

Sunday, November 16, 2008

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

God will hear His people at the beginning of their prayers if the condition of their heart is ready for it. -C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

November 16

Greeter - Aaron Brooks
Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Linda Mason
Scripture Reading - Jaime Bean

November 23

Greeter - Matt Oquist
Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Les Mason
Scripture Reading - Madeline Flagg

November 30

Greeter - Linda Mason
Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Michael Sterrett
Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:19-22

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

***Hymn of Praise**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-4)

Number 164 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Jesus Shall Reign (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Number 441 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, we confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, we have rebelled against your wisdom, and we have rejected your fatherly guidance. Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy, in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:13-16

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

* +Hymn of Thanks

It Is Well With My Soul

Number 691 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23 (NIV)

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴ The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

A Kingdom Which Cannot Be Shaken

Hebrews 12:1-2, 14-15, 28 (NASB)

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

¹⁴Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.

²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

***Hymn of Response**

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Number 521 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

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*

***Gloria Patri**
Number 735 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
(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Church luncheon: There will be a church luncheon after the service next day, November 23. The oven is still not usable, so please sign up to bring finger foods or foods that can be heated in a crockpot.

Missions trip: The Presbytery is organizing a missions trip to Romania this spring. Please let Jason know if you are interested.

Weekly Schedule:

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

Budget Information:

Five (5) Months June thru October 2008:

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$32,542.79
Fund Raising	\$7,400.00
Total Giving	\$39,942.79
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$40,939.09
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$996.30)

**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*