

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – *Zephaniah 3:17/Isaiah 55:12 (Source: Worship Sourcebook)*

O Lord God, how great you are!

On the first day of the week we commemorate your creation of the world and all that is in it.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord God, how great you are!

On the first day of the week we commemorate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, from the dead.

Lord, create in us a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

O Lord God, how great you are!

On the first day of the week we celebrate in song the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church and throughout the whole world.

Amen and Amen!

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us!

Songs of Praise – *For the Beauty of the Earth/Our Great God*

Call to Repentance – *Heidelberg Catechism, Questions & Answers 88-89*

Hear the word of the Lord: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Genuine repentance involves two things: the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new. The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to. Together, as Christ's body, let us silently confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God. Let's pray.

Song of Worship – Trust & Obey

Assurance of Salvation – Romans 5:1-2

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Song of Worship – It Is Well

Offering - *“What else have you to delight in? What thing will you name that shall supply the place of GOD...this is pleasure none can rob you of; a joy that cannot be taken from you.”* Charles Haden Spurgeon

Delight Yourself in the Lord - *Psalm 37:4-6/Isaiah 58:13-14* (Source: Lenya Heitzig; Family Heritage Books)

“Delight yourself also in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noon-day.” Psalm 37:4-6

How wonderful it would be to truly delight ourselves in the Lord. You may ask, “How do we delight in God?” In order to answer this question we must discover what pleases Him. What does He like or dislike? The Bible uses the word “delight” more than 60 times in reference to the Lord. Most of the instances are associated with obeying God’s laws, following His commands, rejoicing in His testimonies, or keeping His statutes. Therefore, to express your delight in the Lord, you must obey His Word. As you do, He will certainly lead you to greater holy moments than you’ve ever had before.

One of the greatest scripture passages to discover this truth is found in Isaiah 58:13-14:

“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ’s creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it, they delight themselves in Him. The Sabbath points them to the works of creation as an evidence of His mighty power in redemption. While it calls to mind the lost peace of Eden, it tells of peace restored through the Savior. And every object in nature repeats His invitation, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28.

In closing I want to leave with you the words John Pennington wrote in 1656:

All the desires of natural man, even after God, after Christ, after righteousness, shall burn and perish with him (for they are not the truth, nor do they come from the truth, nor can they reach to the truth;) but all the desires of this spirit shall live with the Spirit of God, in rest and satisfaction forever.

“Delight yourself also in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart.”

Songs of Worship – *Take My Life/ Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Message – *“The Sabbath – A Day of Delight”*

Scripture Reference: Isaiah 58:13-14

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *Sing Allelu*

Benediction