

**Sunday, October 12, 2008**

## **Reflections**

“It is an honoring and glorifying of God by gratefully offering back to Him all the good gifts, and the knowledge of his greatness and graciousness, that he has given. It involves praising him for what he is, thanking him for what he has done.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

The prayer life does not consist of perpetual repetition of petitions. The prayer life consists of life that is always upward and onward and Godward.  
- George Campbell Morgan

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## **Sunday Worship Service Participants**

### **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

### **October 26**

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Aaron Brooks

Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 48:1, 9, 10 (NIV)

*Leader: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.*

**People:** Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Number T95 rinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Lord, you have called us to worship you. As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We simply go through motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

My Heart is Filled

See next page

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\*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**

Exodus 14:19-31 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." <sup>27</sup> Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

<sup>29</sup> But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup> That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. <sup>31</sup> And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

## Sermon

### Jesus at the Temple

John 2:12-25 (NASB)

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

**\*Hymn of Response**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder  
Number 172 in Trinity Hymnal

**\*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.

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*\*Congregation standing*

**\*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**

(Please be seated)

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Announcements\*

**Informational Meeting:** On Sunday, October 19, we will have a brief informational meeting about the church budget. Bill Townsend, the church treasurer, will provide an update on our current financial position. (See below for budget information.)

**Life Together:** During the traditional Sunday School time at 9:15, we have begun something new. We are studying and practicing elements and disciplines of individual, family, and corporate worship. All ages meet together - everyone is welcome!

## 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

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## Budget Information:

Four (4) Months June thru Sept. 2008

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$27,576.25
Fund Raising	\$1,050.00
Total Giving	\$28,626.25
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$33,437.82
Shortfall as of 09/30/08	(\$4,811.57)

*\*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*