

Sunday, August 23, 2009

Reflections

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

Prayer "is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings."
- Chrysostom

Sunday Worship Service Participants

August 23

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy and Les Mason

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

August 30

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Linda Mason

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

September 6

Greeter - Matthew Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

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

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

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

***Hymn of Praise**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1-3, 6)
Number 296 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes
and our happiness than to your will.
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.
We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.
We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions
than according to your commands.
Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.
And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. 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

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

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Psalm 58 (NASB)

- ¹ Do you indeed speak righteousness, O gods?
Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men?
- ² No, in heart you work unrighteousness;
On earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.
- ³ The wicked are estranged from the womb;
These who speak lies go astray from birth.
- ⁴ They have venom like the venom of a serpent;
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,
- ⁵ So that it does not hear the voice of charmers,
Or a skillful caster of spells.
- ⁶ O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth;
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
- ⁷ Let them flow away like water that runs off;
When he aims his arrows, let them be as headless shafts.
- ⁸ Let them be as a snail which melts away as it goes along,
Like the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.
- ⁹ Before your pots can feel the fire of thorns
He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning
alike.
- ¹⁰ The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;
He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- ¹¹ And men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous;
Surely there is a God who judges on earth!"

***Hymn of Response**

Before the Throne of God Above

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**Congregation standing*

***Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

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.

***Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)**

Number 101 in Trinity Hymnal

To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

There will be an **informational congregational meeting** after the service on Sunday, August 30. Please plan to stay and hear how you can be involved in CPC's fall plans.

There will be a **church luncheon** on Sunday, September 6 after the service. Please sign up to bring something to share.

Particularization service: The service has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. on September 20 at the Congregational Church in Merrimack. We will be providing finger foods after the service. More information will be coming soon.

Conference: On Saturday, September 26, OMF International is sponsoring a conference called "Heart for Asia: Expanding the Kingdom through Prayer." The conference will be held at West Congregational Church, 27 Johnson St., Peabody, MA from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and snacks. More information can be found at www.omf.org/us/events. Please let Jason know if you're interested in attending.

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	Barnes & Noble

Budget Information:

Two Months Data June and July 2009

Regular Giving	\$11,989.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$710.00
Total Giving	\$12,699.10
Actual Expenses	\$16,160.48
Budget	\$16,504.57
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,461.38)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$3,805.47)

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