

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Reflections

“It is an honoring and glorifying of God by gratefully offering back to Him all the good gifts, and the knowledge of his greatness and graciousness, that he has given. It involves praising him for what he is, thanking him for what he has done.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

The prayer life does not consist of perpetual repetition of petitions. The prayer life consists of life that is always upward and onward and Godward.
- George Campbell Morgan

Sunday Worship Service Participants

June 7

Greeter - April Claggett

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Elizabeth Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Bill Townsend

June 14

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Tiffany Brooks

June 21

Greeter - Bill Townsend

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Michael Sterrett

Scripture Reading - Matt Oquist

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:1-2, 10-13

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

Leader: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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***Prayer of Adoration**

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

God of grace, we grieve that the church,
which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling,
has become a broken communion in a broken world.
The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,
but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,
and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.
Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work,
that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.
Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves
to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.
In his name, Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

[Christ] 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
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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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The Most Beautiful Prayer

John 17:1-26 (NASB)

¹Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, ²even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

³"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

⁴"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

⁵"Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

⁷"Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You;

⁸for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

⁹"I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;

¹⁰and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹"I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

¹²"While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³"But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

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14"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15"I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

16"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

18"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19"For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

23I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

24"Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25"O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;

26and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

***Hymn of Response**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (verses 1-4)

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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**

Philippians 2:6-11

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.

***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (verse 5)**

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Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

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Sunday school: During June, July, and August, there will be no Sunday school.

George Whitefield Historical Tour: On July 11, Jason will be leading a tour of Exeter, NH and Newburyport, MA to visit the historic sites of the great evangelist George Whitefield. Let Jason know if you are interested.

Particularization service: On August 2, CPC will be holding a particularization service. We need someone to plan and coordinate the meal that will be served afterward. Please see Jason if you can help in this way.

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

Summer Schedule:

(more information about these events will be coming)

June-August – no Sunday school

June 28 – summer picnic at the Wakefields

July-August – summer book club (women – Tues., men – Thurs.)

July 4 – fireworks in Nashua

July 11 – George Whitefield tour

July 12 – congregational meeting

July 19 – church luncheon

August 2 – particularization service

August 15 – Mt. Monadnock hike (weather permitting)

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

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Budget Information:

Twelve (12) Months June 2008 thru May 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund & Marvis Memorial)	\$77,116.65
Fund Raising	\$17,130.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund & Marvis Memorial)	\$94,246.65
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$98,615.89
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$102,035.74
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$4,369.24)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Adjusted Budget)	(\$7,789.09)

(1) Original Budget minus Portuguese Outreach & 3 months Office Rent and Parking

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