

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

There are no exceptions. There are no conditions. You are welcome here!

### Come Just As You Are

We are all children of God, each one dearly beloved. The labels the world has placed on us are meaningless here. There is nothing we have been that God has not seen, and there is nothing we have done that could ever change His love for each one of us.

### Be Transformed

In the Lord's service, only the wounded can serve. We are all wounded, and in different ways: partly by birth into a fallen world, partly by the will of others, and partly by our own choices. We do not celebrate our **brokenness**, but rather our **belovedness**. We recognize God's desire is to be glorified in each of us as we are made new by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

### Be Compassionate

No one gathered here has the right to judge anyone else. No one is in a position to look down on anyone else. God alone knows each heart. While we must always speak the truth to one another, we may only do so out of sincere love – in order to build each other up, and never to tear down.

## HEART TO GOD, HAND TO NEIGHBOR

Our first and greatest purpose is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Our mission is to make a difference each day as we serve others in the name of Jesus.

## NURSERY & KIDS CHURCH

Children are always welcome in worship services.

If you prefer, our staffed nursery is available for children to age 4.

Optional kids church is available during the sermon for kids 4 yrs – grade 6.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

SVCC desires to be an inclusive fellowship where anyone can fully belong.

Please let a greeter or pastor know if there is any way we can better support you or your kids.

## OFFERING

God doesn't need our money; He wants our lives. Visitors are not expected to contribute to the offering. We're simply glad you are here!

The offering is however, a meaningful act of worship for those who make SVCC their church home. Checks payable to "SVCC" may be mailed to our PO Box below.

**Please help keep the sanctuary clean: enjoy food & drinks outside (water bottles: ok).**

"COME TO ME ALL YOU  
WHO ARE WEARY  
AND BURDENED  
AND I WILL GIVE  
YOU REST."

(Matthew 11.28)



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# GET INVOLVED: THREE COMMITMENTS

If SVCC is your church home, we invite you to get involved by making three commitments:

## TWO PRACTICES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Commit to grow closer to God through at least two spiritual disciplines. Some suggestions:



### Bible & Devotional Apps:

Check out these helpful apps: YouVersion, Biblegateway, Lectio365.  
If you enjoy using another useful app or devotional, let us know!

## TWO POINTS OF SERVICE

Commit to volunteer to support the work of the church at least twice a month. Some suggestions:



### Sunday Morning Team:

Sunday mornings at 9am. Have fun and make new friends while making a difference.



### Joseph's Storehouse Food Pantry:

Check in with Chuck & Terri at the Food Bank between 9a-12p, M-Th.

## TWO PEOPLE TO SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE

Commit to connect with at least two people a week. Some suggestions:



### Pray:

Commit to lift two people up in prayer each day this week.



### Call or Text:

Send an encouraging message (with permission, of course!)

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## THIS WEEK

**SUN**    **Worship Service** (10:30a)  
**M-Th**   **Joseph's Storehouse Food Bank** (9a-12p)

# SUNDAY MESSAGE SERIES

## WONDER WHY? THE PROBLEM OF PAIN

March 5-26

What the Bible teaches about pain and suffering.

### Today's Message:

Rogue Waves: Unexplainable Pain — Job 42:1-3

## UNTRACEABLE SOURCES OF PAIN

Wounded by O \_\_\_\_\_

Wounded by N \_\_\_\_\_

Wounded by G \_\_\_\_\_

## WHY DOESN'T GOD INTERVENE?

False Assumption #1: God Doesn't E \_\_\_\_\_ Intervene

A better question might be "Why doesn't God a \_\_\_\_\_ intervene?"

False Assumption #2: God Is Un \_\_\_\_\_ to Intervene

An o \_\_\_\_\_ God must be able to intervene.

True Assumption: At Times, For Good R \_\_\_\_\_, God Is

Un \_\_\_\_\_ to Intervene

This does not mean He is cruel or heartless; only that there is a long-range reason, rooted in love, that our short-range minds cannot fathom. We must never forget that God has a hard job. At the same time, we must trust that God never e \_\_\_\_\_ seeing His children suffer.

## FOR REFLECTION

Can you think of a time when it felt like you were being treated unfairly?  
What is the difference between punishment and discipline?  
What are some of the responsibilities God alone has, and no human being could have?  
How does God show love to us, even when He allows us to suffer?