

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

May 29, 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

We Fall Down

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

“Fearing God has two aspects. The first is reverence. It is a sacred awe of God’s utter holiness. It involves the kind of respect and veneration that results in fear in the presence of such absolute majesty. The second aspect is fear of God’s displeasure. Genuine faith acknowledges God’s right to chasten, His right to punish, and His right to judge. “

John MacArthur

WORSHIPING GOD’S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

*Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!*

**Congregation: His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

*Minister: The LORD has made known his salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**Congregation: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to His people.**

*Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

**Congregation: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

***SONG of ADORATION**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Words: Edward Perronet and John Rippon Music: Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the power of Jesus name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all;

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God

Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all;

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all;

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions. 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 God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against You
and against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done,
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life
To the glory of Your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

SONG of RENEWAL

Fairest Lord Jesus

Words and Music: August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben and Joseph August Seiss

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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 & Kristy Holliday
MTW - Mexico Border
www.mtw.org/missionaries/details/tim-and-kristy-holliday

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain
that which he cannot lose"

Jim Elliot

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 78:10-25

- ¹⁰ They did not keep God's covenant,
but refused to walk according to his law.
- ¹¹ They forgot his works
and the wonders that he had shown them.
- ¹² In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
- ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.
- ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all the night with a fiery light.
- ¹⁵ He split rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
- ¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellng against the Most High in the desert.
- ¹⁸ They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
- ¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"
- ²⁰ He struck the rock so that water gushed out
and streams overflowed.
Can he also give bread
or provide meat for his people?"
- ²¹ Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath;
a fire was kindled against Jacob;
his anger rose against Israel,
- ²² because they did not believe in God
and did not trust his saving power.
- ²³ Yet he commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
- ²⁴ and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
- ²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

***SONG of CELEBRATION**

Holy is the Lord

Words: Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around it's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around it's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 14:26-31

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*SONG of RESPONSE

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

Words and Music: Isaac Watts

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

Pity the nations O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send your victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

***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.*

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Worship Guide

“How Sweet and Awesome is the Place”

by Isaac Watts, 1707

This hymn was originally titled “How Sweet and Awful is the Place.” At that time, “awful” was understood to mean *full of awe*, and *awe-inspiring*. Over the years the word “Awesome” replaced it in the text. “Awesome” is over-used in our society for trivial things, so as we sing this hymn we need to be reminded of the original intention.

In addition to being known as “The Father of English Hymnody,” Isaac Watts was also a distinguished theologian. He was therefore able to accomplish the very difficult task of taking complicated theological truths and condense them into understandable and singable lyrics. “How Sweet and Awesome is the Place” is a great example of this.

Watts begins this hymn showing us the overwhelming love God has for us as He lavishes His gifts upon us. It is easy to think that God reluctantly puts up with us because of our disobedience. But in the first stanza Watts paints the picture of an open-air market of the most luscious fruit waiting for us, “the choicest of her stores.” God invites us to a great banquet with indescribably delicacies, displaying His delight in us and His joy in blessing us. It causes us to shudder as we think, “Lord why was I a guest?”

Watts then addresses a doctrine that is not often dealt with in a hymn, God’s effectual calling of sinners. He gave us ears to hear and eyes to see. “Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there’s room?” “Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in, else we had still refused to taste and perish in our sin.”

Watts then immediately prays for God’s missionary work, that He would do the same for others as He has done for us. Someone proclaimed to gospel to us, and it’s our responsibility to proclaim the gospel to others. The fact that God is the Sovereign King gives us great motivation for missions, and great expectation for Him to use our words and efforts.

The tune is a beautiful old Irish melody, “St. Columbia.” Next week we will sing the wonderful song “In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The Gettys are among the prominent hymn writers of our generation, and they often pattern their music after old Irish folk tunes like this one.