

Sunday, October 26, 2008

Reflections

“Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, He seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due.” - Robert Rayburn

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.
- C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

October 26

Greeter - Paula Townsend
Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Aaron Brooks
Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

November 2

Greeter - Bill Townsend
Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Maria Gelin
Scripture Reading - Jonathan Claggett

November 9

Greeter - Allison Wakefield
Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Janet Surprenant
Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33:1, 4, 5, 8

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

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Leader: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

People: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Number 103 Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Number 92 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

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

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

* +Hymn of Thanks

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry
Number 485 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

*Doxology (Number 731 in Trinity Hymnal)

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.

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first line of lyrics: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all crea- tures here be -'. The second system contains the second line: 'low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'. The third system contains the third line: 'A - - - - - men.'. The piano part is a simple accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Congregation standing

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

A Woman Who Became a Well

John 4:1-42 (NASB)

¹ Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

² (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),

³ He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

⁴ And He had to pass through Samaria.

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

⁶ and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

¹¹ She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"

¹² "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

¹⁶ He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men,

29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

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³⁵ "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

³⁶ "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

³⁷ "For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

³⁸ "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

⁴¹ Many more believed because of His word;

⁴² and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

***Hymn of Response**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Number 345 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***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.

***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*

Missions trip: The Presbytery is organizing a missions trip to Romania this spring. If you're interested, please let Jason know.

Small groups have begun. If you are not currently in a group and would like to join one, please let Jason know.

Weekly Schedule:

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| Sunday | 9:15 a.m. | Life Together | Sanctuary |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Sunday Night Live | Church Office |
| Tuesday | 7 p.m. | Small Group | Wakefield house |
| Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. | Small Group | Claggett house |

Budget Information:

Four (4) Months June thru Sept. 2008

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| Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund) | \$27,576.25 |
| Fund Raising | \$1,050.00 |
| Total Giving | \$28,626.25 |
| Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund) | \$33,437.82 |
| Shortfall as of 09/30/08 | (\$4,811.57) |

**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*