

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**May 8, 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

**O God You Are My God (Step by Step)**

*Words and Music: David Strasser and Rich Mullins*

Oh God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
Oh God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
And I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days  
And I will follow You all of my days  
And I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

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## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

"In biblical worship we so focus upon God Himself and are so intent to acknowledge His inherent and unique worthiness that we are transfixed by Him, and thus worship is not about what we want or like (nor do His appointed means divert our eyes from Him), but rather it is about meeting with God and delighting in Him. Praise decentralizes self."

Ligon Duncan

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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 95:6-7

<i>Minister:</i>	<i>Oh come, let us worship and bow down;</i>
<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!</b>
<i>Minister:</i>	<i>For he is our God,</i>
<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.</b>

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**In Christ Alone**

Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Til on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION**

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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### \*CONFESSION of FAITH

#### Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance  
and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible  
to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence  
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

Heavenly Father,  
You are good beyond all thought,  
but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind.  
My lips are ready to confess,  
but my heart is slow to feel,  
and my ways reluctant to amend.  
I bring my soul to you;  
break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.  
Unmask me to sin's deformity,  
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.  
I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,  
the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,  
the calm dignity to the walk which it calls,  
yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts.  
All these sins I mourn, lament,  
and for them cry pardon.  
Grant that through the tears of repentance  
I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

**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**

Michael Novak  
RUF, Trinity University  
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"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"

William Carey

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

## **SCRIPUTRE READING**

*Hebrews 10:19-31*

### **The Full Assurance of Faith**

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

<sup>26</sup>For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup>but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup>For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." <sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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

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

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

Exodus 13:17-22

#### **Pillars of Cloud and Fire**

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Mighty to Save**

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior: He can move the mountains my God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever: Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in now I surrender

Savior: He can move the mountains my God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever: Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Hebrews 13:20-21

**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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## **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” is often considered the greatest hymn by Isaac Watts. It was written for a communion service in 1707. Originally the title was “Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ.” That sentiment can be seen in lines such as, “All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood,” and “Love so amazing so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Watts was born in Southampton, England in 1674. As a young child he loved books and learned how to read at an early age. He had a propensity for rhyming, even in normal conversations.

Watts was an accomplished theologian and logician, but is best known for the hymns he wrote. He is credited with over 650 hymns, and is known as the “Father of English Hymnody.” Before Watts, the normal practice in public worship was to sing metrical versions of the Psalms. However, Watts started to change that by writing paraphrases of the Psalms, which are still some of the most popular hymns in the Christian church. Some examples are “Jesus Shall Reign” (from Psalm 72), “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Psalm 90), and “Joy to the World” (Psalm 98).