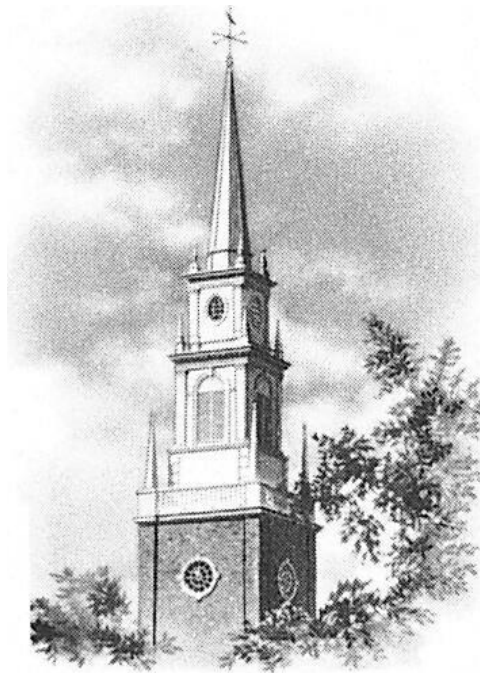


First Baptist Church

June 22, 2008



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 22, 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 Ascription.....Richard Purvis
O most high, almighty, good Lord God, 1913-1994
to Thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.
Earth Carol
Praised be our God for our mother the Earth, the which doth sustain
and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits and flowers of many colors,
and green grass.

***HYMN 23** All Creatures of Our God and KingLasst Uns Erfreuen

***CALL TO WORSHIP (St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226)**

Leader: You are holy, Lord, the only God, and your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong; You are great; You are the Most High.
You are mighty, You, holy Father, are the King of heaven.

**People: You are one, Lord God, and all good. You are Supreme Good,
living and true**

Leader: You are love; you are wisdom. You are humility, You are
endurance, You are rest, You are peace, You are joy and gladness.
You are all our riches, And you suffice for us.

**People: You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are our protector,
You are our guardian and defender. You are courage.
You are our haven and hope.**

Leader: You are our faith, Our great consolation.

**ALL: You are our eternal life, Great and wonderful Lord,
God almighty, Merciful Savior!**

***INVOCATION** (a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)

**God, all powerful, most holy sublime ruler of all, you alone are
good—supremely, fully, completely good. May we render to you all
praise, all honor, and all blessing: may we always ascribe to you alone
everything that is good! We pray together as Jesus taught: Our
Father...(debts)**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ashley Ward

CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN (St. Francis of Assisi)

Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord,
Thine be the praises, the glory, and the honor and every blessing
To Thee alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to mention Thee.

**May Thou be praised, my Lord, with all Thy creatures,
especially mister brother sun,
of whom is the day, and Thou enlightens us through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant with a great splendor
of Thee, Most High, does he convey the meaning.**

May Thou be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars,
in heaven Thou has made them clear and precious and beautiful.

May Thou be praised, my Lord for brother wind,
and for the air and the cloudy and the clear weather and every weather,
through which to all Thy creatures Thou gives sustenance.

**May Thou be praised, my Lord, for sister water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.**

**May Thou be praised, my lord, for brother fire
through whom Thou illumines the night,
and he is beautiful and glad and robust and strong.**

May Thou be praised, my Lord, for our sister, mother earth,
who sustains us and governs,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and green plants.
May Thou be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for the sake of Thy love,
and endure infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed be those who endure them in peace,
because by Thee, Most High, will they be crowned.

**May Thou be praised, my Lord, for our sister, bodily death,
whom no one living can escape.**

**Blessed be those whom it will find in Thy most holy desires.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give God thanks with great humility!**

AMEN.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Call to Giving

Offertory Solo *Siciliana from Sonata in G minor, BWV 1001*J.S. Bach
1685-1750

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....William Ness

(Children who would like to participate in Summer Sunday School are invited to join the group in the Lee Room following the Message.)

***HYMN 35** Morning Has Broken..... Bunessan

SOLO Adagio from *Violin Concerto no 1. in G minor*..... Max Bruch
1838-1920

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:5-20 (p. 791)

SERMON *St. Francis of Assisi, the Summer Saint* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 614** Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller

***BENEDICTION**

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred,

Let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console:

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE Canticle of the Sun.....Richard Purvis

Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures,

and especially for our Brother the sun,

who brings us the day and who brings us the light;

Fair is he and shines with great splendor: O Lord, he signifies to us, Thee!

...Words of St. Francis

**Those who are able may stand.*

Alex Vai, violin

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 in celebration of the double wedding ceremony of the Hayes sisters which took place here in the sanctuary 40 years ago on June 22, 1968, between Margi Hayes & Dusty Miller, and Susan Hayes & Ira Hartman. These flowers are lovingly given by the three Miller daughters in honor of the inspiration that their parents continue to generate through their shared life of adventure, integrity, optimism, community service, and curiosity.



REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP...Join your friends, and perhaps make a few new friends, following the service in Gordon Hall!

KEN PENNINGS, AT FBC THIS EVENING...Ken Pennings is the Executive Director of the Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB), the organization composed of churches and individuals who go on record as welcoming and affirming all persons without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. You can find out more about the association on their web site [www.wabaptists.org]. Ken is here at The First Baptist Church this evening, June 22, for dessert and discussion at 6:00 PM. If you would like to meet Ken and find out more about AWAB, please join us in the Lee Room at 6:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP...will meet today at 11:30 AM! We will head to Wesley United Methodist Church for about an hour to help prepare for this week's Vacation Bible Camp, and then come back to FBC to continue work on the Youth Lounge.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP THIS WEEK! Monday through Thursday, June 23 through June 26, 2008, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street in Worcester. This year's theme is: "BEACH Party—Surfin' Through the Scriptures" Please see Ashley Ward TODAY if you still need to register!



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP MEETS NEXT SUNDAY...We will head to Crystal Caves in Auburn for some mini-golfing and ice cream. Mark your calendars and plan to join us—it's sure to be a great afternoon!



BIBLE & BAGELS...CONTINUES on Sunday mornings throughout June in the Lee Room at 9:00 AM, with a study on the Gospel of Mark. Please join us as early as 8:45 AM to enjoy coffee and BAGELS! **MURALS FROM MARK** also continues, with youth and children creating murals from stories in the Gospel of Mark. See you at 9:00 AM, in the Green Room!

SOCIAL ACTION AND W-A-R-M...W-A-R-M (Worcester Area Refugee Ministry) needs a few volunteers on Sundays this summer to transport three adults and three children (a car seat is available) to their home on following the worship service & refreshment fellowship. Please speak with Warren Jones, Anne Puffer, or give Warren a call at 978-368-1310.



PLEASE REVIEW THE BULLETIN BOARD TO SEE OTHER WAYS YOU MAY HELP REFUGEES ARRIVING IN WORCESTER.

Thank You

Prayer...

*Let Thy power, O Christ, be in us all,
to share the world's suffering, and redress its wrongs. Amen.*

~The Rev. Dr. John Baillie

Please include in your prayers...

- ✎ The Youth leading the Second Sunday Service at Knollwood
- ✎ The refurbishing of the church piano; thanksgiving for Lynne and Keiron Carroll opening their home for the English Tea fundraiser
- ✎ Those who suffer from chronic illness; their caregivers
- ✎ Those who have been recently bereaved
- ✎ Stanley Manierre, Lois Sawin, Mary Stone, Edwin Bohlin, Willard Rice, Marijane Jones
- ✎ The Bible & Bagels study hour
- ✎ Families who are victims of natural disaster
- ✎ The welcoming of new refugee families and individuals into the Worcester community.



DATES AVAILABLE FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS:

July 6, 13, and 20 (all open).

Please stop by the Church Office to pick up a form, fill it out for the date of your choice, then return it to the office with your payment, with **Floral Arts** written on the memo line of your check.

GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL



Due to fewer donations of Chancel Flowers for the months of July and August, the Floral Arts Committee once again encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens with us on the Sundays during those months. We welcome any arrangement, and ask that you use your own vase for the arrangement and bring it with you on Sunday before worship, to be placed on the Chancel in July or in Gordon Hall in August.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- Sun., June 22 8:45 AM Bible & Bagels
 9:00 AM Murals from Mark
 10:00 AM Worship
 Summer Sunday School
 11:30 AM Youth Group; Music & Arts Comm.
 6:00 PM Dessert with Ken Pennings (AWAB)
- Mon., June 23 6:30 PM Habitat Site Selection;
 Habitat Faith Partnership;
 Habitat Family Selection
Vacation Bible Camp @ Wesley UMC
- Tue., June 24 9:00 AM Literacy Volunteers
 10:00 AM Wkly Staff Mtg; Prayer Shawl Comm.
 12:00 PM AWAB Clergy Luncheon
 6:30 PM Habitat
 7:00 PM Deacons
Vacation Bible Camp @ Wesley UMC
Mustard Seed
- Wed., June 25 9:00 AM Literacy Volunteers
Vacation Bible Camp @ Wesley UMC
- Thu., June 26 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
Vacation Bible Camp @ Wesley UMC
- Fri., June 27 8:30 AM Elm Park Ministries
- Sun., June 29 8:45 AM Bible & Bagels
 9:00 AM Murals from Mark
 10:00 AM Worship
 Summer Sunday School
 11:30 AM Family Fellowship

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