

# Sweet Hour of Prayer

## PRELUDE

*“For Your Gift Of God The Spirit”*

Praise Band

## WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Ray Cortese, Sr. Pastor

## GATHERING SONG

*“Down To The River”*

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Choir

CHORUS: *As I went down in the river to pray,  
Studying about that good ol’ way  
And who shall wear the starry crown;  
Good Lord, show me the way!*

○ *sisters let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.  
sisters let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

○ *brothers let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.  
Come on brothers, let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

○ *fathers let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.  
fathers let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

○ *mothers let’s go down, come on down, don’t you wanna go down?  
Come on mothers, let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

○ *sinners, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.  
sinners, let’s go down, down in the river to pray.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*“The Prayers Of The Saints”*

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Congregation

Are the prayers of the saints like sweet smelling incense?  
Are the prayers of the saints like sweet smelling incense,  
To Your heart, to Your heart?

Let these prayers of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
Let these prayers of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
To Your heart, to Your heart.

Are the songs of the saints like sweet smelling incense?  
Are the songs of the saints like sweet smelling incense,  
To Your heart, to Your heart?

Let these songs of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
Let these songs of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
To Your heart, to Your heart.

## INVOCATION

Rev. Cortese

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*“Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son”*

Words and Music by Mark Allrogge

Father, You loved me, sent Your Son to redeem.  
Jesus, You washed me, by Your blood I am clean.  
Spirit, You’ve opened these blinded eyes  
And brought me to Christ.

CHORUS: Heavenly Father, beautiful Son,  
Spirit of light and truth,  
Thank You for bringing  
Sinners to come to You.

Father, You gave me, to Jesus to keep.  
And Jesus, You love me, as a shepherd, his sheep.  
Spirit, You’ve given me faith in the Son  
And made our hearts one.

Father, You’re waiting to hear my requests.  
Jesus, Your loving open hand is outstretched.  
Spirit, You’re in me, You intercede,  
And help in my need.

*“For Your Gift Of God The Spirit”*

E. Margaret Clarkson, William Penfro Rowlands, Music by Mindy Deckard © 1987 Hope Publishing Company/CCLI License #136148

For Your gift of God the Spirit, pow’r to make our lives anew,  
Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship You.  
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from Your ascended throne,  
Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make Your life our own.

He Who in creation’s dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,  
Still across our nature’s darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep.  
Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin;  
Brings to birth and seals and fills us saving Advocate within.

He, Himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word,  
Reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.  
He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,  
He whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

Father grant Your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,  
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us His Sov’rign way.  
Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
In us, through us, then forever, shall Your perfect will be done.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”*

Words by William, 1845/Music by William Bradbury, 1861

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father’s throne,  
Make all my wants and wishes known!  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare,  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God, my Savior, shows His face,  
And gladly take my station there,  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him, whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless:  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,  
I’ll cast on Him my ev’ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Welcome Pads Passed

Congregation

## OFFERTORY

*“Ev’ry Time I Feel The Spirit”*

Traditional Spiritual/Arr. by William L. Dawson

Choir

*Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.*

*The Jordan river is chilly an’ cold,  
It chills the body, but not the soul;  
There ain’t but one train upon this track,  
It runs to heav’n an’ right back.*

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

## SERMON

Rev. Cortese

## CLOSING SONG

*“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Joe Scriven, 1855

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What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*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*



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**WEEKEND SERVICES**

November 17 & 18, 2007

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

LUKE 11:11-12