

**Sunday, May 11, 2008**

**Reflections**

“A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people.”  
- BCO 47-2

If you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ.  
- C. H. Spurgeon

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**May 11**

Greeter - Michael Sterrett  
Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Michael Sterrett  
Scripture Reading - Karen Thorp

**May 18**

Greeter - Paula Townsend  
Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Brent Townsend  
Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

**May 25**

Greeter - Teck Hia  
Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Jonathan Claggett  
Scripture Reading - Tracey Cotton

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 148:1, 7, 11-14 (NIV)

*Leader:            How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.*

**People:**        May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Number 164 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (verses 1, 2, 4)  
Number 103 in Trinity Hymnal

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*\*Congregation standing*

## Confession of Sin

Gracious God,  
who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
we confess before you and to each other  
that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.  
We have been satisfied with ordinary things,  
suspicious of unfamiliar things,  
and blind to spiritual things.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2, 11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

There is a Redeemer  
See next page

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+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 20:19-23 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

## **Prayer of Intercession**

## **Sermon**

Certainty of God's Judgment (Part 2)  
Nahum 3:8-13 (NIV)

- 8 Are you better than No-amon,  
Which was situated by the waters of the Nile,  
With water surrounding her,  
Whose rampart was the sea,  
Whose wall consisted of the sea?
- 9 Ethiopia was her might,  
And Egypt too, without limits  
Put and Lubim were among her helpers.
- 10 Yet she became an exile,  
She went into captivity;  
Also her small children were dashed to pieces  
At the head of every street;  
They cast lots for her honorable men,  
And all her great men were bound with fetters.
- 11 You too will become drunk,  
You will be hidden.  
You too will search for a refuge from the enemy.
- 12 All your fortifications are fig trees with ripe fruit--  
When shaken, they fall into the eater's mouth.
- 13 Behold, your people are women in your midst!  
The gates of your land are opened wide to your enemies;  
Fire consumes your gate bars.

## **\*Hymn of Response**

A Mighty Fortress is our God  
Number 92 in Trinity Hymnal

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**\*Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:6-11

I believe in Christ Jesus,  
Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death -  
even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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**\*Gloria Patri**  
Number 735 in Trinity Hymnal

# Gloria Patri

Text: 2nd century, traditional  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Piano

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out

end. A - - - men, a - - - men.

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**  
(Please be seated)

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Announcements\*

Our next **church luncheon** will be next Sunday, May 18, after the worship service. Please sign up to bring something to share.

**Upper Room Work Day:** On Saturday, May 31, we will be having a work day at the Upper Room to help sort and change out clothes. More information will be coming. Please see Tracey Cotton if you have questions.

**Donations for the Upper Room:** The Upper Room needs peanut butter, tuna fish, bedding, bath towels/wash clothes, bar soap (the small kind), and hotel size shampoo/soap/lotions. Please bring items to church any Sunday in May and place them in the box in the foyer.

**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. SNL meets from 6:30-8 p.m. at the church office (142 Main St., Suite 312). Please see Jason for more information.

The **Alpha Marriage Course** will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays this summer. There are two seven-week sessions to choose from. Session one will begin June 5 and go through July 17, and session two will be from August 7 through Sept. 18. Space is limited, so please let Jason know ASAP if you're planning to attend one of the sessions.

**Women's Small Group:** The women will be meeting this summer on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 for Bible study and prayer. The first meeting will be Tuesday, June 3 at Laura Sterrett's house. Please let her know if you plan to attend. You can reach her at 603-888-5338.

## Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
		Children's Sunday School	Basement
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Live	Church Office
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*