

Sunday, September 7, 2008

Reflections

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” - Romans 12:1

God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of his grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air. - John Wesley

Sunday Worship Service Participants

September 7

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Maria Gelin and Tiffany Brooks

Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

September 14

Greeter - Tiffany Brooks

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Aaron Brooks

September 21

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Les Mason

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 24:7-10 (NIV)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

***Hymn of Praise**

To God Be the Glory

Number 55 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

O Great God

See page 4

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Inspire us to reach out in love and mercy
through your name. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

* +Hymn of Thanks

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1-4)
Number 94 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Psalm 41 (NASB)

- ¹ How blessed is he who considers the helpless;
The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.
- ² The LORD will protect him and keep him alive,
And he shall be called blessed upon the earth;
And do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.

3 The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed;
 In his illness, You [a]restore him to health.
4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
 Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."
5 My enemies speak evil against me,
 "When will he die, and his name perish?"
6 And when he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood;
 His heart gathers wickedness to itself;
 When he goes outside, he tells it.
7 All who hate me whisper together against me;
 Against me they devise my hurt, saying,
8 "A wicked thing is poured out upon him,
 That when he lies down, he will not rise up again."
9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
 Who ate my bread,
 Has lifted up his heel against me.
10 But You, O LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up,
 That I may repay them.
11 By this I know that You are pleased with me,
 Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.
12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,
 And You set me in Your presence forever.
13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
 From everlasting to everlasting.
 Amen and Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

It Is Well With My Soul
Number 691 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 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*

***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*

Fellowship Sunday: September 14 after the worship service we'll have a brief time of fellowship. Please sign up to bring finger foods or drinks, and plan to stay after and visit with fellow church members.

Congregational Informational Meeting: On September 21 after the worship service we'll have a congregational meeting to discuss the fall schedule. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after the worship service.

Soccer equipment: This past summer the church acquired some soccer equipment for the summer soccer camp. The equipment includes a garbage can full of soccer balls and other equipment as well as four soccer goals. Two goals are 4x6 feet, and 2 goals are smaller, 4x2 feet. We need a place to store them this winter as they are sitting in Jason's backyard. If you can help, let Jason know as soon as possible. Thanks!

The **Upper Room** is in need of volunteers to pick up boxes of meat from the Hannaford by the Nashua mall once a week between 1 and 4 p.m. We also need a volunteer to pick up meat at Walmart once a month. For those who are looking for a place to serve, this is an excellent opportunity. It will only take a few hours of your time each month. Volunteers will need a van or truck to haul the boxes to the Upper Room and put them in the freezer. Please call 603-595-2039 if you are able to help.

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

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**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

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua

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*

