GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People

March 31, 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...

The Sands of Time

Words: Anne R. Cousin, 1857 Music: Philip Palmertree, 2001

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for - the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit - I know no other stand,
Not even where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.
In Emmanuel's land.
In Emmanuel's land.

(*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)

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

Psalm 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

(*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 150: 1, 2, 6

Minister: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Minister: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Congregation: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*SONG of ADORATION

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymn #598)

Words and Music: Peter Williams, Williams, and John Hughes

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah Pilgrim through this barren land I am weak but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand Bread of heaven Bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 27, 28

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Congregation: God's providence is His almighty

and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand,

He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,

and so governs them that leaf and blade,

rain and drought,

fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,

indeed, all things,

come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Minister: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still

upholds them by His providence?

Congregation: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity,

and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father

that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

Minister: I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition,

in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

Congregation: O Lord, the great and awesome God,

Who keeps His covenant of love

with all who love Him and obey His commands,

we have sinned and done wrong.

We have been wicked and have rebelled;

we have turned away from Your commands and laws.

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God

or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.

Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,

but because of Your great mercy.

O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!

For Your sake, do not delay,

because Your people bear Your Name. Amen

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Numbers 14:18

'The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

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: \$ 23,555.00 Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 311,152.00 Goal Month-to-Date: \$ 24,000.00 Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 312,000.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15 (page 901-902)

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn #196)

Words and Music: Charles Wesley, Mark E. Hunt, and Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Day-spring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 7 (page 571-572)

*SONG of RESPONSE

Come, O Redeemer Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy Ancient eternal Light, hear our prayer

Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us mercy. Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us mercy. Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us peace.

Look now upon our need; Lord, be with us Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us mercy. Come, o Redeemer, come; Grant us peace.

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

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

*BENEDICTION

Psalm 23:6

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

Luis & Julie Anil

Dominican Republic luisandjulie.wix.com/anil

Julia Añil dedicated her life to the ministry of Christ while attending William Woods College. Since then she has served with Campus Crusade for Christ in New York City, Lebanon, Jordon, the West Bank, Israel, Mexico, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

Luis Añil was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. He excelled at baseball but had to quit the sport at Age 17; he was devastated and entered a private Episcopal high school to focus on his studies. It was during this time Luis began to read and study the Bible; this began his spiritual journey. Luis later became a professional tailor in New York City.

While living in New York City, Julie and Luis met and were married. In 2012 they decide to return to the Dominican Republic to work as missionaries chiefly with youth, utilizing baseball as a platform for ministry. Please pray for their multi-faceted ministry which includes:

- Hosting short term mission projects in the Dominican Republic, primarily baseball with kids.
- Opportunities to speak in high schools and universities classrooms on any subject, weaving the importance of a spiritual, Christian life in the lectures.
- Open air Jesus Film showings.
- Working with kids of all ages in various levels of outreach, including home visits and Vacation Bible School.
- Visiting prisons to share the Gospel and give Bible based messages.
- Biblical teaching and Biblical follow-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY MARCH 31

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to join the lunch bunch today at Café Italia, 4117 S. Staples.

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

Easter Lilies. We would like to extend the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord by purchasing a plant for Easter Sunday. On April 21the worship bulletin will list the names of the donors and recipients. The cost is \$15.00.

April 6, 5:00pm - Women's Pizza Night at Melissa Jones house. Please bring \$5.00 for pizza.

April 14 – NAS Airshow Fellowship. Once again the Cotten's, 8206 Seashore Drive, will host a fellowship with a great view of the NAS Airshow beginning at 2pm. This year there will be a potluck meal; families are asked to bring a main dish and side or a main dish and dessert. This event replaces the normal Fellowship Luncheon for April.

April 19 - Good Friday Service 6:00 pm.

April 21 – Easter Brunch. Coffee, tea, milk, and juice will be provided. Please bring your favorite brunch dish for a time of fellowship during our regular CE hour.

June 4 – 11 Dominican Republic Mission Trip.

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