

Sunday, June 2, 2013

Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – *Soli Deo Gloria – The Glory of God Alone* (Source: *The Worship Sourcebook*)

People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes. Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

As we prepare to worship, let us take our proper place in the created order as we joyfully give God his: the highest place, the place of all honor and glory.

Soli Deo Gloria - **The Glory of God Alone**

Songs of Praise – *To God Be the Glory/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

Call to Confession – *Revealing of our True Self*

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us silently pray and acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us of our sins as we strive to grow more and more in the likeness and image of God.

Let's pray.

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

My Trust Is In God Alone – *Psalms 25:1-5*

Hear the word of the Lord: Psalm 25:1-5

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Amen.

Song of Worship – *Be Thou My Vision*

Offering - *"I think the moments we are nearest to heaven are those we spend at the Lord's table."* Charles H. Spurgeon

Are We Willing To Leave It All? - Maria Sandberg "Glimpses of Heaven!" (1880)/J.C. Ryle

Hear this promise found in the word of God: Revelation 1:7

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him!"

Who is it that will come one day, and whom every eye shall see? The Lord Jesus, the Savior of sinners, the Judge of all men! Every eye shall see Him. My eye shall see Him too! Will it be with fear and terror--that I shall behold the King of kings coming to judgment? Or will my gaze be that of admiration and love for my adorable Redeemer?

All Christians rejoice in the expectation of His second coming, when faith shall be turned to sight. How can we fear the realization of our fondest hopes, the accomplishment of our best desires? The more we look to Jesus now, by faith--the less shall we fear death and judgment. For how, indeed, can we fear to meet our best and dearest Friend?

Paul assures us that there is a crown which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give at His coming--to all who love His appearing. Let us not shrink, then, from meditation on the glorious coming of Christ, but rather look for and expect it as the end of all our sins, sufferings and trials--and the beginning of perfect and eternal happiness!

Hear the words of J.C. Ryle concerning the moment when believers come face to face with Christ:

There is a pass in Scotland called Glencoe, which supplies a beautiful illustration of what heaven will be to the man who comes to Christ. The road through Glencoe carries the traveler up a long and steep ascent, with many a little winding and many a little turn in its course. But when the top of the pass is reached, a stone is seen by the wayside, with these simple words engraved on it, "Rest, and be thankful." Those words describe the feelings with which everyone who comes to Christ will at length enter heaven. The summit of the narrow way will be won. We shall cease from our weary journeying, and sit down in the kingdom of God. We shall look back over all the way of life with thankfulness, and see the perfect wisdom of every little winding and turn in the steep ascent by which we were led. We shall forget the toils of the upward journey in the glorious rest. Here in this world our sense of rest in Christ at best is feeble and partial--but, "when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." (1 Cor. 13:10.) Thanks be unto God--a day is coming when believers shall rest perfectly, and be thankful.

Let us ask ourselves, "Are we willing this very night to leave all on earth, and go to Jesus?" If we could really see Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and saying to us this very night, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world!"--I am quite sure that nothing on earth could detain us!

"He who testifies to these things says: Surely I am coming quickly!

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20

Songs of Worship – *Face to Face/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Message – *"What's in the Well Comes up in the Bucket"*

Scripture Reference: Matthew 12:33-37

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Prayer & Partaking of the Bread – *Luke 22:19*

Prayer & Partaking of the Cup – *Luke 22:20*

Proclamation – *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Benediction