

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Reflections

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- John 4:23-24

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

April 26

Greeter - Janet Surprenant
Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Matt Oquist
Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

May 3

Greeter - Michael Sterrett
Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Tiffany Brooks
Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

May 10

Greeter - Matthew Demeusy
Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Aaron Brooks
Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:18-19

Leader: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

People: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Number 235 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Number 283 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 5:24

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

* +Hymn of Thanks

In Christ Alone

See next page

**Congregation standing*

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV)

- ¹ "Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.
- ² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
- ³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
- ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his law the islands will put their hope."
- ⁵ This is what God the LORD says—
he who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
- ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
- ⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ "I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not give my glory to another
or my praise to idols.
- ⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The Prodigal God
Zephaniah 3:14-17 (NASB)

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

***Hymn of Response**

Be Thou My Vision
Number 642 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***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*

***Fairest Lord Jesus (verse 4)**

Number 170 in Trinity Hymnal

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

SNL will not meet tonight.

Jason will be on holiday April 24-May 1st. If you have an emergency, contact him on his mobile number, 603.305.7339.

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 July 11. 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	Barnes & Noble
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Claggett house
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefield house

Budget Information:

Ten (10) Months June 2008 thru March 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$63,329.40
Fund Raising	\$16,230.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$79,559.40

Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$77,077.70
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$85,029.78

Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$2,481.70
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$5,470.38)

(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*