

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Reflections

“It is an honoring and glorifying of God by gratefully offering back to Him all the good gifts, and the knowledge of his greatness and graciousness, that he has given. It involves praising him for what he is, thanking him for what he has done.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. -- A. J. Gordon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

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

August 23

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy and Les Mason

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99:2-5

Leader: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

People: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Number 100 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Number 38 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
We pray, Lord, that you
forgive what our lips tremble to name and
what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Here Is Love

See next page

*Congregation standing

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Verse 3

Of Your fullness You are pouring
Your great love on me anew
Without measure full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to You
You alone will be my glory
Nothing in the world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me
You Yourself have set me free

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NIV)

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Psalm 47 (NASB)

- 1 O clap your hands, all peoples;
 Shout to God with the voice of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared,
 A great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues peoples under us
 And nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us,
 The glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah.
- 5 God has ascended with a shout,
 The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth;
 Sing praises with a skillful psalm.
- 8 God reigns over the nations,
 God sits on His holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the people have assembled themselves as the people of the God
of Abraham,
 For the shields of the earth belong to God;
 He is highly exalted.

***Hymn of Response**

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory
Number 179 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***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

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Hike: Are you interested in hiking Mt. Monadnock next Saturday, August 15? If so, let Jason know.

There will be an **informational congregational meeting** after the service on Sunday, August 30. Please to stay and hear how you can be involved in CPC's fall plans.

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

Budget Information:

Two Months Data June and July 2009

Regular Giving	\$11,989.10
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(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)

Fund Raising	\$710.00
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Total Giving	\$12,699.10
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Actual Expenses	\$16,160.48
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Budget	\$16,504.57
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Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,461.38)
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Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$3,805.47)
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**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

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*