**Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *Psalm 99:1-5, 34:3*

 *The LORD reigns,* *let the nations tremble;* *he sits enthroned* *between the cherubim,* *let the earth shake.*

 *Great is the LORD* *in Zion;* *he is exalted* *over all the nations.*

 *Let them praise* *your great and awesome name**-- he is holy.* *The King* *is mighty, he loves justice**-- you have established equity;* *in Jacob you have done what is just and right.*

 *Exalt* *the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.*

 “O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.”

**Songs of Praise –** *He Is Exalted/Our Great God*

**Redemption Through His Blood –** *Isaiah 25:1; Ephesians 1:5-10*

 *O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

 *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.*

**Song of Worship –** *Here Is Love*

**God Alone Is My Refuge –** *Psalm 62:5-7*

 *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

When we trust in Christ alone for our salvation, our sins are charged to Him as the one who bore the wrath that we deserve. Consequently, by faith alone His righteousness is charged to us, and we are declared “not guilty” by the Father. Rejoice in this marvelous exchange, and enjoy the freedom that your salvation grants you. (*Source: Ligonier Ministries*)

**Song of Worship –** *In Christ Alone*

**Offering *(“If we desire our faith to be strengthened, we should not shrink from opportunities where our faith may be tried, and therefore, through trial, be strengthened.”* George Mueller)**

**Total Surrender *–****Philippians 3:7-11*

Hear the word of the Lord from Philippians 3:7-11:

 *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

 *For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.* The only proper response to the gospel is much deeper than a prayer, a “decision,” or an intellectual assent. It is a **total surrender** to an **infinitely worthy Savior** - **Jesus**. “We are saved not just to be forgiven of our sins or to be assured of our eternity in heaven, but we are saved to **know God**.” (*Source: David Platt)* Until you give God total control of your life, a battle will always be raging within your heart.
 O Lord, in Your plan, surrender is not defeat—it is victory. Take control of my life. Still the battle raging in my heart. I surrender to You. (*Source: Charles Stanley)*

**Songs of Worship –** *I Surrender All/Give Me Jesus*

**Message** – *“When You Give”*
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:2-4*

 1. When God’s word is applied to our heart its light always reveals the darkness of our wicked heart. (Hebrews 4:1)

2. Always remember that God is sovereign and sufficient within Himself. He lacks nothing so you supply nothing.

 3. Giving is an assumed practice. It is expected and exhorted throughout God’s word.

* Exodus 23:10
* Leviticus 19:10
* Deuteronomy 15:7-11

 4. Balancing Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:1. A.B. Bruce: *“We are to show when tempted to hide and hide when tempted to show.”*

 5. Our giving should be regular, systematic, and spontaneous to the point of it becoming a habit. It should be second nature that the left hand knows not what the right hand is doing. (Matthew 5:7)

 6. Giving is more than money. (Time and other resources) How do we give ourselves in worship?

 7. “I know what you are talking about” is a famous statement in which we use to blow our trumpet in showing off our good deeds.

 **Take-away’s** *(Source: John MacArthur)*

 1. Giving from a right heart is investing with God. (Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6)

 2. Genuine giving is sacrificial. (2 Samuel 24:24, Mark 12:41-44)

 3. Responsibility for giving has no relationship to how much a person has. (Luke 16:10)

 4. Material giving correlates to spiritual blessing (Luke 16:11)

 5. Giving is to be personally determined. (2 Corinthians 9:7, 2 Corinthians 8:1-2, Philippians 4:15-18)

 6. We are to give in response to need (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

 7. Giving demonstrates love, not law.

 **Time of Prayer**