley UMC
114 Main St., Worcester

Prayer...

*Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and with fear; though dust
and ashes in thy sight, we may, we must draw near.*

~James Montgomery, hymn writer
1771-1854

Please include in your prayers...

- Celebration of our Music & Arts Weekend—all that made it a success!
- Celebration of all involved with Youth Sunday
- Pastor Thomas McKibbens, Minister of Music & Arts William Ness
- Thanksgiving for the ministry of Ruth Richards among us at FBC
- Loving thanks for mothers and grandmothers
- Betty Bennett, Lynn McMillen, Jean Podell, Cynthia Fischer, Audrey Terpo, Cheryl Goff
- The Health Cabinet; Music & Arts Committee, Building and Grounds Committee
- Those suffering from illness and their caregivers
- The Second Sunday Service at Knollwood today
- Those needing and awaiting organ transplant
- The homeless, hungry, unemployed
- Families and individuals in need of counseling
- The victims and survivors of the Myanmar cyclone

**The Skein of Knitters meets at
10:00 AM the 2nd Tuesday of
each month
in the Krueger Room.
Please JOIN US...we need you!
Tuesday, May 13!**

GROTONWOOD AND OCEANWOOD...How about a week at camp? There are still openings at both Camp Grotonwood and Oceanwood for this summer, offering a great Christian camping experience. You may access all the information and register online at www.grotonwood.org.



OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

SUN., May 11—Pentecost—Mother’s Day

10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Sunday School; **Scrogin Forum**
RECEPTION FOR RUTH RICHARDS
12:30 PM Youth Group

MON., May 12 6:30 PM HFH Faith Partners; HFH Family Selection
7:30 PM Music & Arts Committee

TUE., May 13 9:00 AM Literacy Volunteers
10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting; Skein of Knitters
1:00 PM Salisbury Belles
4:00 PM Orff Session
5:15 PM Health Cabinet
6:30 PM First Friends
7:00 PM Governing Board
7:30 PM Liturgical Dancers

WED., May 14 8:30 AM Auditor
9:00 AM Women’s Prayer Fellowship;
Literacy Volunteers
6:00 PM Search Committee
7:30 PM Evening Prayer Fellowship

THU., May 15 8:30 AM Auditor
6:15 PM First Handbells
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

FRI., May 16 8:30 AM Auditor
3:15 PM Brownies

SAT., May 17 *WPI Graduation—May use parking lot*

SUN., May 18 — YOUTH SUNDAY—That All May Be One

10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Sunday School; BP Check in the Library
Reception for Youth

Walk for Homeless, sponsored by SAC & HC

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