

**Sunday, October 5, 2008**

**Reflections**

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

As is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray. - Martin Luther

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**October 5**

Greeter - April Claggett

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Matt Oquist

**October 12**

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

**October 19**

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Matt Oquist and Madeline Flagg

Scripture Reading - Laura Sterrett

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

*Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious!*

*People: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing  
praise to your name.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)  
Number 2 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Almighty King  
Number 101 in Trinity Hymnal

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# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. 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

O Great God

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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*



### **Verse 3**

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

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# Call to Commitment

## Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance."

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Sermon**

What a Wedding!

John 2:1-11 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

<sup>2</sup> and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him.

<sup>9</sup> When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,

<sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

Number 53 in Trinity Hymnal

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# **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**

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.

## **\*Come, Thou Almighty King (verse 4)**

Number 101 in Trinity Hymnal

To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
His sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity  
Love and adore!

## **\*Benediction**

### **Announcements**

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## Announcements\*

**Life Together:** During the traditional Sunday School time at 9:15, we'll be beginning something new. We will study and practice elements and disciplines of individual, family, and corporate worship. All ages will meet together - everyone is welcome!

**Fall Sign Up Sheets:** If you haven't filled one out yet, please see Jason ASAP.

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Life Together	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Live	Church office

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

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## 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