

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**May 1, 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

**Forever**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

**PREPARATION for WORSHIP**

"Christ is never loved till sin be loathed. Heaven is never longed for till sin be loathed."

Thomas Watson

---

**WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS**

---

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16:8-25

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**People: Sing to him; sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

*Minister: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!**

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

Words and Music: Louis Bourgeois and William Kethe

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with fear His praise forth tell  
Come ye before Him and rejoice

The Lord ye know is God indeed  
Without our aid He did us make  
We are His flock He doth us feed  
And for His sheep He doth us take

O enter then His gates with praise  
Approach with joy His courts unto  
Praise laud and bless His name always  
For it is seemly so to do

For why the Lord our God is good  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure

**\*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

Colossians 1:15-20

*Minister:*

*Who is Jesus, and what does He do?*

**Congregation:**

**He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For by Him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –  
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things hold together.  
And He is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything He might be preeminent.  
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**O Lord our God, we come to you as your children and servants,  
grateful for your constant love and grace  
and aware of our sinful condition.  
We have broken your commandments.  
We have fallen short of your glory.  
We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We acknowledge our guilt,  
and that apart from the saving grace of our Lord Jesus,  
we rightly fall under your judgment.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.  
Blot out our transgressions and forgive our sins.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Romans 8:1*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm 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

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

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

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever 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**

Greg Hood  
Reach Ministries  
[www.reachministries.co/About.html](http://www.reachministries.co/About.html)

"We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer."

Wesley Duetel

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

## **GIVING of OFFERINGS**

## SCRIPUTRE READING

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

### **Jesus the Great High Priest**

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## PRAYER for GOD’S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Samuel Stennett. Music: Christopher Miner.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

---

## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

---

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

#### Exodus 12:43-13:16

43 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, 44 but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. 45 No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. 46 It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. 47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. 49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

50 All the people of Israel did just as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. 51 And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

3 Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. 5 And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. 8 You shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' 9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

11 "When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, 12 you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14 And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 15 For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' 16 It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt."

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Before the Throne of God Above**

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of my guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## 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**

**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**

*Psalm 29:11*

**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.*

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 Crossway Bibles,  
a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved

CCLI Church Copyright License # 295041

---

## 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*