

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Reflections

“One main theme of the Old Testament is human sin and our resultant need...the fall, the murder of Abel, the corruption leading up to the flood, demonism, sexual perversions, eventually even tragedy for the chosen nation of Israel in spite of great blessings. The Old Testament is best summarized in David's psalm of repentance, which ought properly to be the psalm of the whole human race.”
- James Boice, *Foundation of the Christian Faith*

But against this background of human hopelessness, Scripture sets forth the love, grace, mercy, pity, kindness, and compassion of God, the offended Creator, in himself providing the atonement that our sin has made necessary. This amazing grace is the focal center of New Testament faith, hope, worship, ethics, and spiritual life; from Matthew to Revelation it shines out with breathtaking glory.
- JI Packer, *Concise Theology*

Sunday Worship Service Participants

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

August 30

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Linda Mason

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66:1, 2, 4

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

People: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Almighty King
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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

You Are My All in All
See next page

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach us wisdom in our secret heart.
Hide your face from our sins,
and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

* +Hymn of Thanks

There is A Redeemer

**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

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Psalm 51 (NASB)

- ¹ Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned
And done what is evil in Your sight,
So that You are justified when You speak
And blameless when You judge.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.
- 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness,
Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins
And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners will [b]be converted to You.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation;
Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
That my mouth may declare Your praise.
- 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- 18 By Your favor do good to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices,
In burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

***Hymn of Response**

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)
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**Congregation standing*

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry

O Thou that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their mem'ry from Thy book.

Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin:
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

Then will I teach the world Thy ways;
Sinners shall learn Thy sovereign grace;
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood,
And they shall praise a pard'ning God.

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**

Philippians 2:6-11

I believe in Christ Jesus,
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death -
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

***Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)**

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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*

There will be an **informational congregational meeting** after the service on Sunday, August 30. Please plan 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.

Conference: On Saturday, September 26, OMF International is sponsoring a conference called "Heart for Asia: Expanding the Kingdom through Prayer." The conference will be held at West Congregational Church, 27 Johnson St., Peabody, MA from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and snacks. More information can be found at www.omf.org/us/events. Please let Jason know if you're interested in attending.

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

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@nashuaapca.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*