

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**April 3, 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

### **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.

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

“What matters supremely is not the fact that I know God, but the larger fact that underlies it – that *He knows me*. I am graven on the palms of His hands. I am never out of His mind. All my knowledge of Him depends on His sustained initiative in knowing me. I know Him because He first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when His eye is off me, or His attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when His care falters.

- JI Packer, *Knowing God*

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 113:1-3

*Minister:*

*Praise the Lord!*

**Congregation:**

**Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
Praise the name of the Lord!**

*Minister:*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**Congregation:**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**10,000 Reasons**

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

**\*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.

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**ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE**

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**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

*Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 102, 122*

*Minister:                      What is the sum of the four commandments  
which contain our duty to God?*

**Congregation:              The sum of the four commandments  
containing our duty to God, is,  
to love the Lord our God with all our heart,  
and with all our soul, and with all our strength,  
and with all our mind.**

*Minister:                      What is the sum of the six commandments  
which contain our duty to man?*

**Congregation:              The sum of the six commandments  
which contain our duty to man, is,  
to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
and to do to others what we would have them do to us.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

### Valley of Vision

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

### Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

**God Be Merciful to Me**

Words: Richard Redhead. Music: Christopher Miner

God, be merciful to me;  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace,  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

*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**

Tim & Cheri Hoke  
African Bible University, Kampala Uganda  
[www.africanbiblecolleges.net/uganda/](http://www.africanbiblecolleges.net/uganda/)

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't.

John Piper

## **PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

## **GIVING of OFFERINGS**

## **SCRIPUTRE READING**

*Psalm 1:1-6*

### **The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked**

1 Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## **PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

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

## Be Still My Soul

Words and Music: Jane Laurie Borthwick, Jean Sibelius, and Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Exodus 11:1-10*

#### **A Final Plague Threatened**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. <sup>2</sup> Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry." <sup>3</sup> And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

<sup>4</sup> So Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, <sup>5</sup> and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. <sup>6</sup> There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. <sup>7</sup> But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.' <sup>8</sup> And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

<sup>10</sup> Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

## 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 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 proceed forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.*

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

**\*SONG of CELEBRATION**

**Gloria Patri**

Words: 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

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**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**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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## COMMUNION REFLECTION PRAYERS

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### **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*