

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

February 21, 2016



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...

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

There was once in man a true happiness of which now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from things absent the help he does not obtain in things present. But these are inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God Himself.

Blaise Pascal

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

*Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.*

**Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

Congregation: And let us exalt his name together!

***SONG of ADORATION**

Forever

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Philippians 2:6-11

Minister: *Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?*

Congregation: **We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and King,
"who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but made Himself nothing,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father." Amen.**

CONFESSION of SIN

(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

Psalm 34:17-18, 22

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

My Jesus I Love Thee

Word and Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon and William Ralph Featherstone

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fellowship Books. Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Jason Pickard,
RUF International, Texas A&M
www.ruf.org/ministry/texas-am-ruf-international

The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world's evangelization hinges on prayer.

John R. Mott

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:37-49

Judging Others

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Build Your House on the Rock

⁴⁶“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

PRAYER for GOD’S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Come Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson Music: John Wyeth

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 9:13-35

The Seventh Plague: Hail

¹³ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. ¹⁴For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. ¹⁵For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. ¹⁶But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go. ¹⁸Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. ¹⁹Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.'"" ²⁰ Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses, ²¹ but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

²² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt." ²³ Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ²⁴ There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵ The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. ²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.

²⁷ Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, "This time I have sinned; the LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. ²⁸ Plead with the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." ²⁹ Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the LORD. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the LORD's. ³⁰ But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God." ³¹ (The flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud. ³² But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up.) ³³ So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and stretched out his hands to the LORD, and the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured upon the earth. ³⁴ But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵ So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

Words and Music: Isaac Watts

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

Pity the nations O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send your victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

***BENEDICTION**

Philippians 4:7

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

POSTLUDE

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

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How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

by Isaac Watts, 1707

This hymn was originally titled "How Sweet and Awful is the Place." At that time, "awful" was understood to mean *full of awe*, and *awe-inspiring*. Over the years the word "Awesome" replaced it in the text. "Awesome" is over-used in our society for trivial things, so as we sing this hymn we need to be reminded of the original intention.

In addition to being known as "The Father of English Hymnody," Isaac Watts was also a distinguished theologian. He was therefore able to accomplish the very difficult task of taking complicated theological truths and condense them into understandable and singable lyrics. "How Sweet and Awesome is the Place" is a great example of this.

Watts begins this hymn showing us the overwhelming love God has for us as He lavishes His gifts upon us. It is easy to think that God reluctantly puts up with us because of our disobedience. But in the first stanza Watts paints the picture of an open-air market of the most luscious fruit waiting for us, "the choicest of her stores." God invites us to a great banquet with indescribably delicacies, displaying His delight in us and His joy in blessing us. It causes us to shudder as we think, "Lord why was I a guest?"

Watts then addresses a doctrine that is not often dealt with in a hymn, God's effectual calling of sinners. He gave us ears to hear and eyes to see. "Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room?" "Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in, else we had still refused to taste and perish in our sin."

Watts then immediately prays for God's missionary work, that He would do the same for others as He has done for us. Someone proclaimed the gospel to us, and it's our responsibility to proclaim the gospel to others. The fact that God is the Sovereign King gives us great motivation for missions, and great expectation for Him to use our words and efforts.

The tune is a beautiful old Irish melody, "St. Columbia." Next week we will sing the wonderful song "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The Gettys are among the prominent hymn writers of our generation, and they often pattern their music after old Irish folk tunes like this one.

MISSIONARIES and MISSIONS

Judy Arvin	Navigators NAS Corpus Christi
Brenda Carter	Mission to the World - Taiwan
Bojan & Julia Dragicevic	RUF International University of Texas in Austin
Ben & Beth Hailey	RUF Texas A&M College Station
Tim & Cheri Hoke	African Bible College - Uganda
Tim & Kristy Holliday	Mission to the World – Border Ministries
Greg & Sarah Hood	Reach Ministries
Kris & Paula Lundgaard	Mission to the World – Slovakia
John & Stefanie Bennett	RUF Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Michael & Rachel Novak	RUF Trinity University
Jason & Sarah Pickard	RUF International Texas A&M College Station
Khen & Rith Tombing	Presbytery Missions International – India
Dan & Becky Young	Mission to the World – Border Ministries

Corpus Christi Pregnancy Resource Center
Covenant College
Covenant Theological Seminary
Presbytery Church in America Administrative Committee
South Texas Presbytery Operating Budget and Isaias Uc
Southwest Church Planting Network

Sunday, February 21, - Saturday, February 27, 2016

Elder on Call

Gordon Landreth	Feb 21 – 27	Rob Sigler	Feb 28 – March 5
Ed Arvin	March 6 – 12	Johnny Cotten	Mar 13 – 29

2016 Bible Reading Plan. This week’s reading schedule.

<u>Exodus</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>7</u>	Feb 21	<u>Job</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>8</u>	Feb 22	<u>Job</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>9</u>	Feb 23	<u>Job</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>10</u>	Feb 24	<u>Job</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>11</u>	Feb 25	<u>Job</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>12</u>	Feb 26	<u>Job</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
<u>Exodus</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>13</u>	Feb 27	<u>Job</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Exodus</u>

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Looking for a small group to connect with. If you’re looking for a group to join and there’s not one that meets your schedule please contact Tammy at the office or Rob.

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Luby’s located at 5730 Saratoga following worship service.

Friday Prayer Meeting. Everyone is invited to gather Fridays at the church at 2:00 pm for a dedicated time of prayer for revival.

Care Group

Mirador Memory Care Ministry Opportunity – Evening Vespers. Bible study and worship 4-5pm Sundays. For more information about this Care Group contact Richard Mittanck or Emily Weaver.

Serving Families with Children Ministry

Nursery Volunteers Needed – Weekly volunteers please check in with our nursery workers Roxanne and Chelsea at 10:15. Not currently a volunteer? Would you consider serving a couple of times a year? Please contact Jami Feinberg.

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Breakfast Fellowship. We gather Tuesdays 7:00 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies are invited to join us for a time of sharing, card writing and prayer. Contacts are Jean Newberry and Linda Landreth.

Men’s Ministry

Men’s Study. Men’s group is going through “Let’s Study Galatians” by Derek Thomas. They meet Tuesdays 6:30 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. Contacts are Bill Newberry, and Gordon Landreth.

Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Leadership: John and Stefanie. Want to help fill the RUF snack bucket? See John or Stefanie for details.

Financial Update

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 6,878.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 233,216.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 11,876.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 266,907.00