

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
for the  
**Glory of God**  
and the  
**Renewal of His People**

**September 18, 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

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

Immortal, invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Not wanting or wasting, you rule us in might.  
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, oh help us to see,  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## MISSIONARY of the WEEK

John & Stefanie Bennett  
Reformed University Fellowship  
Texas A&M Corpus Christi

**PREPARATION for WORSHIP**

*Psalm 96:6-8*

“Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.”

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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 118*

*Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**Congregation: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Minister: The LORD is God,  
And He has made His light to shine upon us.*

**Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.**

*Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;  
You are my God; I will extol You.*

**Congregation: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
For His steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**O Worship the King**

Words and Music: Johann Michael Haydn and Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

The earth with its store of wonders untold  
Almighty Thy power hath founded of old  
Established it fast by a changeless decree  
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation though feeble their lays  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION**

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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### \*CONFESSION of FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 5, 102, 122*

*Minister:*                      *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

**Congregation:**            **The Scriptures principally teach  
what man is to believe concerning God,  
and what duty God requires of man.**

*Minister:*                      *What is the sum of the four commandments which contain  
our duty to God?*

**Congregation:**            **The sum of the four commandments  
containing our duty to God,  
is to love the Lord our God with all our heart,  
and with all our soul,  
and with all our strength,  
and with all our mind.**

*Minister:*                      *What is the sum of the six commandments which contain  
our duty to man?*

**Congregation:**            **The sum of the six commandments  
which contain our duty to man, is,  
to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
and to do to others what we would have them do to us.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(Please pray the following in unison)*

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
According to Your steadfast love;  
According to Your abundant mercy.  
Blot out our transgressions!  
We know our sin too well;  
It is painful to us, and offensive to You.  
Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
Ever seated at Your right hand.  
And to You be all glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever. Amen**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Psalm 34:17, 18, 22*

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Come Ye Sinners**

Words: Joseph Hart Music: Matthew Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him; venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.  
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## **PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

## **GIVING OF REGULAR and REGULAR 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.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

63:1-8

### **My Soul Thirsts for You**

#### **A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.**

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

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

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

\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

Words and Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

#### Exodus 19:1-6

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Everlasting God**

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God the everlasting God

You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

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**\*BENEDICTION**

*Philippians 4:7*

**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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## **John and Stefanie Bennett**

### **Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi**

John Bennett is the Reformed University Fellowship minister at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. He and his wife, Stefanie, moved to Corpus one year ago to continue the work on campus. With over 12,000 students enrolled this semester, the highest enrollment the university has ever seen, opportunities for ministry continue to abound.

In early August, RUF's events over the first two weeks included a quesadilla kick-off party, a beach party, a game night, a large group Bible study, and two small-group Bible studies. These events allowed the leadership team to meet new students and introduce them to RUF. In addition, the guys' and girls' Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday nights are proving to be a meaningful way to connect with students. Both groups have been studying repentance and reconciliation through the story of the prodigal son.

During large group, John will continue to preach through the book of James under the theme of "Faith is ...." At the end of September, RUF will partner with Southside Community Church to complete paint projects during a workday. Your prayers and support are being met with God's faithfulness to bring fruit.

Please continue to pray for the unity and encouragement of the leadership team, continued growth for students, advancement of the Gospel on the campus of TAMUCC, and for continued grace for John and Stefanie as they minister to students. If you are interested in receiving updates more frequently, please see John to be added to the private Facebook group "Support RUF Corpus."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Women's Noon Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, at the home of Mary Lou Swan. We are still studying the book of Ruth. Bring a sandwich and join us at 12:00 noon for food, fellowship and Bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**Work day** at Southside Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Baby Shower honoring Amanda Arvin Bilbo**, Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm at Southside. Amanda is registered at Target.

**Women's Churchwide Social**, Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at Hannah Feuchtenberger's house.