

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Reflections

“A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people.” - BCO 47-2

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. - Samuel Chadwick

Sunday Worship Service Participants

October 4

Greeter - April Claggett
Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Michael Sterrett
Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

October 11

Greeter - Denise Kingsley
Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Matthew Demeusy
Scripture Reading - Tiffany Brooks

October 18

Greeter - Bill Townsend
Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy 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 29:1-4, 9b

*Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the
splendor of his holiness.*

People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

People: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

***Hymn of Praise**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Number 170 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

We Will Glorify

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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

O gracious and gentle God,
God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort:
we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined
toward ambition and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings
between others and us.
Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you,
O long-suffering Father.
Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing
you have promised the peacemakers,
who shall be called the children of God.
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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**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

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (ESV)

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?"

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The Garden of Eden
Genesis 2:4-17 (ESV)

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

*Hymn of Response

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1-3, 5)
Number 116 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Sermon Outline

Biblical Text

Why a second creation story?

Key = > Genesis 2:4

Location

Characteristics

Garden of Eden

A place set apart
God dwelled with Humanity
without sin (holy)
Cherubim present, to guard
precious stones around it (gold)

Tabernacle

A place set apart
God dwelled with His people
sacred holy place

Ark of the Covenant

Cherubim guarding it
Holy, set apart, could not touch it.
Words of God, 10 Commandments

Temple (1 Kings 6)

God's Dwelling place, Cherubim present, Ark
Holy of Holies, A place set apart.
Precious stones, images of the Garden

Jesus

Holy, with out sin
God dwelling with his people, Emmanuel
Set apart, angels caring for him

God's People

Holy Spirit dwells in us, without sin
Set apart, become a new creation.

New Heavens & New Earth (Revelations 21-22)

Application

Ephesians 2:19-22

Conclusion

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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Congregation standing*

***Benediction Song**

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory (verse 4)
Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

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

Collection: Our special offering today is for MNA church planting in New England.

Discipleship Explored, a DVD series based on Philippians, begins tonight. It will be from 5-6 p.m. at the Wakefields. See Jason for more information.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Discipleship Explored	Wakefield Home
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Claggett Home
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Brooks Home

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)

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