

# Give Thanks to the Lord

## PRELUDE

Praise Band

## WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Ray Cortese, Senior Pastor

# Gathering

## A GATHERING SONG

Congregation

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*  
Martin Rinkart, 1636/Johann Cruger, 1647

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father, now be given,  
The Son and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven,  
The One Eternal God whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & People

LEADER: O Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

LEADER: We bless You, we praise You, we give You thanks:

ALL: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever!

## A CORPORATE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made.

ALL: We bless You, Lord, for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, You would give us such an awareness of Your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## SONGS OF THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

Congregation

*“Forever”*

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LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,

ALL: His love endures forever.

LEADER: For He is good, He is above all things:

ALL: His love endures forever. Sing praise. Sing praise.

LEADER: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,

ALL: His love endures forever.

LEADER: For this life that’s been reborn,

ALL: His love endures forever.

CHORUS: Sing praise. Sing praise,

Sing praise. Sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

LEADER: From the rising to the setting sun,

ALL: His love endures forever.

LEADER: And by the grace of God we will carry on,

ALL: His love endures forever. (Chorus)

*“We Gather Together”*

Netherlands Folk Hymn, Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation endure thro’ tribulation:  
Thy name be ever prais’d! O Lord, make us free!

## THE CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMON FAITH

Congregation

*The Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(\*the church consisting of true believers of all times and places)

*“The Doxology”*

The Lesser Doxology/Words: Bishop Thomas Ken, 1709/Music: The Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Congregation

*Welcome Pads Passed*

## OFFERTORY

Josh Bales

*“I Need You”*

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My heart is restless in me. My wings are all worn out.  
I’m walking in the wilderness and I cannot get out.  
I need You, O, I need You; Blessed Savior come.  
I need You, O, I need You; You’re the every longing of my soul.

O, how I need You, Lord. I need Your perfect Word.  
With tearful eyes to see the sin that I afford.  
I need to weep and pray for, O, the thousand ways  
That I have failed You just today.

My bed is soaked with sadness. My sadness has no end.  
A downward spiral of despair that I keep falling in.  
I need You, O, I need You; to You my soul shall fly.  
I need You, O, I need You; Yahweh, how I love You more than life.

Your silence is like death to me!  
So won’t You hear my desperate plea!

Today my soul is soaring way over mountains high.  
Though I can see the valleys, they’re all just passing by.  
It’s not that I am stronger. Look at my feeble wings.  
But I’ve been lifted higher. Yahweh’s lifted me in His own strength!

O, how I love You, Lord. I love Your perfect Word.  
With tearful eyes to see the God who always will endure.  
Now I will celebrate for, O, the thousand ways  
That You have shown me grace and made my heart in grace to stay.  
You’ve made my heart in grace to stay.  
Lord, make my heart in grace to stay.

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

# The Word

May the Psalmist’s poetry be our prayer as we hear the preaching of God’s Word: “I remember Your ancient laws, O Lord, and I find comfort in them (Psalm 119:52).”

## THE SERMON

Rev. Cortese

# The Eucharist

The word “Eucharist” means thanksgiving. This was the traditional term for the Lord’s Supper and implies that, when we come to the Lord’s table, we are “[giving] thanks [to God] for the living, dying, and rising again of Jesus, looking forward to the coming again of Christ to establish His Kingdom (Robert Webber).”

## A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Leader & People

LEADER: On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.” After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.” Recalling now His suffering and death, and celebrating His resurrection and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

ALL: Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise for this memorial of our redemption. Send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of Your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with Your life and goodness. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:  
 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**SONGS FOR COMMUNION**

Congregation

*“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”*

Words by George Matheson, 1882; Music by Christopher Miner © 1997 Christopher Miner Music/CCLI# 136148

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
 I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
 May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
 My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
 May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
 I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
 That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
 I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
 Life that shall endless be.

*“Jesus, Thank You”*

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The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,  
 The agonies of Calvary  
 You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son  
 Drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

CHORUS: Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You.  
 The Father’s wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
 Once Your enemy now seated at Your table,  
 Jesus, thank You.

By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near,  
 Your enemy You’ve made Your friend  
 Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You.

*Sending*

At the end of worship God sends His people out into the world to proclaim His Kingdom and His victorious reign over sin and death. May God’s words of blessing empower and encourage us to do so in His strength. Amen

**BENEDICTION**

*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**

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*Worship*



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**WEEKEND SERVICES**

November 24 & 25, 2007

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;  
 make known among the nations what He  
 has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;  
 tell of all his wonderful acts.

1 CHRONICLES 16:8-9