

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – (*Source: John Birch*)

Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You. Make yourself known to us new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today. In our meeting together may we be reminded that we worship the God who created this world, the God who spoke through his prophets from generation to generation, led his people from captivity to liberty, healed the sick, fed the hungry and was faithful even when faced with rejection. May we be a people that is drawn to your love and grace, may we know your forgiveness and the joy of your Salvation.

Let's take a few moments to silently pray, asking God to invade our hearts and minds this morning so only He will be the focus of our thoughts.

Silent Prayer

Let's join together in worship and praise as we sing unto our mighty God, who is the audience of our worship!

Songs of Praise – *For All You've Done/You Are My King*

Confession of Sin/Assurance of Pardon – *Romans 5:6-10*

Hear the word of God...

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—

though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Song of Worship – *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Prayer for Guidance

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Worship – *Trust and Obey*

Offering - *How dare you approach the mercy-seat of God on the basis of what kind of day you had, as if that were the basis for our entrance into the presence of the sovereign and holy God? No wonder we cannot beat the Devil!* D.A. Carson

Wait on the Lord – (*Psalm 25:5/James Smith, 1869*)

"Lead me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; on you do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:5

The Lord intends to keep his people dependent upon himself. He has everything they can need. He intends to supply all their needs; but he will be applied to. He will have his people wait on him, and wait for him. In doing so, he will try their faith, fortitude, patience, and perseverance. He will sometimes put them to a severe test, but he will never fail them, forsake them, or leave them destitute. If they trust in him, plead with him, and wait on him, they will be raised to a state of comparative security, for they need not fear any man, or any circumstance, or any state they can be in. The Lord will be to them their God. He will do for them all that God can do; and that is, all they can require, all that is consistent with their welfare and his own glory.

Believer, you may be independent of all creation by realizing your dependence upon your God, and waiting upon him continually. You must believe the love he has to you, his watchful care over you, his delight in you, the promises he has given you, the provision he has made for you, the glory he will get by you, and the honor to which he intends to raise you. In so doing, the fear of man will die, joy in God will spring up, the peace of God will fill your heart and mind, your dependence on creatures will cease, and you will be happy in looking only to the Lord. *"My soul, wait only upon God; for my expectation is from him."* *"Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land— when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it"*

Tender and compassionate God, you long to gather us in your arms as a hen gathers her chicks. Draw us to yourself in love, surround us with your grace, and keep us in the shelter of your wings so that in our time of testing we may not fall away. Amen.

Songs of Worship – *I Have A Shelter/In Christ Alone*

Message – *"The Characteristics of a Disciple"*

Scripture Reference: Matthew 10:26-43

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

Benediction