

## **December 30, 2007 "God's Wheelbarrow" - Rev. Bill Johnson**

First, some items from the SERVICE:

SCRIPTURE-

Hebrews 2:14

"...by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the Devil..."

Hewbrews 2:18

"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

From the Bulletin:

COMMUNION - CONFESSION

ALL:

We confess, Living God, that we are far too often submitted to self-focus and self-concern...letting our needs, anxieties and failures hold us hostage. Help us to submit them all to you and embrace the freedom of faith in your Son Jesus.

ASSURANCE

ONE:

Be sure of God's response to your deepest concerns. In anxiety and fear, God will give you calm and confidence. In doubt and uncertainty, God will give you faith. I pray that God's promised peace of Jesus Christ will enfold you and Christ's love will surround you. Amen.

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We did a hands-on exercise where we put torn pieces of paper in a bowl representing different issues he named - "sufferings of humanity". All torn pieces of paper were then consolidated into a wheelbarrow.

The point was that we cannot carry the burden of all the problems, but God can.

Offer the problems on the "altar" to God - take them for me, God, so that I may better do thy will.