

Sunday, July 7, 2013

Welcome – Greg Snow

Call to Worship – *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

We, whom he has redeemed, will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;

because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Let us praise him by saying:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia! Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song of Praise – *See What A Morning*

May Your Glory Be Over all the Earth – *Psalms 108:1-5*

This is the word of the Lord from Psalm 108:1-5

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my glory!

Awake, harp and lyre; I myself will wake very early—I will waken the dawn!

I will praise and give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; and I will sing praises unto You among the nations.

For Your mercy and loving-kindness are great and high as the heavens! Your truth and faithfulness reach to the skies!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth.

Song of Worship – I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Confession of Sin – Hebrews 10:19-22 (Source; The Worship Sourcebook)

Our God longs for honesty and holiness within the promise-based relationship God has established with us in Christ. In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. Just as a marriage cannot flourish without honest confession, so our marriage-like relationship with God cannot flourish unless we freely and honestly express all facets of our life: hopes, fears, sins, desires, thanksgiving, and praise.

Let us hear the words of God, Hebrews 10:19-22...

Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

I invite you to take the next few moments to silently pray and confess your sins before God. Let's pray.

-Silent Prayer-

Assurance of Salvation – 1 Peter 2:24

Let's recite these words of promises and assurance found in 1 Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Songs of Worship – The Look/Jesus Paid It All

Offering

A Wonderful Secret - (Source: Grace Gems; J.R. Miller)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame!" Hebrews 12:2

"In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice. In the morning I will order my prayer to You and look up!" Psalm 5:3

This is a wonderful secret which all of us ought to learn: We should not think so much about the foil and hardness of the way – but to look beyond to the brightness of the end! It does not matter how rough the road is – if only it bring us HOME at last!

Many of us go worrying all through this life, keeping our eyes always downcast on the path we are treading. We see all the troubles, the difficulties, and discouragements – but we never raise our eyes to see the joys and the eternal blessings which are waiting for us. We ought to learn this life-secret, which made Christ look past the shame and sorrow of His cross – and see the glory beyond. Learn to look up toward Heaven! Think of its joys and its blessedness – until earth's trials shall melt away in the brightness, and its griefs and losses are forgotten in the hopes of eternal glory!

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which we also early wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humble condition – into the likeness of His glorious body!” Philippians 3:20-21

Songs of Worship – *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus/Hide Away in the Love of Jesus*

Message – *“Jesus, A Priceless Treasure”*

Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:44-52

Time of Prayer

Song of Worship – *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Affirming and Welcoming New Members – Samuel & Janetta Henry

Reading of the Church Covenant

Song of Worship – *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

Observance of the Lord's Supper – Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Corinthians 11:26

Benediction