

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 24, 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 Church's One Foundation

Words and Music: Samuel John Stone and Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

C.S. Lewis

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**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Words: Isaac Watts (from Psalm 90) Music: Attr. To William Croft

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: *What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

Congregation: **That I belong - body and soul,
in life and in death -
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who at the cost of His own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
that He protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything
must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.**

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

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

SONG of RENEWAL

There is a Redeemer

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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, Uganda
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“Prayer is the way you defeat the devil, reach the lost, restore a backslider, strengthen the saints, send missionaries out, cure the sick, accomplish the impossible, and know the will of God. “

David Jeremiah

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 2:1-115

Teach Sound Doctrine

1 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. 7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 12:29-42

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

29 At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. 31 Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"
The Exodus

33 The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." 34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. 35 The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. 36 And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

37 And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. 38 A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. 39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

40 The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. 41 At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

*SONG of RESPONSE

How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art

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

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Name above all names worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

***BENEDICTION**

Jude 24-25

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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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Some have called it the greatest hymn ever written. Charles Wesley wrote it a few months after his conversion, and titled it "In Temptation." His brother John didn't like it at first. In fact, it did not become popular with the general public until a few years after Charles died. Since then it has been held in high esteem.

Within a few decades it became a favorite of churches in all denominations. American pastor Henry Ward Beachwood said, "I would rather have written that hymn of Wesley's... than to have the fame of all the kings that ever sat on earth. It is more glorious. It has more power in it.... That hymn will go on singing until the last trump brings forth the angel band; and then, I think, it will mount up on some lip to the very presence of God."

It has had a great impact on many lives. A few years after the Civil War, soldiers from both armies met together to tell their stories. A Confederate mentioned a time when he was sent to pick off an exposed Union soldier. As he was about to fire, he heard the sentry singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." He got to the lines, "He came to the words, "Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing." The Confederate just couldn't pull the trigger, and lowered his gun. "I can't kill that man," said he, "though he were ten times my enemy."

A Union soldier asked if that occurred in the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. It did. The Union soldier said he was that sentry. He told everyone about how he had been afraid when assigned to the isolated sentry post and sang the hymn to sustain his courage. He never realized it had saved his life!