

**Sunday, May 16, 2010**

**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

Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our own need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are so bound up in love for our fellow men that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them. - Jean Calvin

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**May 16**

Greeter - Bill Townsend  
Childcare Workers - Michael Sterrett and Linda Mason  
Scripture Reading - Karen Eng

**May 23**

Greeter - Denise Kingsley  
Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant and April Claggett  
Scripture Reading - Aaron Brooks

**May 30**

Greeter - Janet Surprenant  
Childcare Workers - Matthew Demeusy and Bridget Reichl  
Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 48:1, 8, 10, 14

*Leader: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.*

*People: Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.*

*Leader: Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

*People: For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 3, 4)

Number 44 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

O Great God

See page 4

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
Number 455 in Trinity Hymnal

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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*



**Verse 3**

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

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# Call to Commitment

## Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

#### Prayer of Intercession

## Sermon

Final Blessing: Jacob to Israel

Genesis 35

<sup>5</sup>And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. <sup>6</sup>And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, <sup>7</sup>and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. <sup>8</sup>And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

<sup>9</sup>God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. <sup>10</sup>And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body.

<sup>16</sup>Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. <sup>17</sup>And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son." <sup>18</sup>And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

<sup>27</sup>And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. <sup>28</sup>Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. <sup>29</sup>And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

## **Sermon Outline**

### **Biblical Text**

1. Journey to Bethel to build an altar

Application

2. You are Israel, be fruitful and multiply

3. The tribes are complete, Benjamin is born

4. The journey is complete, Jacob returns to Isaac

### **Application**

SRO – Single Room Occupancy  
Dry, Damp, Wet.

### **Conclusion**

## **\*Hymn of Response**

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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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**\*Song of Benediction**

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**

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# Announcements\*

**The Essentials class** is meeting today at the Wakefield's home (17 Wethersfield Rd., Nashua, NH) at 3 p.m. to view a DVD from Christianity Explored and talk about what is necessary in the life of a Christian. The title of this week's seminar is "Church, Holy Spirit, Bible & Prayer." Please plan to join us if you can.

There will be a **church luncheon** after the service next Sunday, May 23. Please sign up to bring something to share.

**Sabbatical:** At the April session meeting, it was decided to give Jason a 10 week sabbatical stating the week of June 13. While Jason is on sabbatical, various student ministers in the PCA from the Boston area will be preaching on Sunday mornings.

## Weekly Schedule:

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

## Budget Information:

Eleven Months Data June 2009 through April 2010

Regular Giving	\$68,001.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$7,580.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$75,581.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$84,690.01
Budget	\$90,775.15
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$9,108.91)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$15,194.05)

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