**Sunday, September 2, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *Psalm 98:1-4*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
and burst into jubilant song with music.

**Song of Praise –** *Are You Washed in the Blood*

**Redemption Through Christ’s Blood –** *1 Peter 1:19-21*

 *We can only have redemption through Christ’s blood, the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

 Those who have been redeemed will sing about it in heaven in the ages to come. So why not sing about it now? In fact, the great foundational truths of the gospel need to be proclaimed and sung more today than ever before. Please join me in singing praises to our Redeemer, all the while becoming more aware of His sacrificial death.

**Song of Worship –** *Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It*

**Righteous Before God –** *Titus 3:3-7*

 *Hear the word of the Lord:*

 *Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But—“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.*

*He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”*

**Songs of Worship –** *Grace Flows Down/Worthy Is the Lamb*

**Offering *(“If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.”* Robert Murray McCheyne; 1813-1843)**

**I Will Give Thanks to You, O Lord *–****Psalm 138 (Source: Stonegate Church)*

 *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart. I sing your praise and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. You have exalted your name and your word above everything.**On the day I called, you answered me. You increased my strength of soul.

 Though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.*

 *The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not always recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant watch-care over us. Help us to entrust ours lives to You and Your purposes as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in the power of Your Spirit,

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.* *Amen.*

**Songs of Worship –** *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus/The Love of God*

**Message** – *“And When You Pray”*
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:9-15*

 **1. “Our Father in heaven” (vs 9)**

* God is the creator of all but ***only*** the Father to those He has adopted into His kingdom.

 **2. “Hallowed be your name” (vs 9)**

* *God’s name is to be reverent.*
* *Highest honor; set aside.*
* *Trust & hope is in God.*

 **3. “Your kingdom come” (vs 10)**

* *Christ should reign in our hearts & lives so that we reflect His love, obey His laws, honor Him, etc.*
* *We are called to pray and work for the advancement of the kingdom on earth.*

 **4. “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (vs 10)**

* *Just as God’s will is experienced in heaven, Jesus prays it will be experienced on earth.*

 **5. “Give us this day our daily bread” (vs 11)**

* *Our physical daily needs are met by God.*

 **6. “And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors” (vs 12)**

* *You don’t forgive to get forgiveness…you forgive because God has forgiven us of much!*

 **7. “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” (vs 13)**

* *God doesn’t tempt us but may lead us to be tested.*

**Take-away’s**

 1. True prayer is not about men getting what they want, but rather God’s glory!

 2. This pattern of prayer is all about communion with God so that we may display His glory and greatness through:
 1) worship of His name/nature
 2) our changed character
 3) His provisions for us, such as homes, food, jobs, etc.

 3. Forgiveness should mark my life because I am forgiven.

**Time of Prayer**