

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Reflections

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” - Romans 12:1

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. - Samuel Chadwick

Sunday Worship Service Participants

May 30

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Matthew Demeusy and Bridget Reichl

Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

June 6

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Matt Oquist and Allison Wakefield

Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

June 13

Greeter - Allison Wakefield

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman and Teck Hia

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:1-3, 10-11

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

ALL: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Number 302 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

We Will Glorify
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**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.
Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
Please forgive and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

* +Hymn of Thanks

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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**Congregation standing*

+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

Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Joseph: Slave to Prisoner

Genesis 39

¹Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the

house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

¹¹But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹²she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. ¹³And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, ¹⁴she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." ¹⁶Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

¹⁹As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²²And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

***Hymn of Response**

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1-4, 6)

Number 94 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Sermon Outline

Biblical Text

Application

Blessings come from the LORD

Blessing is connected to the covenantal promises

Blessings from the LORD overflow

Blessing is not just a financial thing (defining success)

Blessing does NOT negate trouble

Conclusion

1 Peter 2:9

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

***Song of Benediction**

Gloria Patri

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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)

**Congregation standing*

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Sabbatical: At the April session meeting, it was decided to give Jason a 10 week sabbatical starting 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.

There will be a **church picnic** after the service on Sunday, June 13 at the Wakefields. If your last name starts with A-L, please bring a salad, chips, or other side dish. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring drinks or dessert. The Wakefields will provide meat for grilling. If you have chairs or a blanket, please bring them with you. Also, if you have a small table you could bring, please let Jason know.

The **summer book clubs** will start the last week of June. The book is *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller. More details will be coming.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	3 p.m.	The Essentials	Wakefield 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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