**Sunday, September 4, 2011**

**Welcome** - Greg Snow

**Call to Worship**

**Worship Leader**  
 Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us together,

**Congregation**  
To rejoice in who You are.

**Worship Leader**  
And delight in who we are because of You!

**Congregation**  
We stand amazed in Your presence,

**Worship Leader**  
Because, O Lord, You live your life in us!

**Song of Praise** - The Wonderful Cross

**Ephesians 1:4-6**

God’s rescue plan for us is the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-6 says:

*Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.*

**Songs of Worship** – Lord, I Lift Your Name On High; My Savior’s Love

**Offering**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

As we gather to worship today we can take great comfort that the pressure to perform doesn’t rest on our shoulders. We aren’t here to prove anything to each other or to God. We are sinners in need of mercy. Jesus Christ came to live the perfect life and to die the death we deserved. It is through Him, not ourselves, that we approach God today.

Hebrews 4:14-16...

*So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

**Songs of Praise –** Amazing Grace; In the Cross

**Message** - "*The Characteristics of a Spiritual Servant*"; Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Characteristics of a spiritual servant:

1. Must be able to teach (v 2)
2. Share in suffering (v 3)
3. Be a good soldier (v 3-4)
4. Be as an athlete, trained and disciplined (v 5)
   1. As a Christian we compete within the boundaries of His word.
5. Hard working, as a farmer (v 6)
   1. perseverance

Conclusion:

1. Are you devoting your time to the word of God?
2. Do you discipline yourself to the word of God so you can win?
3. Like the farmer, we are to work & wait for the harvest - perseverance

**Time of Prayer**