

**SERMON TEXT: Mark 11: 27-33 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup>And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, <sup>28</sup>and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup>Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me." <sup>31</sup>And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>32</sup>But shall we say, 'From man?'" — they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. <sup>33</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

**SERMON OUTLINE**

- I. A Question of Religious Authority (vv. 27-28)
  
- II. A Question of Spiritual Authority (vv. 29-33a)
  
- III. Jesus' Unquestioned Authority (vv. 33b)

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June 15, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**..... Dr. Fred A. Coates  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Invocation

**PRELUDE: *Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness***..... Teleman  
 Joanne Daykin

**\*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***.....34  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all  
 creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

**\*HYMN: *Majesty***.....43

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**THE WORD OF GOD READ: Hosea 6:1-6**.....p.796  
 Opal Westmoreland, reader

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Confession

**Almighty Father God, hear now the cry of Your repentant people. Deliver us from the harsh bondage of our sin and free us to serve You with a deep joy and with a sincere thanksgiving for Your unfailing love made known to us in Your Son Jesus. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be renewed and equipped to live the new life You offer us in Christ. So, hear us now as we make our private confession (silent confession)...**

Thanksgiving

Intercession

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, for ever. Amen.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: *Praise and Thanksgiving*..... Wood

Joanne Daykin

\*Response: *Glorify Thy Name* (Verse 1 adapted).....146

**Father, we love you, we lay our gifts before you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

Mark 11:27-33

*Questioning Authority*..... Dr. Coates

\*HYMN: *Trust and Obey* (Verses 1-3).....443

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *Trust and Obey* (Verse 4).....443

\*POSTLUDE: *Chromatic Fugue*.....Pachelbel

\* **Those who are able** will please stand.

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** this morning are given by David and Elizabeth Jones to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth's brother, Tom Cheek, and David's sister, Noreen Varchi. The flowers in the vestibule are in memory of Gordon Den Bleyker.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE SHIFT BEGINNING TODAY:** Starting today, our Sunday morning schedule will shift to the following:

- **Worship 9:00-9:50 a.m.**
- **Church School 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- **Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Why are we making this Sunday Schedule Shift? We're making this shift so the earlier worship service will be more appealing and accessible, for it is the service with the greatest potential for attendance growth. We're making this shift because for many people, 8:30 a.m. is just too early and a very real psychological barrier exists for them. We're making this shift because Jesus calls us to do what we can to fulfill his mission of "Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples" and reach out to more people in Mooresville and the world. So mark your calendars!

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration is taking place during May for this summer's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 23-27, from 9:30 a.m. – noon each day. This year's theme is *San Harvest County Fair: Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*, where participants will enjoy Bible stories and activities, recreation, music, crafts, and snacks. Stop by the table in the parlor to register.

**Children in Action (CIA):** All rising first through sixth graders are encouraged to participate in CIA activities this summer. This week's activity is a trip to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. The group plans to leave at 8:30 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 plus spending money. Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make a reservation.

**College Fellowship:** All college-age young adults, along with 2008 high school graduates, are invited to a cookout and swim outing at the Carpenters, 201 Colony Drive, this Wednesday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. Please call the church office (704-664-5275) to RSVP.

**Camp Grier:** Campers attending Camp Grier this week include: **Pioneer Adventure:** Carson Bridges; **Pioneer Rustic:** Maclean Bridges; **Summer Staff:** Mary Ellen Auten.

**Vacation Bible School:** This is the final week to register for Vacation Bible School, so be sure to stop by the registration table in the parlor to sign up. VBS will be held Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27, 9:30 a.m. – noon.

*Calendar for June 15 – June 22, 2008*

Sunday: **Happy Father's Day**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. - Executive Committee

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - CIA to NC Zoo

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
6:00 p.m. - College Fellowship at Carpenter's

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
7:30 p.m. - *No Chances Choir practice*

Friday: **Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday 6/22: 9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with commissioning of PYP Mission Trip participants  
7:00 p.m. - Session

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Katherine Mack; Ashley Teeter; John Neely; Byron Crowley; Jan Stilwell's son, John Burris; Leeann DeCastro's father and sister; Dave Montgomery, Phil Loftin's brother-in-law; James Gordon; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders' brother; Helen & Victor Johnston; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Joyce Gilland, Jean Coates' sister; Martha Andrews; Jackie Potter; and EO3SW Laban Thompson

**If you volunteer or have supported the Mooresville Soup Kitchen** during the ongoing capital campaign, or would simply like to learn more about this vital ministry, please plan to attend an ice cream social from 1 – 3 on Saturday, June 21 at its new location (275 S. Broad Street in downtown Mooresville). You are encouraged to bring friends and family to help create awareness. You'd be surprised how many people don't know there's a soup kitchen in Mooresville! This is a great opportunity to see the new facility and meet others who are helping fight hunger in our community. If you have questions, please call Jody Schwandt, Executive Director, at 704.660.9010.