

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Reflections

“The Gospel tells rebellious men that God is reconciled, that justice is satisfied, that sin has been atoned for, that the judgment of the guilty may be revoked, the condemnation of the sinner cancelled, the curse of the Law blotted out, the gates of hell closed, the portals of heaven opened wide, the power of sin subdued, the guilty conscience healed, the broken heart comforted, the sorrow and misery of the Fall undone.” - A.B. Simpson

Sunday Worship Service Participants

April 19

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

April 26

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

May 3

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Tiffany Brooks

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 57:9-11

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

***Hymn of Praise**

Worship Christ, the Risen King! (verses 1, 2, 5)

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Up From the Grave He Arose

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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-5a

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
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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

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (NIV)

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb [a] for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:1-29 (NASB)

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

²So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

³So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

⁴The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;

⁵and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in.

⁶And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there,

⁷and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

⁹For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

¹⁰So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹¹But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;

¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

¹³And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

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¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

¹⁹So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

²³"If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

***Hymn of Response**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
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**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 Heidelberg Catechism

Question 45

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us partakers in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

***Fairest Lord Jesus (verse 4)**

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Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

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Jason will be on holiday April 24-May 1st. If you have an emergency, contact him on his mobile number, 603.305.7339.

Next Sunday, April 26, Rev. Per Almquist, Associate Minister at Church of the Redeemer will be preaching. Per is church planting in Lewiston, ME and will be sharing about that ministry during the Sunday School hour. Please plan to join us at 9:15 a.m. to hear about this ministry.

Romania Mission Trip Offering: This May, a group of church members from our Presbytery (NH, VT, ME), will be going to Romania to work with orphanages and help with some building projects. Our mercy offering **today** will go towards the mission trip to Romania.

George Whitefield Historical Tour: Are you interested in church history? If the answer is yes, then plan to join Jason this summer to tour Exeter, NH and Newburyport, MA and visit the historic sites of the great evangelist George Whitefield. We are looking at July 11. Let Jason know if you are interested or would like more information.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Life Together	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6 p.m.	Sunday Night Live	Barnes & Noble
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Claggett house
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefield house

**If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.
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Budget Information:

Ten (10) Months June 2008 thru March 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$63,329.40
Fund Raising	\$16,230.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$79,559.40

Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$77,077.70
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$85,029.78

Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$2,481.70
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$5,470.38)

(1) Original budget minus Portuguese Outreach & 3 months office rent

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*