

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

March 6, 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...

GATHERING SONG

The Sands of Time

Words: Anne R. Cousin, 1857 Music: Traditional folk tune Arranged by 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.
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PREPARATION for WORSHIP

O God You Are My God (Step by Step)

Words and Music: David (Beaker) Strasser and Rich Mullins

Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
And I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
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And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 100:1-5

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Minister: It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*SONG of ADORATION

Holy is the Lord

Words: Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

***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**

Please confess together in unison

Apostle's Creed; Heidelberg Catechism #44

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: Why does the Creed add, "He descended into hell"?

**Congregation: That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured,
and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ,
by his inexpressible anguish, pains,
terrors, and hellish agonies,
in which he was plunged during all his sufferings,
but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell.**

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

Lord Jesus,
I am blind, be my light,
 ignorant, be my wisdom,
 self-willed, be my mind.
Open my ear to grasp quickly the Savior's voice,
 and delightfully run after His beckoning hand.
When Satan approaches, may I flee to Your wounds.
Your cross was raised to be my refuge,
 Your blood streamed forth to wash me clean,
 Your death occurred to give me a surety,
 Your name is my property to save me.
By You all heaven is poured into my heart,
 but it is too narrow to comprehend Your love.
I was a stranger, an outcast, a slave, a rebel,
 but Your cross has brought me near,
 has softened my heart,
 has made me Your Father's child,
 has admitted me to Your family,
 has made me joint-heir with Yourself.
O that I may love You as You love me,
 that I may walk worthy of You, my Lord,
 that I may reflect the image of heaven's first-born.
May I always see Your beauty with the clear eye of faith,
 and feel the power of Your Spirit in my heart,
 for unless He move mightily in me,
 no inward fire will be kindled. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
 that you may be feared.

SONG of RENEWAL

Jesus, I Come

Words: William Sleeper Music: Greg Thompson,

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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.

MISSIONARY of the WEEK

Ben Hailey, RUF Texas A&M
www.ruf.org/ministry/texas-am

Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.

Charles Spurgeon

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 10:21-29

The Ninth Plague: Darkness

²¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt." ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³ They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived. ²⁴ Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind." ²⁵ But Moses said, "You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ²⁶ Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there." ²⁷ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸ Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die." ²⁹ Moses said, "As you say! I will not see your face again."

*SONG of RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

Words and Music: Edwin Othello Excell, John Newton, and John P. Rees

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Christ's Institution

*Minister: Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All are invited to the table together whether eating and drinking or not. 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 also available to pray with for any and all persons here.

Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine or juice, they may indicate clearly to the server by clasping their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.

If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.

Two elders are available to you for prayer at the back of the Sanctuary.

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**

Ephesians 3:20-21

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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JOHN NEWTON, CLERK,

Once an Infidel and Libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the Faith he had long laboured to destroy.

These words are inscribed on a granite tombstone in Olney, England. They were written by John Newton himself, before his death at the age of 82. These were not the only words Newton wrote about God's amazing work in his life.

John Newton's mother was a godly woman who was devoted to nurturing his soul. Through her training, he memorized Scripture and hymns until the age of 6 when his mother passed away. At the age of 11, John left school and joined his father at sea. He turned away from the religious training he received as a child, and turned to a life of rebellion against God. He was known for debauchery, profanity, and cruelty.

John Newton proved himself as a sailor and became the captain of his own slave ship. Capturing Africans, transporting, and selling them became his normal way of life. On the night of March 9, 1748 his ship was sailing to England when he was awakened by a brutal storm that suddenly engulfed them. The next day, while fearing for his life, John Newton cried out to God, who "came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

For the next several years he continued to captain his ship, and tried to justify his occupation through improving the condition on the vessel. Eventually he realized he needed to abandon his profession, and became a public voice against the practice of slavery.

He was called by God to the ministry, and was ordained by the Church of England at the age of 39. He enjoyed very fruitful years of ministry in Olney as well as in London. His hymn Amazing Grace not only describes Newton's story, but also the experience of all those who believe in Christ. It is one of the most cherished hymns in the Christian church.

COMMUNION REFLECTION PRAYERS

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

Sunday, March 6, - Saturday, March 12, 2016

Elder on Call

Ed Arvin	March 6 – 12	Johnny Cotten	Mar 13 – 19
Gordon Landreth	Mar 20 – 26	Rob Sigler	Mar 27 – April 2

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

Exodus	18	Luke	21	March 7	Job	36	2 Corinthians	6
Exodus	19	Luke	22	March 8	Job	37	2 Corinthians	7
Exodus	20	Luke	23	March 9	Job	38	2 Corinthians	8
Exodus	21	Luke	24	March 10	Job	39	2 Corinthians	9
Exodus	22	John	1	March 11	Job	40	2 Corinthians	10
Exodus	23	John	2	March 12	Job	41	2 Corinthians	11
Exodus	24	John	3	March 13	Job	42	2 Corinthians	12

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 Macaroni Grill located at 5133 South Padre Island Drive 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 Bennett. Want to help fill the RUF snack bucket? See John or Stefanie for details.

Financial Update

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 21,084.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 247,422.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 23,752.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 278,783.00