

**Sunday, April 4, 2010**

**Reflections**

“Worship is acknowledging the greatest of our covenant Lord.” - John Frame

Scripture calls us to pray for many things: for all saints; for all men; for kings and all rulers; for all who are in adversity; for the sending forth of laborers; for those who labor in the gospel; for all converts; for believers who have fallen into sin; for one another in our immediate circles. - Andrew Murray

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**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

**April 18**

Greeter - Allison Wakefield  
Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Teck Hia  
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 22:22-24, 27-28

*Leader: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!*

**People:** For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

*Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,*

**People:** for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Worship Christ the Risen King  
Number 286 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Up From the Grave He Arose  
Number 276 in Trinity Hymnal

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# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations.  
Our citizenship is in heaven.  
Yet we confess, O Lord, that we sometimes lose sight  
of your kingdom and its ways.  
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land  
than as citizens of your kingdom.  
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation  
you give through Him who is risen from the dead  
and who is the Lord and King and Judge of us all,  
Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:3-5

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

In Christ Alone

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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

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

#### Prayer of Intercession

## Sermon

### Jacob's Ladder

#### Genesis 28

<sup>1</sup>Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. <sup>2</sup>Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. <sup>3</sup>God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. <sup>4</sup>May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!" <sup>5</sup>Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

<sup>6</sup>Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women," <sup>7</sup>and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. <sup>8</sup>So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father, <sup>9</sup>Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup>So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called the name of that place

Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. <sup>20</sup>Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup>so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, <sup>22</sup>and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

**\*Hymn of Response**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Number 277 in Trinity Hymnal

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## **Sermon Outline**

### **Biblical Text**

Jacob and Esau, tragic figures in the Bible

Retracing Grandpa's Journey

“Placed towards earth”

Ziggurat v. Jacob's Ladder

John 1:43-51

### **Application**

# 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**

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 45

*Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us partakers in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

**\*Song of Benediction**

Worship Christ the Risen King

Rise O Church and lift your voices  
Christ has conquered death and hell  
Sing as all the earth rejoices  
Resurrection anthems swell  
Stand in triumph stand in triumph  
Worship Christ the Risen King

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**

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# 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

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## 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)

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