

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Reflections

“Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, He seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due.” - Robert Rayburn

Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.

- John Wesley

Sunday Worship Service Participants

July 18

Greeter - Linda Mason

Childcare Workers - Janet Surprenant, Bridget Reichl, Jaime Bean (alternate)

Scripture Reading - Jonathan Claggett

July 25

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Matthew Demeusy, April Claggett, Laura Sterrett (alternate)

Scripture Reading - Steve Eng

August 2

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Pat Newman, Teck Hia, April Claggett (alternate)

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145: 14, 17, 18, 21

*Leader: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.
The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

People: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

***Hymn of Praise**

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Number 295 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
See next page

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.

Often we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.

Forgive us, we pray.

Inspire us to reach out in love and mercy
through your name. 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

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

Colossians 1:15-28 (ESV)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Mistaking Identities

Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32(ESV)

Matt Oquist

¹Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and

pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

***Hymn of Response**

Christ For the World We Sing
Number 447 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 86

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

People: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

***Song of Benediction**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (verse 4)

Number 342 in Trinity Hymnal

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

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Our next **lunch at Hayward's** will be next Sunday, July 25 after the service. If it rains we'll go August 1 instead.

Luncheon/Picnic: If you'd like to host a picnic after the service on August 8, please see Jenn. If no one wants to host a picnic, then we'll have a regular church luncheon.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	10 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Women's Book Club	Sterrett Home
Friday	2 p.m.	Men's Book Club	Oquist Home

Budget Information:

One Months Data June 2010

Regular Giving	\$7,366.00
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$100.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$7,466.00
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$8,538.27
Budget	\$8,414.49
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$1,072.27)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$948.49)

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