**Sunday, July 29, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *Psalm 89:1-2, 8*

***I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.***

***Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.***

**Song of Praise –** *Doxology*

**Give Thanks to Him in Song –** *Psalm 40:16; 28:7*

*May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"*

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

**Song of Worship –** *Sing Allelu*

**Lead Me in Your Truth –** *Psalm 25:1-5*

Hear the word of the Lord…

Psalm 25:1-5

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;*

*let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

*Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;*

*they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

*Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.*

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

**Songs of Worship** – *He Leadeth Me/Be Thou My Vision*

**Offering *(“I cannot help but think that somewhere along the way we have missed what is radical about our faith and replaced it with what is comfortable.”* David Platt)**

**We Must Build on the Rock *–****Matthew 16:13-19/ J.C. Ryle*

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

On whom must you and I build our souls if we would be accepted with God? We must build on *the rock,* Christ. From whom must you and I draw that grace of the Spirit which we daily need in order to be fruitful? We must draw from *the vine,* Christ. To whom must we look for sympathy when earthly friends fail us or die? We must look to our elder *brother,* Christ. By whom must our prayers be presented if they are to be heard on high? They must be presented by our *advocate,* Christ. With whom do we hope to spend the thousand years of glory, and the after- eternity? With *the King* of kings, Christ.

Christ and His work on the cross is man’s only hope of salvation from the judgment his sin so deserves. May we all strive to hide our self in the cleft of the Rock.

**Songs of Worship –** *Rock of Ages/Worthy is the Lamb*

**Message** – *“Retaliation: It’s my right, or is it?”*   
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:38-42*

* When we are wronged, and we seek our rights, it usually is not justice that is pursed but rather revenge and retaliation. It is a natural extension of our sinful self.
* When rights are made first in our life, righteousness suffers.

**1. The Principle of the Law**

* Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21
* The courts decided punishment. The punishment was required to match the crime.
* The object was to curtail further crime. (Deuteronomy 19:20)
* It was to prevent punishment based on personal vengeance.
* Scribes & Pharisees had made the public principle a personal code of retaliation.
* Matthew 5:25

**2. The Proper view of Jesus’ Teaching**

* Jesus’ point is that we are not to retaliate in personal relationship.
* We are called to stand against evil.
* Jesus makes a stand against evil. (Matthew 21:12, John 2:15)
* James tells us to resist the devil. (James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:9)
* Paul withstood Peter when he was wrong. (Galatians 2:11)

**3. Practical Takeaways**

* Jesus’ teaching is an affront to our “my rights” generation. He gives us three areas in our life that we need to be willing to give up for His glory.
* Person – We are to turn the other cheek.
* Property – If they want it – give it, borrow – let them have it.
* Priorities – In the use of our time we need to be available. We need liberty to serve when called upon.

**Time of Prayer**