

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Reflections

“Worship in the Bible is the due response of rational creatures to the self revelation of their Creator.” - JI Packer, Concise Theology

You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. -- A. J. Gordon

Sunday Worship Service Participants

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

April 25

Greeter - Paula Townsend

Childcare Workers - Aaron Brooks and Karen Eng

Scripture Reading - Paula Townsend

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 19:1, 2, 6, 7

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments.

People: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

***Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Number 295 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Salvation Belongs to Our God

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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

O gracious and gentle God,
God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort:
we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,
to ambition and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings
between others and us.
Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you,
O long-suffering Father.
Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing
you have promised the peacemakers,
who shall be called the children of God.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Here Is Love

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*Congregation standing

+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Verse 3

Of Your fullness You are pouring
Your great love on me anew
Without measure full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to You
You alone will be my glory
Nothing in the world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me
You Yourself have set me free

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

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Cain and Abel Revisited
Genesis 26-27 (ESV)

Genesis 27

¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, ⁴and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

⁵Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, ⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.'⁸Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. ⁹Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." ¹¹But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹²Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." ¹³His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

¹⁴So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice,

but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." ²⁵Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." ²⁷So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son
is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

²⁸May God give you of the dew of heaven
and of the fatness of the earth
and plenty of grain and wine.

²⁹Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.
Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

³⁰As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." ³²His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." ³³Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." ³⁴As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" ³⁵But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." ³⁶Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

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³⁷Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?" ³⁸Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

³⁹Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

"Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be,
and away from the dew of heaven on high.

⁴⁰By your sword you shall live,
and you shall serve your brother;
but when you grow restless
you shall break his yoke from your neck."

⁴¹Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." ⁴²But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, "Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— ⁴⁵until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?"

⁴⁶Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

Sermon Outline

Biblical Text

Application

Bias fool?

Puppet master?

Poker player?

Renegade?

***Hymn of Response**

We Are Heirs of God Almighty

We are heirs of God Almighty
Apple of the Father's eye
Free forgiven loved accepted
Clothed in righteousness divine
Chosen to be pure and blameless
From before the world began
Grace for every situation
Sheltered in the Father's hand

We have Christ at work within us
Shaping us to be like Him
Resurrection power sustaining
Freedom from the snares of sin
Saying no to flesh desires
Saying yes to righteous ways
Filled with passion and with power
Lights that burn in darkened days

We've the Spirit without measure
Helper Comforter and Guide
One who brings the gifts of heaven
One who comes to walk beside
Taste of heaven's endless pleasure
Guarantee of what's to come
Causing fruit to grow in action
Bringing glory to the Son

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**Congregation standing*

***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

(Please be seated)

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Congregational Meeting: There is a congregational meeting following the worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget for 2010-2011.

The Essentials: Today 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
	4 p.m.	The Essentials	Barnes and Noble
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Claggett Home
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Brooks Home

Budget Information:

Ten Months Data June 2009 through March 2010

Regular Giving	\$61,230.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$7,380.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$68,610.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$76,261.00
Budget	\$82,522.86
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$7,650.90)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$13,912.76)

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