

**Sunday, August 2, 2009**

**Reflections**

“Worship in the Bible is the due response of rational creatures to the self revelation of their Creator.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

Scripture calls us to pray for many things: for all saints; for all men; for kings and all rulers; for all who are in adversity; for the sending forth of laborers; for those who labor in the gospel; for all converts; for believers who have fallen into sin; for one another in our immediate circles. - Andrew Murray

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**August 2**

Greeter - Les Mason

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Michael Sterrett

Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

**August 9**

Greeter - Jonathan Claggett

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Laura Sterrett

**August 16**

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 149:1-6a

*Leader: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.*

**People:** Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

*Leader: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.*

**People:** Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. May the praise of God be in their mouths

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Worship Christ the Risen King (verses 1-3, 5)  
Number 286 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

I Will Glory in My Redeemer  
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# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

God of love, in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done,  
we have sinned in ignorance;  
we have sinned in weakness;  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us  
and renew our lives  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

The Power of the Cross

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+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

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup>This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high,  
he led captives in his train

and gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

<sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

<sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Prayer of Intercession

### Sermon

Psalm 46 (NASB)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change  
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters roar and foam,  
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- 6 The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;  
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
Who has wrought desolations in the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;  
He burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 "Cease striving and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.

### \*Hymn of Response

A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
Number 92 in Trinity Hymnal

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# 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**

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.

## **\*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**

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## Announcements\*

**Particularization service:** The service has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. on September 20 at the Congregational Church in Merrimack. We will be providing finger foods after the service. More information will be coming soon.

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Women's Book Club	Sterretts
Thursday	7 p.m.	Men's Book Club	Barnes & Noble

### Summer Schedule:

*(more information about these events will be coming)*

June-August – no Sunday school

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

August 15 – Mt. Monadnock hike (weather permitting)

September 20 - particularization service

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### Budget Information:

Two Months Data June and July 2009

Regular Giving	\$11,989.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$710.00
Total Giving	\$12,699.10
Actual Expenses	\$16,160.48
Budget	\$16,504.57
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,461.38)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$3,805.47)

*\*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