

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Reflections

“Worship is the supremacy of God in the affections of His people.” - John Piper

The coming revival must begin with a great revival of prayer. It is in the closet, with the door shut, that the sound of abundance of rain will first be heard. An increase of secret prayer with ministers will be the sure harbinger of blessing. - Andrew Murray

Sunday Worship Service Participants

March 29

Greeter - Laura Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Les Mason

Scripture Reading - Aaron Brooks

April 5

Greeter - Les Mason

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Elizabeth Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Jonathan Claggett

April 12

Greeter - Jonathan Claggett

Childcare Workers - Michael Sterrett and Janet Surprenant

Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:19-22

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

***Hymn of Praise**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-4)

Number 164 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Jesus Shall Reign (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Number 441 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become what you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We confess that we too often do not confess.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice
and be glad in you and in the righteousness
that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

* +Hymn of Thanks

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
See next page

**Congregation standing*

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

- 31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.
32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their forefathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the LORD.
- 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.
"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
- 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor,
or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.
"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The Terrible Scene

John 19:17-37 (NASB)

¹⁷They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

¹⁸There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

²⁰Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the [c]tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.

²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."

²⁵Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

²⁷Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty."

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.

³⁰Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

³¹Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

³²So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;

³³but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

³⁶For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN."

³⁷And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

***Hymn of Response**

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
Number 257 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 Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever.
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*

There will be a **church luncheon** today after the service. Please stay and fellowship.

SNL will not meet tonight.

Good Friday Service: On Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m., we will be joining the First Congregational Church of Merrimack for a Good Friday service. The church is located at 7 Baboosic Lake Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054.

George Whitefield Historical Tour: Are you interested in church history? If the answer is yes, then plan to join Jason this summer to tour Exeter, NH and Newburyport, MA and visit the historic sites of the great evangelist, George Whitefield. We are looking at either July 11 or July 18. Let Jason know if you are interested or would like more information.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Life Together	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6 p.m.	Sunday Night Live	Church office
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Claggett house
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefield house

Budget Information:

Nine (9) Months June 2008 thru February 2009:

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$55,468.40
Fund Raising	\$15,780.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$71,248.40
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$71,157.79
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$76,526.06
Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$90.61
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$5,277.66)

(1) Original budget minus Portuguese Outreach & 3 months office rent

**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

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*