GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People

January 6, 2019

To all who are spiritually weary 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 all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Glorifying God...

Embracing Scripture...

Loving Corpus Christi...

GATHERING SONG

He Is Exalted

Words and Music: Twila Paris

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the inside of the back page)

Information Cards. Please take a moment to fill out the information card in your bulletin, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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*CALL to WORSHIP

<u>Psalm 103</u>

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all His benefits

Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity,

Who heals all your diseases

Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

Minister: Who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Congregation: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,

and His kingdom rules over all.

Minister: Bless the LORD, all His works,

 $in \ all \ places \ of \ His \ dominion.$

Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*SONG of ADORATION

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580)

Words and Music by: Ernest W. Shurtleff and Henry Smart

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents will be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords' loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums but deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

* PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

2 *Timothy 3:16*

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

Heavenly Father, You are good beyond all thought, but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind. My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask me to sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity to the walk which it calls, yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Psalm 32:5, 10, 11

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

SONG of RENEWAL

There is a Redeemer

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face; There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 32,597.00 Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 242,130.00 Goal Month-to-Date: \$ 30,000.00 Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 240,000.00

Mortgage Reduction Principal Gifts as of December 30: \$1,678.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3 (page 2-3)

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

Please contact Tammy at the church office for prayer needs and updates.

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693)

Words and Music: Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine Oh what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst at my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy whispers of love

This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest Watching and waiting looking above Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 19:31-42 (page 906)

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

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I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

There are prayers on the back of the bulletin to assist you in praying, particularly if the Christian faith is new or unknown to you.

Elders are available to pray with you.

Feel free to bring children forward even if they are not partaking of the elements.

If you are physically unable to come forward but wish to partake, servers will bring the elements to you.

Serving of the Elements

(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)

*SONG of CELEBRATION

Doxology

Music: Louis Bourgeois Words: Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

*GREETING

*POSTLUDE

We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning – vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.

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MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Dominican Republic Mission Team

In previous years, mission teams have built a hospital, the school building, and installed water purification systems. This year's construction project will add on to the school building. The team will also be leading a training conference for teachers, assisting in the VBS and feeding programs, and building latrines for Haitian refugees. There will also be a medical missions team whose physicians and nurses will be tending to the medical needs in the community.

The 2019 team will leave for the DR in June. If you are interested in going please see Rob Bailey or Anne-Marie Gavlas. The cost is \$750 plus airfare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 6

Today Lunch Bunch. All are invited to join the lunch bunch at TGI Friday's 5217 South Padre Island Drive following worship service this morning.

This Evening 6:00pm Sunday Night Fellowship. Join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship

Winter Christian Education Quarter.

Ladies' class offering:

"Contentment" A video series and discussion about finding our true joy in the Lord.

Youth and Adults class offering:

"Questions People Ask" The most common questions your non-Christian friends have about Christianity.

Elementary Class Offering:

Will continue with their current curriculum

If you're interested in teaching elementary age or youth Christian Education classes please see Rob.

December 9 – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Fellowship Luncheon. The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation's members and acquaintances. Envelopes will be placed in your Worship Bulletin. Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly fellowship Luncheon. This month RUF will host a fundraiser. They will serve brisket, sides, and cookies. Cost \$7 per plate, \$20 for families.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – *Amen*.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – Amen