

**Sunday, September 6, 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

I live in the spirit of prayer; I pray as I walk, when I lie down and when I rise, and the answers are always coming. - George Mueller

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**September 6**

Greeter - Matthew Demeusy  
Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Jonathan Claggett  
Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

**September 13**

Greeter - Teck Hia  
Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Aaron Brooks  
Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

**September 20**

Greeter - Paula Townsend  
Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Bill Townsend  
Scripture Reading - Matthew Demeusy

# 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**

To God Be the Glory

Number 55 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Number 310 in Trinity Hymnal

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*\*Congregation standing*

## Confession of Sin

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,  
we confess that too often our words and actions  
are not consistent with our beliefs.  
Often we ignore the needy,  
show indifference to the lonely,  
and reject those who seem different from us.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Inspire us to reach out in love and mercy  
through your name. 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

See next page

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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

James 2:1-17 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. <sup>2</sup>Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup>If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

<sup>8</sup>If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. <sup>9</sup>But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

<sup>12</sup>Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup>because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## Prayer of Intercession

### Sermon

Psalm 72 (NASB)

- 1 Give the king Your judgments, O God,  
    And Your righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 May he judge Your people with righteousness  
    And Your afflicted with justice.
- 3 Let the mountains bring peace to the people,  
    And the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,  
    Save the children of the needy  
    And crush the oppressor.
- 5 Let them fear You while the sun endures,  
    And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,  
    Like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish,  
    And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 8 May he also rule from sea to sea  
    And from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 Let the nomads of the desert bow before him,  
    And his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents;  
    The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
- 11 And let all kings bow down before him,  
    All nations serve him.
- 12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help,  
    The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- 13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy,  
    And the lives of the needy he will save.
- 14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence,  
    And their blood will be precious in his sight;

- 15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him;  
And let them pray for him continually;  
Let them bless him all day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains;  
Its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon;  
And may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.
- 17 May his name endure forever;  
May his name increase as long as the sun shines;  
And let men bless themselves by him;  
Let all nations call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,  
Who alone works wonders.
- 19 And blessed be His glorious name forever;  
And may the whole earth be filled with His glory  
Amen, and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

**\*Hymn of Response**

Jesus Shall Reign

Number 441 in Trinity Hymnal

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# **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 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.

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**\*Gloria Patri**  
Number 734 in Trinity Hymnal

# Gloria Patri

**Text: 2nd century, traditional**  
**Music: Charles Meineke, 1844**

Piano

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out

end. A - - - men, a - - - men.

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**  
(Please be seated)

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# Announcements\*

There is a **church luncheon** today after the service. Please stay and fellowship.

The **particularization service** is quickly approaching! It will be held September 20 at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Merrimack. We will need people to help with setup (plan to arrive around 3:15) and cleanup, as well as food and drinks. We are providing finger foods, so things like chips and dip, cheese and crackers, vegetable and fruit trays, cookies, etc. would be great. Please sign up to help in some way! See Jason, Laura, or Jenn if you have any questions.

**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](http://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
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## Budget Information:

Three Months Data June thru Aug. 2009

Regular Giving <i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i>	\$17,907.10
Fund Raising	\$2,500.00
Total Giving	\$20,407.10
Actual Expenses	\$23,801.32
Budget	\$24,756.86
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,394.22)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$4,349.76)

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



