

Sunday, May 25, 2008

Reflections

“Worship is acknowledging the greatest of our covenant Lord.” - John Frame

A true prayer is an inventory of needs, a catalog of necessities, an exposure of secret wounds, a revelation of hidden poverty. - C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

May 25

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Tracey Cotton

June 1

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Madeline Flagg

Scripture Reading - Maria Gelin

June 8

Greeter - Wenderson Freitas

Childcare Workers - Tracey Cotton and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111:1-4, 9 (NIV)

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

People: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

People: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

***Hymn of Praise**

To God Be the Glory

Number 55 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, we confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, we have rebelled against your wisdom, and we have rejected your fatherly guidance. Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy, in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Amazing Grace

Number 460 in Trinity Hymnal

*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

Matthew 6:24-34 (NIV)

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Perspectives on Presbyterians

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (NASB)

13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

***Hymn of Response**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Number 38 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***Confession 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 Spirit,
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 Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Congregation standing*

***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)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Upper Room Work Day: Next Saturday, May 31, we will be working from 9 a.m. - noon at the Upper Room to help sort and change out clothes. The Upper Room is located at 36 Tolles St., Nashua, NH 03064. Please see Tracey Cotton if you have questions.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) a.k.a elder training: SNL will not meet tonight. The next meeting will be next Sunday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the church office. To see the schedule and bibliography, visit the announcements section of the church website (nashuapca.org). SNL is open to everyone in the church.

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
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*

