

# Sunday, August 8, 2010

## Reflections

“A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people.” - BCO 47-2

As is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray. - Martin Luther

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## Sunday Worship Service Participants

### August 8

Greeter - Denise Kingsley

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

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

### August 15

Greeter - Linda Mason

Childcare Workers - Karen Eng, Laura Sterrett, Elizabeth Demeusy (alternate)

Scripture Reading - Janet Surprenant

### August 22

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley, Steve Eng, Shelby Kingsley (alternate)

Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

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

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

*Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

*People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Number 164 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Across the Lands  
See page 4

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*\*Congregation standing*

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us and renew our lives 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

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### Prayer of Intercession

#### Sermon

Colossians 2:6-23 (ESV)

Paul Mcwhorter

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in

thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup>If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— <sup>21</sup>"Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" <sup>22</sup>(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup>These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground  
Number 518 in Trinity Hymnal

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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

**\*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**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Announcements**

(Please be seated)

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**Church picnic:** After the service today, we are having a church picnic at Denise Kingsley's house (10 Bruce St., Hudson, NH). 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. Meat for grilling will be provided. If you have chairs or a blanket, please bring them with you. And don't forget your swimsuits!

### 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

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### Budget Information:

Two Months Data June-July 2010

Regular Giving	\$17,004.00
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Memorials)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$300.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$17,304.00
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$16,009.60
Budget	\$16,828.98
Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$1,294.40
Excess to Budget (Income - Budget)	\$475.02

*\*If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.  
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