

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Reflections

“Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, He seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due.” - Robert Rayburn

The prayer life does not consist of perpetual repetition of petitions. The prayer life consists of life that is always upward and onward and Godward.
- George Campbell Morgan

Sunday Worship Service Participants

April 13

Greeter - Tiffany Brooks

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Karen Thorp

Scripture Reading - Matt Oquist

April 20

Service is in Manchester

(see announcements for more information).

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Aaron Brooks

April 27

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Tracey Cotton and Maria Gelin

Scripture Reading - Bill Townsend

Service of Praise

Prelude

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:1, 10-13 (NIV)

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

Leader: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Almighty King
Number 101 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Number 295 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach us wisdom in our secret heart.
Hide your face from our sins,
and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:24-25

Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Before the Throne of God Above
See next page

**Congregation standing*

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

*Doxology (Number 731 in Trinity Hymnal)

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Piano

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all crea- tures here be -

low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

A - - - - - men.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Congregation standing

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10 (NIV)

¹"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Missions Moment

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The City is Humbled

Nahum 2:11-13 (NASB)

¹¹Where is the den of the lions
And the feeding place of the young lions,
Where the lion, lioness and lion's cub prowled,
With nothing to disturb them?

¹²The lion tore enough for his cubs,
Killed enough for his lionesses,
And filled his lairs with prey
And his dens with torn flesh.

¹³"Behold, I am against you," declares the LORD of hosts. "I will burn up her chariots in smoke, a sword will devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the land, and no longer will the voice of your messengers be heard."

***Hymn of Response**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Number 247 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Congregation standing*

***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Number 342 in Trinity Hymnal (verse 5)

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

The **Missions Conference** (with guest speaker D.A. Carson) is this Thursday and Friday, April 18-19, at Manchester Christian Church, 1308 Wellington, Rd., Manchester, NH 03104. For more information about the location, please visit www.manchesterchristian.com/. See Jason if you'd like more information about the conference.

Next **Sunday, April 20**, we will be worshipping with Church of the Redeemer (PCA) and the First Baptist Church of Manchester. D.A. Carson will be preaching. The service will be at **10 a.m.** at the First Baptist Church, 536 Union St., Manchester, NH 03104.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) a.k.a elder training: SNL is open to everyone in the church and will be primarily a teaching time, with discussion, prayer, and Bible study. It will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning on May 4 and will run for 10 weeks. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School	Sanctuary Basement
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tuesday	6:45 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefields'
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Brooks'

**If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.*

Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: announcements@nashuapca.org

Kingdom Focused Prayer

Pray for God's name to be honored

- Our worship service would be honoring to him
- Thankful for God's provision of a facility to worship in and to be diligent in our care of it so that people will see Christ in us

Pray for His Kingdom to be extended

- For our friends and neighbors to come to know Christ
- That Nashua be changed to reflect the city of God
- For the fatherless, widows, orphans and homeless to be cared for by believers
- For justice to be established in Nashua in our courts and streets
- Pray for the work of the Mission To North America committee of our Presbytery as we seek to plant more churches in Northern New England.
- For the opportunity to meet and get to know more people of Nashua because the office is located in a downtown professional building.

Pray for His people to be fed and nurtured

- For the Word to be preached faithfully
- That the witness and ministry of our church leadership would be empowered by the Spirit
- That all those who hear would be receptive to the Holy Spirit
- Pray for the elder/deacon training

Pray for His forgiveness to be felt and extended to others

- That we become more aware of our sinfulness
- That we be burdened with the things that burden God
- That we may experience the width, length, height, and depth of God's love for us
- For us to be bold in sharing our faith

Pray for His Bride, the church, to be purified and kept from temptation

- That God would sanctify his church
- That God would guard us from discouragement
- That God would protect us from gossip and complaining
- For God to strengthen us in faith, that we might believe His promises in the gospel, particularly His delight in saving the lost

Mercy Ministry Opportunities

Nashua Crisis Pregnancy Care Center
883.9355

Supplies

Baby items, diapers, etc.

Upper Room Compassionate Ministries (Katie)
595.2039

Volunteers

For sorting clothes or bagging food for 1 hour or more

Supplies

Clothing, particularly socks (mens, childrens), shampoo, toothpaste, diapers (size 4 &5), outdoor clothing, hats, mittens, etc.

"Only the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ and millions of "mini-churches" (Christian homes) throughout the country can attack the roots of social problems." - Tim Keller, *Ministries of Mercy*