

**Sunday, January 17, 2010**

**Reflections**

“Worship is acknowledging the greatest of our covenant Lord.” - John Frame

Prayer is my chief work, and it is by means of it that I carry on the rest. -Thomas Hooker, Puritan

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**January 17**

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Michael Sterrett

Scripture Reading - Aaron Brooks

**January 24**

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

**January 31**

Greeter - Linda Mason

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:1, 8-11, 18-19

*Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.*

**People:** I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, the Lord is King (verses 1-4)

Number 310 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

In My Heart

See page 4

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

### \* + Hymn of Thanks

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Number 252 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

John 2:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

#### Prayer of Intercession

## Sermon

Hope for the Faithless: Abraham's Faith in Practice

Genesis 12:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. <sup>11</sup>When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, <sup>12</sup>and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. <sup>13</sup>Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." <sup>14</sup>When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. <sup>15</sup>And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup>And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

<sup>17</sup>But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup>Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." <sup>20</sup>And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

## **Sermon Outline**

Introduction: How do we read the Bible?

I. God's Apparent Unfaithfulness

II. Abraham's Actual Unfaithfulness

III. God's Faithfulness

Conclusion: Reading the Bible and understanding our live in faith.

## **\*Hymn of Response**

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
His wounds that heal His death that brings us life  
Cursed of God to make us one  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
Till the day that He comes again  
Ending death ending sin and shame  
One in Him-love and peace will reign  
Around the table of the King

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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**

Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

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.

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**\*Song of Benediction**

Gloria Patri

Number 734 in Trinity Hymnal

# 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\*

There is a **church luncheon** today. Please stay and fellowship.

The **Alpha Marriage Course** will begin next Sunday, January 24 at 4 p.m. Meetings will last for 2 hours. Space is limited, so please let Jason know if you are interested.

**Haiti Relief Offering:** On Sunday, January 24 during the Lord's Supper we will be taking up an offering that will go to Mission to the World (MTW) Haiti relief efforts. If you would like to know more, go to [www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org).

**Women's Bible Study:** Church of the Redeemer in Manchester will be holding a women's Bible study on The Song of Songs and 1 Thessalonians. The Bible study will begin on January 27 and will meet on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Diane Trombley's home (2 Rhona St., Hudson, NH). If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact Jennifer Filicicchia ([jenf92057@comcast.net](mailto:jenf92057@comcast.net) or 396-7466).

### Weekly Schedule:

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

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### Budget Information:

Seven Months Data June thru December 2009

Regular Giving	\$39,544.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$6,680.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$46,224.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$50,879.32
Budget	\$57,766.00
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$4,655.22)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$11,541.90)

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