

— He Ascended to Heaven —

SEVEN RIVERS CELEBRATES
SRCS Community Service Day

Video

WELCOME & GREETINGS

Ray Cortese, Pastor

GATHERING SONG

“Lion Of Judah”
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Congregation

You’re the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain,
You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign;
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified. With wisdom, and mercy,
And justice, You’ll reign at Your Father’s side.

CHORUS: And the angels will cry:
“Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world,
Rule in power.”
And the earth will reply:
“You shall reign
As the King of all kings,
And the Lord of all lords.”

There’s a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,
There’s a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;
But the Father has told us for these You have died,
For the nations that gather before You.
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified, Who descended to hell,
Yet was raised up to reign at the Father’s side.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing to Him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on His holy throne.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Words by Charles Wesley, 1746/Music by John Darwall, 1770

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Congregation

REFRAIN: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.

He sits at God’s right hand, till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ASCENSION

“Going Home” from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*

Nicole Andes

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 47

How does Christ’s ascension into heaven benefit us?

First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father. Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

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SONGS OF PRAISE

“Mighty To Save”

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Everyone needs compassion, love that’s never failing;
Let mercy fall on me, everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

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Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save, forever.
Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;
Fill my life again, I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Welcome Pads Passed

Congregation

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

SERMON

Rev. Cortese

THE LORD’S SUPPER

SONGS FOR COMMUNION

“Who Shall Ascend The Mountain Of The Lord”
Words by Edmund P. Clowney, 1987/Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Congregation

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He only can ascend to God’s right hand
Who first came down as His high mercy planned,
True God and man has earth and heaven spanned. Alleluia!

Before the clouds receive the King on high,
A cross lifts up His form against the sky;
The Framer of the worlds has come to die. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-92)/Vicki Cook © 1993 PDI Worship/CCU License #136148

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin,
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb; my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable, I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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



SEVEN RIVERS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKEND SERVICES

May 3 & 4, 2008

When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany,
He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He
was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into
heaven. Then they worshiped Him and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24:50-52