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Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – *Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22*

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Let's begin by focusing all of our attention on worshipping our heavenly Father, the one who deserves all exaltation.

Hear the words of the Lord from Psalm 103:

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Song of Praise – *To God Be The Glory*

Mindful of Him

As we sing praises to our Lord let us be mindful of the things that He has done. 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.

Let us continue giving God the glory as we raise our voice to Him alone!

Alleluia! Glory be to our great God!

Songs of Worship – *Our Great God/I Worship You, Almighty God*

Confession of Sin – *1 John 1:8-9*

When we encounter God's greatness and His holiness, we can't help but see our own sinfulness. Listen to the word of God found in 1 John 1:8-9:

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us silently confess our sin to God. Let's pray.

Assurance of Salvation – Isaiah 53:4-6

Hear the good news, found in Isaiah 53: 4-6...

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Song of Worship – Grace Flows Down

Offering - *“The ultimate cause of all spiritual depression is unbelief. For if it were not for unbelief even the devil could do nothing. It is because we listen to the devil instead of listening to God that we go down before him and fall before his attacks.”* – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

All of Life as Worship – Romans 12:1-2 (Source: John Piper)

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 portrays all of life as a constant worship. The vital essence of that inner experience we call worship is a being satisfied in God and cherishing Christ as gain above all things.

Spiritual worship is to come to God each day and say: "O God, there is nothing that I want more than to approve what is most worthy, and value what is most valuable, and treasure what is most precious and admire what is most beautiful and hate what is most evil and abhor what is most ugly. I reckon myself dead to all that is unspiritual and worldly and deadening to my soul. Renew me, O my God. Awaken spiritual capacities of right assessment."

And then we say, "And take me, body and soul, and make me the instrument of your glory in the world. Let the renewal you are working from within show on the outside. This is my spiritual worship. To show the world that you are my all-satisfying treasure."

There it is. The essence of worship is a being satisfied in God and cherishing of Christ as gain. This is what it means to have a renewed mind. The renewed mind perceives and approves and treasures and cherishes the will of God (and thus transforms all of life), because it first and foremost perceives, and approves and treasures and cherishes God.

And doing the will of God is the outshining of God in his glory. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your father in heaven." All of life is the outshining of what you truly value and cherish and treasure. Therefore all of life is worship. Either of God, or something else.

Therefore be transformed in the renewal of your mind. Cherish God in all his works and all his ways. Reckon the old mind dead and offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice that he may put you on display by the outshining of his worth and his value in your life. Worship him with your life.

Songs of Worship – *The Potter's Hand/Sanctuary*

Message – *"The Problem With Unbelief"*

Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:53-58

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *I Surrender All*

Benediction