**Sunday, June 17, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship** – *Psalm 105:1-5*

***Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!***

***Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!***

***Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!***

***Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.***

The greatest of God’s work is that he sent his son Jesus, to save us. Lets sing out together in response to the glory of Jesus and rejoice in our salvation!

**Songs of Praise** – *See What A Morning/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

**Prayer of Repentance –** *Puritan Prayer*

We come to this time, not as a way of earning forgiveness, but to remind ourselves of our constant need for the grace of God that’s been given to us through the work of Jesus, who paid the debt we should have paid. Our response to this is to repent and turn to Jesus! Hear this prayer:

**Lord, we know that Jesus, who knew no sin and whose hands were clean, became sin for us, that we might be called righteous, clothed in white and called your children. But at our best, we are still wretched sinners. We still feel as though we’re in rags. Our best prayers are stained with sin, Even our tears of repentance are full of impurity, and our spiritual life is full of pride and selﬁshness. Help us to repent of our repentance, Wash our tears, and cover us in your righteousness. Like the prodigal son, we run to a far country, and return home, crying, “Father forgive.” In your mercy, you call us your children, and you bring us clean garments. May we live in your righteousness, work in it, share our homes in it, be found in death in it, and stand covered by it when we come before your throne.**

**May we never lose sight of the sinfulness of our sin, the righteousness of salvation, the glory of Christ, the beauty of your holiness, and the wonder of your grace. We ask this in the name of the One who makes it possible, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Song of Worship** – *The Old Rugged Cross*

**Prayer For A Godly Church –** *Colossians 2:13-15/Ephesians 4:1-3*

***Father, help us to be a church that builds our lives upon Your promises and truths and that finds our identity in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit and by Your perfect grace transform us into a people who are characterized by humility, gentleness, patience, an eager willingness to bear with one another in love and a freedom to live in our identity as your beloved children.***

**For Everyone Has Sinned** – *Romans 3:23-26*

***For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.***

**Offering**

**No Longer Trivializing Sin *–****Maurice Roberts/C.H. Spurgeon*

“It is the besetting sin of our age to trivialize sin. The remedy is to meditate on the holiness and righteousness of God himself, on the strictness and perfection of his laws, on the agonies of the damned in hell and, above all, on the sufferings of our blessed Redeemer on the cross of Calvary. The Christian stops making spiritual progress as soon as he stops repenting. The modern fashion is to skip through a few words of confession as though sin were no more serious to God than the omission of some detail of etiquette or the infringement of table manners. Let us recall that sin is the contradiction of God.”

May we not be those who “take sin lightly,” and therefore “take Christ lightly.” May God grant us genuine repentance as we daily confess our sin and turn from it. May we entrust ourselves to the Holy One who powerfully saves and sanctifies all who put their faith in Him. We offended God by our sin, and yet He offered up His only Son for us. Might we run to the Cross whenever we see our sin and cry out for the mercy of God to change us. He loves us and He will transform us, and that transformation includes no longer trivializing sin because minimizing sin means minimizing God’s holiness and minimizing the Cross.

**Songs of Worship –** *I Need Thee Every Hour/Give Me Jesus*

**Message** – *“Murder: Anger Is Its Root”*   
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:21-26*

1. **Principle Point (vs 21-22)**
   * Remember Gods jurisdiction – our heart & soul
   * Anger is murder in our hearts that leads to action.
   * We are all guilty (1 John 3:15)

2. **Proper Perspective**

* The words of Jesus should shatter our illusion of ourselves in our self-righteousness. His law should always break us & lead us to cry out to Him.

3. **Plan of Action (vs 23-26)**

* Know our condition & admit it
* Go & correct offenses
* Immediate peace (Ephesians 4:26, Hebrews 12:14-15)

**Takeaways**

* Genesis 9:6 God protects His image in men by the death penalty
* There is a righteous anger which is different from selfish anger. (John 2:13-22, Galatians 2:14; 5:12)
* CAUTION! (James 1:19-20)

**Time of Prayer**