

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People

January 24, 2020

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool shawls have been donated and placed in the narthex for your use.)

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...*

**Paul Miller, Metanoia Prison Ministry**

Metanoia is the official prison ministry of our denomination. Metanoia is the Greek word for repentance, or change of mind. Paul Miller, his wife Laura, and son Jack were a vital part of the Southside family for seven years while he served as the campus minister for RUF at TAMUCC. He was also very involved in the Kairos prison ministry during those years, and has had a great desire to work with prisoners ever since. Now Paul is the first Regional Director of Metanoia here in Texas.

Metanoia's mission is to reach prisoners for Christ and to teach them how to be His disciples. They have a three-step process in accomplishing their mission: correspondence program, life on life mentoring, and reintegration assistance. Through these three avenues of ministry Paul seeks to enter into the lives of prisoners, to offer them the freedom that comes only through the gospel, and to equip the church to do the same. We are excited to support him in this wonderful ministry.

**Gama Pozos, Reach South Texas**

Reach South Texas is the church planting network of South Texas Presbytery. It has the goal of planting one church a year over the next 25 years, focusing on the Austin, College Station, Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, and San Antonio areas. The purpose of Reach ST is to provide financial resources to new churches, as well as recruit, train, coach, mentor, and encourage the new church planters.

The first church is planned for McAllen, TX to begin in June 2020. The church planter candidate is Gama Pozos, a former member of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico and now on staff with Covenant PCA in Harlingen. Please join us in praying for this vital work in the Valley.

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this evening – Vocalists, instrumentalist  
and audio/video technicians.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Congregation:** (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen

*How can we turn our knowledge about God into knowledge of God? The rule for doing this is simple but demanding. It is that we turn each truth that we learn about God into matter for meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God.*

J.I. Packer, Knowing God

**\*GREETING**

**FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us for a time of fellowship at Brewster Street Ice House, 5550 Holly Road. Maps are available on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Breakfast will begin tomorrow at 7am in the Southside Fellowship Hall. The meeting will reconvene at 8am.

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(See the inside of the back page)

**PREPARATION for WORSHIP**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

*Psalm 105:1-3*

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;*

**Congregation: Make known His deeds among the peoples!**

*Minister: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him!*

**Congregation: Tell of all His wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in His holy name;*

**Congregation: Let the hearts of those who seek Him rejoice!**

**\*SONG of CELEBRATION**

**Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn #441 v 1, 2, 4, 5) / Doxology**

*Words: Isaac Watts, Thomas Ken, Music: John Hatton*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does His successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown His head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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.

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 ADORATION**

**Crown Him With Many Crowns (Hymn #295, v 1, 2, 4)**

*Words: Matthew Bridges, Music: George Elvey*

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never never fail  
Throughout eternity.

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

**\*INVOCATION**

**READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD**

Paul Miller - *Unto the Least of These My Brothers*

Matthew 25:31-46 (Page 831)

**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

**Heidelberg Catechism #1**

*Minister:*                    *What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

**Congregation:**        **That I belong - body and soul,  
in life and in death -  
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Who at the cost of His own blood  
has fully paid for all my sins  
and has completely freed me  
from the dominion of the devil;  
That He protects me so well  
that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that everything must fit His purpose  
for my salvation.  
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,  
He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him.**

**\*SONG of COMMITMENT**

**Immortal Invisible (Hymn #38)**

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, Music: Traditional Welsh Melody*

Immortal, invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Not wanting or wasting, you rule us in might.  
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, oh help us to see,  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

**CONFESSION of SIN**

*After a time of silent confession, please pray the following in unison*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against You  
and against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done,  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
To the glory of Your name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS**

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*SONG OF RENEWAL**

**Before the Throne of God Above**

*Words: Charitie Bancroft, Music: Vikki Cook*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Whoever 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  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of my 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  
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  
With Christ my Savior and my God

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*The offerings received tonight will be given to the family of Carlos Cano.*