## Our Mission: 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 one another*** in the name of Jesus.

## Everyone Is Welcome in the Lord's House

No exceptions. No conditions. You are truly welcome here.

**Come Just As You Are**
We are all children of God—each one dearly loved. The labels the world puts on us don't define us here. There's nothing in your past that God hasn't seen, and nothing you've done that could ever make Him stop loving you.

**Be Transformed**
In God's kingdom, only the wounded can serve. And we are all wounded—by the world we were born into, by the choices of others, and by our own decisions. But we don't gather to celebrate our ***brokenness***—we celebrate our ***belovedness***. God desires to glorify Himself in us as we are made new through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

**Be Compassionate**
Here, no one stands above another. No one has the right to judge. Only God sees the heart. We are called to speak the truth in love—always to build up, never to tear down.

## Nursery & Kids Church

***Children are always welcome in worship services!*** Our staffed nursery is available up to age 6.

## Special Needs

SVCC desires to be an inclusive fellowship where everyone can ***fully belong***.
Please let a greeter or pastor know if there is any way we can better support you or your kids.

## Offering

**The way of Jesus is joyful generosity. God doesn't need our money; He wants our lives.** Cheerfully supporting the work of SVCC is an act of worship for those who make this their church home. Visitors are not expected to contribute to the offering. *We are simply glad you're here!* Donations payable to "SVCC" may be mailed to our PO Box (listed below) or placed in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary. ***Thank you*** for supporting our work here and around the world.

## Pets

We love our animals ***and so does the Lord*** (Jonah 4:11, Prov 12:10). However, as a courtesy to those around you, we kindly request that you please leave your pets – *including bees* – at home.

## Let's Connect!

We're so excited and honored that you've joined us today. If you would like a followup contact or to receive important church communication, please click the "Let's Connect" button in the footer of our website at svchurch.org and fill out our visitor form.

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"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11.28)



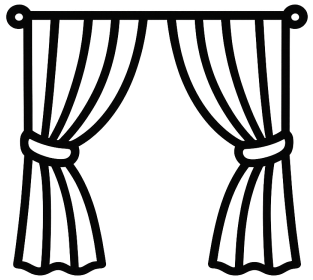
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# Events & Opportunities

## This Week @ Spring Valley Community

**DAILY** **Lectio365 Prayer** (Morning and Evening. Download the free app and listen)
**SUN** **Worship Service** (English @ 10:30a / español @ 11a)
**TUE-THU** **Food Bank** (9 - 11a)
**WED** **AA Meeting - Equanimity at Noon** (12-1p @ Fellowship Hall)
**THU** **Bible Study** (6:30p @ Fellowship Hall)
**FRI** **Garden & Grounds Fellowship** (7:30 - 10:30a)



# Tear Down that Veil – Mark 15:33-39

Pastor Steve Babbitt

"the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom." — Mark 15:33-39

## Main Point:

Don't rehang what God has t_____. In Jesus, God tears the barrier down; our call is to stop sewing it back up.

1. Daily turn to Christ and let him remove the inner v_____; draw near because Jesus opened the way.
   2 Corinthians 3:16; Hebrews 10:19–22
   ""But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away" … "let us draw near to God.""

2. Each week, cross one small w_____—move toward someone you've kept at arm's length.
   Ephesians 2:14–16; 1 John 4:20
   ""For he himself is our peace… he has destroyed the dividing wall of hostility" … "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.""

3. Ask each day, Who is my n_____ today? and do one mercy for the most inconvenient person.
   Luke 10:36–37; James 2:1–4
   "The one who had mercy on him." "Go and do likewise." … "have you not discriminated among yourselves…?"

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## Pretty Good Questions:

1. What veil am I hiding behind with God right now, and how will I turn to Jesus to let him tear it this week?
2. Who is one person I've kept at arm's length, and what simple step will I take to cross that wall?
3. Where have I posted a "Keep Out" sign in my life, and what does mercy require of me today?