

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**September 4, 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

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**MISSIONARY of the WEEK**

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## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

“When the soul of man is hot with a burning sense of sinfulness, nothing is so welcome as the immediate removal of guilt and the accompanying assurance that God remembers it no more.”

Maurice Roberts, *The Thought of God*

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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 29:1-2*

*Minister:*            *Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty.  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Congregation:**    **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**Holy Holy Holy**

Words and Music: John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power in love and purity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

**\*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.

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**ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE**

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**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

*Heidelberg Question 81*

*Minister:*                      *Who should come to the Lord 's Table?*

**Congregation:**            **Those who are displeased with themselves  
because of their sins,  
but who nevertheless trust that their sin  
are pardoned,  
and that their remaining weakness is covered  
by the suffering and death of Christ,  
and who also desire more and more  
to strengthen their faith  
and to lead a better life.**

Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however,  
eat and drink judgment on themselves.

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(Please pray the following in unison)*

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Psalm 130:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

**SONG of RENEWAL**

**What Wondrous Love Is This?**

Words and Music: Alexander Means and William Walker

What wondrous love is this O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING OF REGULAR and SPECAIL FLOOD VICTIMS OFFERINGS**

*Fellowship Books.* 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.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 40:1-5*

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

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

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

## **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

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Exodus 18:1-27*

#### **Jethro's Advice**

1 Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2 Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, 3 along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), 4 and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). 5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. 6 And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," 7 Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. 8 Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. 9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." 12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. 14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" 15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God;

16 when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." 17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. 19 Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, 20 and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. 21 Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. 23 If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. 25 Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 26 And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. 27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country

**\*SONG of RESPONSE**

**O Love that Will Not Let Me Go**

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## 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**

**Gloria Patri**

Words: 2nd Century Music: Charles Meineke

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

**\*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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## COMMUNION REFLECTION PRAYERS

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### **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*