

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 10, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music: Matt and Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

In Scripture the word worship is used to denote both an overall way of life and a specific activity.... These two concepts of worship – a broad one and a more narrow, specific one – correspond to the two ways by which we glorify God. We glorify God by ascribing to Him the honor and adoration due to Him because of His excellence – the narrow concept of worship. We also glorify God by reflecting His glory to others – the broader, way-of-life manner of worship.

Jerry Bridges

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

Come Thou Almighty King

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Come Thou Almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us
Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness
On us descend

Come Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart
Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism Question 60

Minister: *How are you right with God?*

Congregation: **Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned
against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

**Almighty and most merciful Father
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto mankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Thy Mercy My God

Words: John Stocker Music: Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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

John & Stefanie Bennett
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Go, send, or disobey.

John Piper

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15:1-5

Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill?

- 1 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
- 3 who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
- 4 in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
- 5 who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*
The Holy One of Israel Your Savior

I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned, and the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God *(I am)*
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*
I am the Lord *(do not fear)*

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 12:1-13

The Passover

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton Music by Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

***BENEDICTION**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

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

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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

The Great Awakening of the 1700s produced many amazing preachers. Some of the most famous men were Jonathan Edwards in America, and George Whitfield, John Wesley and Charles Wesley throughout England. In Wales, it was Howell Harris whom the Lord used mightily. One of the people converted through his ministry was William Williams.

Williams had studied to be a medical doctor, but when he heard Harris preach, the Lord saved him and changed his life. For the rest of his life, William Williams was a physician of the soul.

After serving in two Anglican parishes, he spent the rest of his life riding on horseback all around Wales proclaiming the gospel. It is estimated that he travelled 90,000 miles as he ministered to multitudes. Several times he preached to crowds of over 10,000, and it is estimated the largest group to ever hear him preach was 80,000.

Williams is most famous for the hymns he wrote. He has been called the “Watts of Wales,” because what Isaac Watts did for England, Williams did for Wales. Few of his hymns were ever translated into English, but fortunately “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” was. Originally it was called “Strength to Pass Through the Wilderness.” Williams was a pilgrim, and pressed on to preach the Word despite the winter snow, summer heat, and even beatings by mobs until his death at the age of 74. The hymn reflects his life’s story by using rich biblical images.

When President James Garfield was near death in 1881, his wife began to sing Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, and it brought tears to his eyes. “Glorious Bliss, isn’t it” was his statement. This hymn was also sung at the funeral for Princess Diana. The tune was written in 1907 by a Welsh composer, John Hughes.