

**Sunday, September 20, 2009**

**Reflections**

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." -- William Carey

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." -- Hudson Taylor

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."  
-- John Stott

"God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose." -- John Piper

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**September 20**

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Matthew Demeusy

**September 27**

Greeter - Tiffany Brooks

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Janet Surprenant

Scripture Reading - Matt Oquist

**October 4**

Greeter - April Claggett

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Michael Sterrett

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 33:1-5

*Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.*

**People:** Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. 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**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Salvation Belongs to Our God  
See page 4

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# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of intellect and reason,  
and turn them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Number 457 in Trinity Hymnal

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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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

<sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

<sup>1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you.

#### Prayer of Intercession

## **Sermon**

The Beginning

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

## **Sermon Outline**

### **Exegetical Overview of Genesis 1:1-2:3**

Think => Prologue, 3 days, 3 days, & epilogue

Day 1 (Day & Night) & Day 4 (Sun, Moon, Stars)

Day 2 (Seas & Heaven) & Day 5 (Sea Creatures & Birds)

Day 3 (Dry Land & Vegetation) & Day 6 (Land Creatures & Humanity)

### **Genesis 1:1- 2:3 & Enuma Elish & Memphis Theology**

Mesopotamia Cosmology (Enuma Elish)

Egyptian Creation Account (Memphis Theology)

### **Final Summary**

That God is Sovereign over Creation.

### **Application**

When People Are Big and God Is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency, and the Fear of Man by Edward T Welch

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### **\*Hymn of Response**

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Number 122 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**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

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**\*Gloria Patri**

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# 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**  
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# Announcements\*

The **particularization service** is today at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Merrimack (7 Baboosic Lake Rd.). Please arrive at 3:15 if you are helping to set up. See Jason, Laura, or Jenn if you have any questions.

**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](http://www.omf.org/us/events). Please let Jason know if you're interested in attending.

**Sunday Morning Prayer:** Beginning October 4, the church will be open for prayer from 9:30-10 a.m. before the service begins.

**Collection:** On Sunday, October 4, we will take up a special collection for MNA church planting in New England.

## Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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## Budget Information:

Three Months Data June thru Aug. 2009

Regular Giving	\$17,907.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$2,500.00
Total Giving	\$20,407.10
Actual Expenses	\$23,801.32
Budget	\$24,756.86
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,394.22)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$4,349.76)

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