

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Reflections

“The end of public worship is the glory of God.” - BCO 47-3

Never say you will pray about a thing; pray about it. - Oswald Chambers

Sunday Worship Service Participants

May 17

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

May 24

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Matthew Demeusy

May 31

Greeter - Tiffany Brooks

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Les Mason

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 145:3-7

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

People: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

***Hymn of Praise**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
Number 2 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. Forgive our every transgression. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:13-16

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

* +Hymn of Thanks

It Is Well With My Soul

Number 691 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

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 (NIV)

- ¹ I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of his wrath.
- ² He has driven me away and made me walk
in darkness rather than light;
- ³ indeed, he has turned his hand against me
again and again, all day long.
- ⁴ He has made my skin and my flesh grow old
and has broken my bones.
- ⁵ He has besieged me and surrounded me
with bitterness and hardship.
- ⁶ He has made me dwell in darkness
like those long dead.
- ⁷ He has walled me in so I cannot escape;
he has weighed me down with chains.
- ⁸ Even when I call out or cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer.
- ⁹ He has barred my way with blocks of stone;
he has made my paths crooked.
- ¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.
- ²⁰ I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
- ²¹ Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
- ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,

for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Jesus Goes Before Us
John 14:1-31 (NASB)

¹"Do not let your heart be troubled; [a]believe in God, believe also in Me.

²"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴"And you know the way where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

⁷"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."

⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

¹¹"Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

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12"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

13"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

15"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

18"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19"After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

20"In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?"

23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

24"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

25"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

26"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

28"You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you ' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

²⁹"Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

³⁰"I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

³¹but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me Get up, let us go from here.

***Hymn of Response**

Trust and Obey

Number 672 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 Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**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 is a **church luncheon** after the service today. Please stay and fellowship.

Sunday school: During the month of May, Jason will be sharing some highlights from the Gospel Coalition conference (www.thegospelcoalition.org/conferences/2009) he recently attended. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. if you're interested in learning more. During June, July, and August, there will be no Sunday school.

There will be a **membership class** starting soon for anyone who wants to become a member of the church or who would like more information about the church. Please see Jason if you're interested.

George Whitefield Historical Tour: On July 11, Jason will be leading a tour of Exeter, NH and Newburyport, MA to visit the historic sites of the great evangelist George Whitefield. Let Jason know if you are interested.

Particularization service: On August 2, CPC will be holding a particularization service. We need someone to plan and coordinate the meal that will be served afterward. Please see Jason if you can help in this way.

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

Summer Schedule:

(more information about these events will be coming)

June-August – no Sunday school

June 28 – summer picnic at the Wakefields

July-August – summer book club (women – Tues., men – Thurs.)

July 4 – fireworks in Nashua

July 11 – George Whitefield tour

July 12 – congregational meeting

July 19 – church luncheon

August 2 – particularization service

August 15 – Mt. Monadnock hike (weather permitting)

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

Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: announcements@nashuapca.org

Budget Information:

Eleven (11) Months June 2008 thru April 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$70,677.65
Fund Raising	\$16,930.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$87,607.65
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$90,124.00
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$93,532.76
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$2,516.35)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$5,925.11)

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

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*

