

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Reflections

“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. “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- John 4:23-24

If you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

June 28

Greeter - Allison Wakefield
Childcare Workers - Michael Sterrett and Matt Oquist
Scripture Reading - Janet Surprenant

July 5

Greeter - Linda Mason
Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Les Mason
Scripture Reading - Jaime Bean

July 12

Greeter - Aaron Brooks
Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Jonathan Claggett
Scripture Reading - Les Mason

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10-11, 13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

People: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

***Hymn of Praise**

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory
Number 122 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

We Will Glorify
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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 5:24

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

* +Hymn of Thanks

In Christ Alone

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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

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

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (NIV)

¹ After the death of Saul, David returned from defeating the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days

¹⁷ David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸ and ordered that the men of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

¹⁹ "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights.

How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ "Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

²¹ "O mountains of Gilboa,

may you have neither dew nor rain,
nor fields that yield offerings of grain .
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

²² From the blood of the slain,

from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

²³ "Saul and Jonathan—

in life they were loved and gracious,
and in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

²⁴ "O daughters of Israel,

weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

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25 "How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.
27 "How the mighty have fallen!
The weapons of war have perished!"

Sermon

Conclusion of John
John 21:1-25 (NASB)

¹After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

²Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

⁴But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

⁶And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

⁹So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

¹⁴This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

¹⁵So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You " He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

¹⁶He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You " Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep.

¹⁸"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

¹⁹Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

²⁰Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

²¹So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

²²Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

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²³Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

***Hymn of Response**

Be Thou My Vision

Number 642 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

There will be a **church picnic** at the Wakefields after the service today. 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 this week. 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.

Come see the **Nashua fireworks** with us at Holman Stadium on Saturday, July 4! The US Air Force Band starts playing at 8 p.m., and the fireworks start at 9 p.m. Let Tiffany Brooks know if you are interested.

The **George Whitefield Historical Tour** is Saturday, July 11, 2009. The cost is \$15. If you are going, meet at the First Congregational Church in Merrimack, NH at 9 a.m. and bring a sack lunch and a donation for Old South Church. The tour will end at 3 p.m. The tour will offer interactive lectures on the life and ministry of Rev. George Whitefield in New England. The focus of the tour is on Whitefield's final hours as he traveled from Exeter, NH to Newburyport, MA. Please let Jason know if you plan to attend.

Congregational meeting: The Nashua commission has called a congregational meeting July 12, 2009 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the church by-laws, present the new 2009-2010 budget, correct the Terms of Call for the Pastor, and Elect Officers.

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
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Women's Book Club	Sterretts
Thursday	7 p.m.	Men's Book Club	Wakefields

**If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.
Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: announcements@nashuapca.org*

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)

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

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*