

— Let Me Hide Myself In Thee —

SEVEN RIVERS CELEBRATES

“MLK Community Worship Service”

Video

WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Ray Cortese, Pastor

INTROIT

“The Lord Is A Mighty God”

Mendelssohn; Arr. by O.C. Christiansen © 1963 by Neil A. Kjos Music Co., Park Ridge, IL

Choir

The Lord is a mighty God,
And a mighty ruler over all false idols.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah!”

The Psalter, 1912; Albert Lowe, 1868

Congregation

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In His temple God be praised;
In the high and heav’nly places be the sounding anthem raised.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah for His mighty acts of fame;
Excellent His might and greatness, fitting praises then proclaim.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah with the trumpet’s joyful sound;
Praise with harp and praise with organ, let His glorious praise abound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All that breath, Jehovah praise;
Let the voices God has given joyful anthems to Him raise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Words by Reginald Heber/Music by John Dykes, 1861

Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God, Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God, Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 4, 5, 6

Leader: What does God’s law require of us?

Leader & People

All: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Leader: Can you keep all this perfectly?

All: No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbor.

Leader: Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

All: No, on the contrary, God created man good and in His image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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Congregation

Jesus, I’ve forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

CHORUS: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on me... (Repeat).

I have built an altar, where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys, that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

I have longed to know You, and Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You, in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining, like a beacon in the night.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

Leader & People

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had, nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Rock Of Ages”

Words: Augustus Toplady, 1776; Music: James Ward © 1985 James Ward Music/CCLI License #136148

Congregation

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Welcome Pads Passed

Congregation

OFFERTORY

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

Johannes Brahms; Based on Psalm 84

Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts,
O Lord of Hosts, Thy dwelling place, O Lord;
For my soul, it longeth, yea, it fainteth,
It longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord,
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
O Lord of Hosts, Thy dwelling place, O Lord;
Blest are they, O blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name forevermore;
How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

SERMON

Rev. Cortese

CLOSING SONG

“Jesus Thy Blood And Righteousness”

Augustus M. Toplady, William Croft

Congregation

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress,
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev’n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, and died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

CLOSING PRAYER

■ LENT: A SEASON OF REFLECTION & REPENTANCE ■

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance. Spiritual reflection has been making a comeback lately. Fueled by a desire to encounter God with the heart along with the head, many have rediscovered the rich Christian tradition of meditation, journaling, quiet, and retreat. Repentance, now that's another story.

Repentance is something we're not quite sure what to do with. Lent however brings repentance in from the cold and seats it at the head of the table. Shallow conversation ceases; small talk seems inappropriate; we avoid eye contact and, not so subtly, find excuses to leave. Within a half hour repentance's presence has cleared the room.

In each of our basements are issues we have locked away. Thoughts, memories, behaviors that if given an inch of light will grow in power and tyrannize our lives. It has taken us all the energy we can muster to lock them away. Repentance, without apology asks us to bring out these beasts. We hesitate, knowing the effort it took to wrestle them into their cells. We hesitate, afraid of the vile memories of those beasts. We hesitate, because we despair of deliverance—managing them seems safe; destroying them—beyond our hope.

Repentance is the Good News masked and cloaked. Repentance is the encounter with God who will not leave His people in slavery, but who comes to rescue and deliver. Repentance is the doorway to Grace. Repentance is turning the key to those cells over to the Risen Jesus. It is despairing of our ability to deliver ourselves and declaring our trust in Jesus to clean out our house. Repentance is life, freedom, release. We fool only ourselves by locking our beasts in the basement, they mock us down there, because they know only One is strong enough to destroy them, and we are not Him.

This Lent, take time to reflect on the wonder of our Savior—savor the beauty, majesty, and power of our God AND be willing to sit at the table with repentance. Fish out the hidden keys and hand them over to Him who comes to free you; who loves you; who's commitment to you is plainly seen at the cross. Would the God who willingly lays down His own life for you, not also willingly deliver you from these beasts in the basement?

Sam Wheatley

"When they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you become angry with them and give them over to the enemy, who takes them captive to a land far away or near; and if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity and say, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong and acted wickedly'; and if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity where they were taken, and pray toward the land you gave their fathers, toward the city you have chosen and toward the temple I have built for your Name; then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you."

II Chronicles 6:36-39

■ ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ■

We hope you'll join us as we begin this season of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday Service, this Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Complete service details are located in the Tributary Weekly.

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

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Worship



SEVEN RIVERS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKEND SERVICES

February 2 & 3, 2008

One thing I ask of the LORD,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek Him in His temple.
PSALM 27:4