

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Reflections

“Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, He seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due.” - Robert Rayburn

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.
- C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

June 21

Greeter - Bill Townsend

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Paula Townsend

Scripture Reading - Tiffany Brooks

June 28

Greeter - Allison Wakefield

Childcare Workers - Michael Sterrett and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Janet Surprenant

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Leader: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

People: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Number 53 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

**Congregation standing*

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

Romans 5:20-21

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* +Hymn of Thanks

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

Number 164 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

1 Samuel 17:32-50 (NIV)

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the

field!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Jesus with His Disciples
John 13:1-38 (NASB)

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

²During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

⁴got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

⁵Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

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⁶So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter."

⁸Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

¹¹For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

¹³"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

¹⁴"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

¹⁶"Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷"If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

¹⁸"I do not speak of all of you I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'

¹⁹"From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.

²⁰"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

²²The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.

²³There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

²⁴So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom

He is speaking."

²⁵He, leaning back thus on Jesus' bosom, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus then answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

²⁷After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

²⁸Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

²⁹For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast"; or else, that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

³¹Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;

³²if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.

³³"Little children, I am with you a little while longer You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

³⁴"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

³⁵"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

³⁶Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later."

³⁷Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You."

³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

***Hymn of Response**

Ye Servants of God

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**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 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.

***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (verse 5)**

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Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

There will be a **church picnic** after the service on Sunday, June 28 at the Wakefields. If your last name starts with A-L, please bring a salad, chips, or other side dish. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring drinks or dessert. The Wakefields will provide meat for grilling.

The **summer book clubs** will start the last week of June. The **women's** first meeting is Tuesday, June 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Sterretts. The book is *Firstlight: The Early Inspirational Writings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The **men's** first meeting is Thursday, July 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Wakefields. The book is *Glittering Images* by Susan Howatch.

The **George Whitefield Historical Tour** is Saturday, July 11, 2009. The cost is \$15. If you are going, meet at the First Congregational Church in Merrimack, NH at 9 a.m. and bring a sack lunch and a donation for Old South Church. The tour will end at 3 p.m. The tour will offer interactive lectures on the life and ministry of Rev. George Whitefield in New England. The focus of the tour is on Whitefield's final hours as he traveled from Exeter, NH to Newburyport, MA. Please let Jason know if you plan to attend.

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	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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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 Oquist.*

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

Budget Information:

Twelve (12) Months June 2008 thru May 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund & Marvis Memorial)	\$77,116.65
Fund Raising	\$17,130.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund & Marvis Memorial)	\$94,246.65
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$98,615.89
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$102,035.74
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$4,369.24)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Adjusted Budget)	(\$7,789.09)

(1) Original Budget minus Portuguese Outreach & 3 months Office Rent and Parking

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*