

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Reflections

“Worship in the Bible is the due response of rational creatures to the self revelation of their Creator.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

Prayer plumes the wings of God's young eaglets so that they may learn to mount above the clouds. Prayer brings inner strength to God's warriors and sends them forth to spiritual battle with their muscles firm and their armor in place.
- C.H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

June 1

Greeter - Denise Kingsley
Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Madeline Flagg
Scripture Reading - Tracey Cotton

June 8

Greeter - Wenderson Freitas
Childcare Workers - Tracey Cotton and Matt Oquist
Scripture Reading - April Claggett

June 15

Greeter - Allison Wakefield
Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Les Mason
Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 9:1-11 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

ALL: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

***Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (verses 1-3)

Number 604 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

In My Heart

See page 4

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
We pray, Lord, that you
forgive what our lips tremble to name and
what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:26-27

God said, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

* +Hymn of Thanks

My Heart is Filled
See page 6

**Congregation standing*

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:21-29 (NIV)

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Introduction to Psalms

Psalm 148 (NASB)

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

² Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!

³ Praise Him, sun and moon;

Praise Him, all stars of light!

⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens,

And the waters that are above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,

For He commanded and they were created.

⁶ He has also established them forever and ever;

He has made a decree which will not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,

Sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds;

Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

⁹ Mountains and all hills;

Fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle;

Creeping things and winged fowl;

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples;

Princes and all judges of the earth;

¹² Both young men and virgins;

Old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,

For His name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.

14 And He has lifted up a horn for His people,
Praise for all His godly ones;
Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him.
Praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Response**

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory (verses 1-3)
Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Service of Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- John 3:16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

***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.

***God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory**

Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal (verse 4)

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Informational Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday, June 8, following the worship service, we will have a brief meeting in the sanctuary to discuss the church financials and upcoming summer missions trip in June. Please plan to stay after for 30 minutes.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) a.k.a elder training: To see the schedule and bibliography, visit the announcements section of the church website (nashuapca.org). SNL is open to everyone in the church.

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 this 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.

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 this Thursday, 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.

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	7:30 p.m.	Women's Small Group	Sterretts'
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Alpha Marriage Course	

**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*

