

— Glory Be To The Father —

PRELUDE

Praise Band

WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Ray Cortese

OPENING SCRIPTURE

The opening sentence or Scripture reading in worship is intended to pierce our hearts at the beginning of the service. It invites us into the worship of God, reminding us that God initiates even His own worship, that we need His help in worship, and that our worship will be based on these Scriptures. Listen to God's Word and then respond to Him with your entire being!

Psalm 96:9

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

GLORIA PATRIA (*Glory Be To The Father*)

Leader & People

The *Gloria Patri* (also called *Glory Be To The Father*) is an ancient, short hymn of praise. It is Trinitarian and thus reminds us at the beginning of the service that we worship the God of the Bible: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God.

Leader Sings: *Open our lips, O Lord.*

People Say: **And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise!**

Leader Sings: *Glory to God the Creator, Glory to Christ the Lord, Glory to God the Holy Spirit.*

People Say: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SINGING OF GOD'S GREATNESS

Congregation

"Step By Step"

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Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

"Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven"

Adapted from Psalm 103 by Henry F. Lyte © 1997 Christopher Miner Music/CCLI License #136148

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR GOD

Leader & People

We combine Marva Dawn's beautiful text "Come Away From Rush And Hurry" with "The Jesus Prayer" (*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*), an ancient prayer of brevity, theology, and affection; this one-sentence prayer has been used by the church for centuries as a "focal-point" in one's conversation with God. It is, simultaneously, a petition, confession, cry for help, and prayer of adoration to God.

"Come Away From Rush and Hurry" and "The Jesus Prayer"

Words: ©1999 Marva J. Dawn (1948.) Music: John Wyeth, 1813

**All Sing: Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.**

**Leader: We confess to You, Father, our tendency to make idols of health,
comfort, finances, relationships, the acceptance of others, and even
future dreams. In service to these idols we spend our days in a
constant race for the better, the faster, the newer. And at last when
these idols have used and abused us, and when You have invited us
into the rest that Christ offers, we admit that we often turn up the
volume of the noise around us even more. But we're tired Father, and
we come this day to rest with our eternal family in You. Give us Your
sweet rest, we pray.**

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**All Sing: In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.**

**Leader: Sovereign Father, Gentle Shepherd, You fill our lives with good gifts!
And yet we overlook Your provision and go to great lengths to find
other means of fulfillment. Forgive us, Lord. Make us to lie down in
green pastures. Lead us beside still waters. Grant us Your peace.**

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**All Sing: Come, then, children, with your burdens life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them, He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.**

**Leader: Father we confess that though You created us and recreated us,
making us children of the King, we often live as orphans. When
confronted with the pain of life wrought by our own sin, we either
cower in fear of Your condemnation or rebel in hopes of escaping**

*Your transforming love. We are so needy, Lord. Every day our longing
for home overwhelms us. Help us to believe that You will meet this
longing, fulfill it, and quench our thirsts once and for all. We die to
ourselves that we might live to Christ.*

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

SINGING OF GOD'S FATHERING LOVE

Congregation

"He Knows My Name"

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I have a Maker, He formed my heart;
Before even time began, my life was in His hand.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought;
He sees each tear that falls,
And hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own;
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.
He knows my name; He knows my ev'ry thought;
He sees each tear that falls,
And hears me when I call.

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

Congregation

Welcome Pads Passed

In his letter to the Romans, Paul invites us to present our whole selves as living sacrifices to God. He calls this our "spiritual act of worship." It may seem practical and even mundane, but giving our money back to God is one key way we worship God and aid in the spreading of His Kingdom in Citrus County and around the world!

OFFERTORY

Josh Bales

"Satisfied"

Words and Music by Josh Bales © 2006 Bryan Days Music

Satisfied, I'm satisfied in You,
Not myself, and not my sin,
I would be the fool.

I'm satisfied, I'm satisfied in You.
Cause You give me the means
To live my life completely full.
I'm satisfied, I'm satisfied in You.

I'm feeding on the feast of Your sufficiency.
Staying close to the river of grace
That set me free, You set me free!

And You meet every need
I never even knew I had.
Every minute, of every hour,
Of every single day.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Grades K-2

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Rev. Cortese

As we sang earlier, we want to come away from noise and the frenzy of everyday life to sit at the feet of Jesus and find release in His words of life and truth. Listen now as God speaks to us this life-giving Word. Ask God the Holy Spirit to implant this Word deep in the soil of your heart that it may grow into a changed life in His time.

SINGING IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Congregation

We join our minds and hearts with our voices now. Having heard the Word of truth, we make preparations (in our hearts) to go back into the world to serve the King, to bring His Kingdom, changed forever by His Word and Spirit. So sing with all your heart!

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

Louisa Stead, 1882; William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

REFRAIN: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

RECEIVING THE BENEDICTION, GOD'S BLESSING

As we go into the world we don't do so on our own! We go with the mighty blessing of God. He Himself sends us out!

Welcome to Seven Rivers!

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whomsoever will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



SRPC CORE VALUES

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

In a world of brokenness, SRPC seeks to be a place where hearts and homes are healed by the love of God.

MISSIONAL LIVING

In a world of self-absorption, SRPC seeks to bless our world with deeds of compassion, mercy and grace.

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

In a world of disconnection, SRPC seeks to be a place of unusual devotion to one another.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY EVENING 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING* 9:00 & 10:50 A.M.

**September - May*

NURSERY LOCATIONS

Infants Room 400

1-Year-Olds Room 403

2 & 3-Year Olds Room 401

4-Year-Olds Room 402

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kindergarten through Second Grade Room 405

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Worship



SEVEN RIVERS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKEND SERVICES

October 27 & 28, 2007

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

REVELATION 1:6