

# Child of God

## PRELUDE

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## WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Ray Cortese, Pastor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Congregation

In worship, the Father invites His children to richly participate in a feast. One author writes, “worship is first and foremost a feasting on all that God is for us in Jesus. This is because God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him...The bottom line is that you and I must come to worship hungry!”

### “Come And Welcome”

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From the cross uplifted high, where the Savior deigns to die,  
What melodious sounds I hear, bursting on my ravished ear.  
Love’s redeeming work is done. Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne; why beneath thy burdens groan.  
On My pierced body laid, justice owns the ransom paid.  
Bow the knee and kiss the Son. Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board; see with richest dainties stored.  
To thy Father’s bosom pressed, yet again a child confessed:  
Never from His house to roam; come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end; lo, I come, your Savior, Friend.  
Safe your spirit to convey, to the realms of endless day.  
Up to my eternal home, come and welcome, sinner, come.  
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

## OPENING PRAYER

How do we know that our Father hears our prayers? Not only does He know, see, and hear everything, but Jesus Himself presents our prayers and needs to the Father Himself. This is why we can “boldly approach the throne of grace!” In our worship together, let’s ask the Father that He would be our chief delight!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader & People

Confessing our faith in worship is one way we affirm our membership in the Father’s family—we join His children from all times and places who have ever confessed these very things:

Leader: *What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

People: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### “This Is My Father’s World”

Mattie D. Babcock, 1901/Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915/Arr. by Randall Goodgame, 2002

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought!  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav’n be one.

This is my Father’s world! Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring  
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

### “Satisfied”

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All my life long I had panted for a drink from some clear spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me, till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches, something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing, bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

## TESTIMONY

When we worship together, we are telling the story of how God has rescued a people for Himself. Part of this storytelling is sharing with each other our own individual stories of God’s grace. It is what the Psalmist meant when he tells us to “sing a new song.”

## PRAYER

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### “Grace Unmeasured”

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Grace unmeasured, vast and free  
That knew me from eternity,  
That called me out before my birth  
To bring You glory on this earth.

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Grace amazing, pure and deep,  
That saw me in my misery,  
That took my curse and owned my blame,  
So I could bear Your righteous name.

CHORUS: Grace, grace, grace,  
Paid for my sins and brought me to life.  
Grace, grace, grace,  
Clothes me with pow’r to do what is right.  
Grace, grace, grace,  
Will lead me to heav’n where I’ll see Your face  
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true,  
That makes me long to be like You,  
That turns me from my selfish pride  
To love the cross on which You died.

Grace unending, all my days,  
You’ll give me strength to run this race,  
And when my years on earth are through,  
The praise will all belong to You.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Welcome Pads Passed

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## OFFERTORY

### “Child Of God”

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*With every breath, with every thought,  
From what is seen, to the deepest part;  
I offer all that I’ve come to be  
To know Your love fathering me.*

*Father You’re all I need,  
My soul’s sufficiency.  
My strength when I am weak,  
The love that carries me.  
Your arms enfold me  
Till I am only a child of God.*

*With every step on this journey’s walk  
And wisdom’s songs that the soul has sought;  
I give myself unreservedly,  
To know Your love fathering me.*

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

## SERMON

Rev. Cortese

## CLOSING SONG

### “He Will Rejoice Over You”

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The Lord our God is with you; He is mighty to save.  
The Lord will take great delight in you.  
He will quiet you with His love.

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He will rejoice over you,  
He will rejoice over you.  
If you could only hear His voice,  
You would hear the Lord rejoice,  
Rejoicing over you with singing.

**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

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You sum up the whole of New Testament teaching in a single phrase, if you speak of it as a revelation of the Fatherhood of the holy Creator. In the same way, you sum up the whole of New Testament religion if you describe it as the knowledge of God as one's holy Father. If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian as opposed to merely Jewish, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God. "Father" is the Christian name for God...

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