**Sunday, August 12, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *Psalm 8; 15:6*

*LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.  
Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.  
When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?  
You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

*O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
Praise him for his mighty works and unequaled greatness!  
Let everything that has breath praise God!*

**Songs of Praise –** *To God Be the Glory/I Will Glory in my Redeemer*

**He Is Our Rock –** *Charles H. Spurgeon/Psalm 62:5-8*

*“*I bear my witness and glory in Christ that he is full of grace and he is *full of truth.* True have his promises been, not one has failed. I have often doubted him, for that I blush; he has never failed me, in this I must rejoice. Never has a sinner a better Savior; never soldier a better captain; never mourner a better comforter than Christ. In life he is my life, and in death he shall be the death of death; in poverty Christ is our riches, in sickness he makes our bed; in darkness he is our star, and in brightness he is our sun; he is the manna of the camp in the wilderness, and he shall be the new corn of the host when they come to Canaan. He is the rock that follows them today; he is the rock on which they shall rest, and within which they shall dwell forever.” (C.H. Spurgeon)

*Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.  
 He alone is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.  
 My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.  
 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,for God is our refuge.*

**Songs of Worship –** *I Have A Shelter/I Will Praise Him Still*

**Offering *(“When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words be without heart.”* John Bunyan)**

**Full of Grace and Truth *–****John 1:14/Charles H. Spurgeon*

Hear the word of the Lord from John 1:14…

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

“I bear my testimony that he is *full of grace.* Ah! had he not been, I should never have beheld his glory. I was full of sin to overflowing. I was condemned already, because I believed not upon him. He drew me when I wanted not to come, and though I struggled hard, he continued still to draw; and when at last I came all trembling like a condemned culprit to his mercy-seat, he said, "Thy sins which were many are all forgiven thee be of good cheer." "He took me up out of the horrible pit, and out of the miry clay. He hath set my feet upon a rock, and put a new song into my mouth, and established my goings." Let others despise him; but I bear witness that he is full of grace. Oh, I would that some poor sinner here who is full of sin, would remember that Christ is full of grace.” (C.H. Spurgeon)

**Songs of Worship –** *Grace Greater Than Our Sin/Amazing Grace*

**Message** – *“Warning Against Hypocrisy”*   
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:1*

**1. Warning: Beware**

* To hold, or take hold of something and pay attention to it, especially in the sense of being on guard.
* We are warned to be on guard about practicing forms of righteousness to be seen and noticed by men.
* Biblical examples of hypocrisy: Amos 5:21-24; Isaiah 1:11; Mark 7:6-7

**2. Helpful thoughts to prevent hypocrisy**

* The processes of life, problems, and persecution reveal who we really are.
* The Christian life is always a matter of spiritual balance. Compare Matthew 6:1, Matthew 5:16, & Matthew 7:20.
* If we do not walk in or are lead by God’s Holy Spirit we will either not show up or we will show off.
* C.H. Spurgeon: “*Alms may be given publicly, but not for the sake of publicity*.”
* There is always an ultimate choice in living the Christian life.
* Every choice is a choice to glorify God or self.
* To please men, rather than God, is in its final analysis a choice. We would rather please self, rather than God, because we love the opinion of men.
* In order to glorify God in our Christian lives we must be constantly aware of God and our relationship to Him. (Genesis 16:13)
* Jesus warns about judgment of those who reject His truth and play the role of a hypocrite. (Matthew 10:15; 11:24; Luke 12:48)

**Time of Prayer**