

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

**Reflections**

“Worship is the supremacy of God in the affections of His people.” - John Piper

The man who, despite the teaching of Scripture, tries to pray without a Savior, insults the deity. - Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**June 14**

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Tiffany Brooks

**June 21**

Greeter - Bill Townsend

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Michael Sterrett

Scripture Reading - Matt Oquist

**June 28**

Greeter - Allison Wakefield

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Janet Surprenant

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:18-19

*Leader: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.*

*People: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (verses 1-3)

Number 277 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

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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

Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

Amazing Grace

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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

### 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul.

<sup>35</sup> Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD was grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

## **Sermon**

### 5 Years and Counting

Acts 5:12-42 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup>At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.

<sup>13</sup>But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem.

<sup>14</sup>And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number,

<sup>15</sup>to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

<sup>16</sup>Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

<sup>18</sup>They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail.

<sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

<sup>20</sup>"Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."

<sup>21</sup>Upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison house for them to be brought.

<sup>22</sup>But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned and reported back,

<sup>23</sup>saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."

<sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what would come of this.

<sup>25</sup>But someone came and reported to them, "The men whom you put in prison

are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

<sup>26</sup>Then the captain went along with the officers and proceeded to bring them back without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned).

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

<sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

<sup>30</sup>"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

<sup>31</sup>"He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup>"And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

<sup>33</sup>But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and intended to kill them.

<sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time.

<sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men.

<sup>36</sup>"For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

<sup>37</sup>"After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and drew away some people after him; he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

<sup>38</sup>"So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown;

<sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God."

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<sup>40</sup>They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them.

<sup>41</sup>So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

<sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

The Church's One Foundation (verses 1-4)  
Number 347 in Trinity Hymnal

### **\*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.

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*\*Congregation standing*

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

Number 342 in Trinity Hymnal

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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*\*Congregation standing*

## Announcements\*

There will be a **church picnic** after the service on Sunday, June 28 at the Wakefields. If your last name starts with A-L, please bring a salad, chips, or other side dish. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring drinks or dessert. The Wakefields will provide meat for grilling.

The **summer book clubs** will start the last week of June. The **women's** first meeting is Tuesday, June 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Sterretts. The book is *Firstlight: The Early Inspirational Writings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The **men's** first meeting is Thursday, July 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Wakefields. The book is *Glittering Images* by Susan Howatch.

**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. If you are going, meet at the Congregational Church in Merrimack (7 Baboosic Lake Rd.) at 9 a.m.

**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                      10:30 a.m.      Worship Service                                      Sanctuary

### 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