

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 17, 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

Everlasting God

Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Worship is our response to what we value most. That's why worship is that thing we all do. It's what we're all about on any given day. Worship is about saying, 'This person, this thing, this experience (this whatever) is what matters most to me . . . it's the thing of highest value in my life.' That 'thing' might be a relationship. A dream. A position. Status. Something you own. A name. A job. Some kind of pleasure. Whatever name you put on it, this 'thing' is what you've concluded in your heart is worth most to you. And whatever is worth most to you is – you guessed it – what you worship.

Lou Giglio

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

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Words and Music: John Hughes, Peter Williams, and William Williams

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

*Minister: I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.
I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:*

**Congregation: O Lord, the great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant of love
with all who love Him and obey His commands,
we have sinned and done wrong.
We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from Your commands and laws.**

**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him;
we have not obeyed the Lord our God
or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.**

**Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
For Your sake, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 3:21-25

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

SONG of RENEWAL

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott Music: Bobby Guy and Craig Brown

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

Chris & Paula Lundgaard
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The man or woman at home who prays often has as much to do with the effectiveness of the missionary on the field, and consequently with the results of his or her labors, as the missionary.

R.A. Torrey

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Qualifications for Overseers

1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words by William Cowper, 1774 Music by William Croft, 1708

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread;
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 12:14-28

14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. 17 And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. 18 In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19 For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. 20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. 24 You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. 25 And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. 26 And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

28 Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

***SONG of RESPONSE**

Jesus, Messiah

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
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***BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:13

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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God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper was one of the most accomplished 18th century poets in England. In fact, his "Pity for Poor Africans" was a useful tool in the efforts of John Newton and William Wilberforce to combat the practice of slavery. However, he is best known as a hymn writer who struggled mightily with depression.

Cowper (pronounced like "Cooper") endured tragedies throughout his life. His mother died when he was just 6 years old. He was raised by his father, who sent William off to a boarding school. A law career followed, and eventually he was appointed to be a clerk in Parliament. Cowper was terrorized at the thought of the required public examination. It led him to a mental breakdown as well as several failed suicide attempts, and he was eventually admitted to a mental institution.

There he met Dr. Nathaniel Cotton, a strong Christian who cared for the new patient. Cowper thought he was doomed to face the wrath of God. Yet the Lord revealed Himself through the ministry of Dr. Cotton and the words of a Bible that he "happened to" find on a park bench. Cowper remained there 12 more months and was nourished spiritually.

He left the institution, and moved in with the Unwin family. Mr. Unwin was suddenly killed in an accident, and a local pastor named John Newton began to minister to the family. Soon Newton became the most influential person in Cowper's life. They developed a close relationship, and Newton grew to appreciate Cowper's writing ability.

They worked together to write hymns for their church, and their collaboration resulted in Newton's "Amazing Grace," "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," and "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Cowper's contributions included "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" which we sing this morning. Cowper would be amazed to know that God's people have been richly blessed for centuries through these words which were the result of many tragedies in his life.