

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Reflections

“The end of public worship is the glory of God.” - BCO 47-3

Prayer is not a hard requirement- it is the natural duty of a creature to its creator, the simplest homage that human need can pay to divine liberality. - C. H. Spurgeon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

March 28

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

April 4

Greeter - Bill Townsend

Childcare Workers - Matt Oquist and Bridget Reichl

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

April 11

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Allison Wakefield and Bill Townsend

Scripture Reading - Steve Eng

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Zechariah 9:9, 10b

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

People: He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Number 235 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Number 246 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we thankfully remember the life
of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.
Yet we also acknowledge our failure
to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness.
We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king,
failing to see him as the ruler of all creation.
We do not appreciate the depth
of his passion and sacrifice on the cross,
failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation.
We confess that we have not walked faithfully
in the way of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully
into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the
righteousness of God.

* +Hymn of Thanks

The Power of the Cross

See next page

**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

Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Sermon

Life and Death: Abraham, Sarah, Esau, and Jacob
Genesis 23, 25 (ESV)

Genesis 25

¹⁹These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Sermon Outline

Biblical Text

Abraham & Sarah, and Jacob & Esau

Jacob & Esau

Application

God's Sovereignty

Abraham's Faith

“Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.” - WC

“The future is as bright as the promises of God.” - AJ

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society
– Eugene Peterson

***Hymn of Response**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought
Number 600 in Trinity Hymnal

***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.

***Song of Benediction**

Fairest, Lord Jesus (verse 4)
Number 170 in Trinity Hymnal

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Congregational Meeting: The Session of Christ Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, April 11. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget for 2010-2011.

The Essentials: On April 11, we will begin a 10 week course on "The Importance of the Gospel." The first gathering will be at Barnes & Noble on DW Highway in Nashua at 4 p.m. Contact Jason for more information.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Claggett Home
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Brooks Home

Budget Information:

Nine Months Data June 2009 through February 2010:

Regular Giving	\$53,818.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$7,280.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$61,098.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$66,311.04
Budget	\$74,270.57
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$5,212.94)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$13,172.47)

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