

Sunday, July 25, 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

Prayer is the vital breath of the Christian; not the thing that makes him alive, but the evidence that he is alive. - Oswald Chambers

Sunday Worship Service Participants

July 25

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

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

Scripture Reading - Steve Eng

August 1

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

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

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

August 8

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy, Aaron Brooks, Bridget Reichl (alternate)

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

Service of Praise

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:1-3

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

***Hymn of Praise**

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 1-3, 5)

Number 168 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:24-25

Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

* +Hymn of Thanks

Before the Throne of God Above

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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

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

Psalm 85 (ESV)

- ¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

Colossians 1:1-23 (ESV)

Paul Mcwhorter

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 preminent. 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.

***Hymn of Response**

We Come, O Christ, to Your
Number 181 in Trinity Hymnal

***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**

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

Announcements*

Join us for **lunch at Hayward's** today after the service!

There will be a **church luncheon** after the service on August 8. Please sign up to bring something to share.

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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