

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

October 2, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music: Matt and Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

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My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

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Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY of the WEEK

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PREPARATION for WORSHIP

“Thou made us for Thyself, and our heart is restless, until it rests in Thee.”

- St. Augustine

WORSHIPING GOD’S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 150:1, 2, 6

Minister: Praise the Lord!

**Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

*Minister: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Congregation: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*SONG of ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joacim Neander Music Traditional German Melody

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

***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)

Lord Jesus,
I am blind, be my light,
ignorant, be my wisdom,
self-willed, be my mind.
Open my ear to grasp quickly the Savior's voice,
and delightfully run after His beckoning hand.
When Satan approaches, may I flee to Your wounds.
Your cross was raised to be my refuge,
Your blood streamed forth to wash me clean,
Your death occurred to give me a surety,
Your name is my property to save me.
By You all heaven is poured into my heart,
but it is too narrow to comprehend Your love.
I was a stranger, an outcast, a slave, a rebel,
but Your cross has brought me near,
has softened my heart,
has made me Your Father's child,
has admitted me to Your family,
has made me joint-heir with Yourself.
O that I may love You as You love me,
that I may walk worthy of You, my Lord,
that I may reflect the image of heaven's first-born.
May I always see Your beauty with the clear eye of faith,
and feel the power of Your Spirit in my heart,
for unless He move mightily in me,
no inward fire will be kindled. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Psalm 32:5, 10, 11

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

SONG of RENEWAL

There is a Redeemer

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

By Grace Through Faith

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Amazing Grace

Words and Music: Edwin Othello Excel, John Newton and John P. Rees

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

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

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 19:16-25

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

²¹And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. ²²Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them." ²³And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, 'Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.'" ²⁴And the LORD said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them." ²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

***SONG of RESPONSE**

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott Music: Bobby Guy and Craig Brown

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709 Music: Louis Bourgeois's Geneven Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Ephesians 3:20-21

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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Ben is one of the most experienced RUF campus ministers in the nation. He currently serves as moderator of the South Texas Presbytery, and is on our denomination's permanent committee for campus ministries. Please pray for his students at A&M, that they would grow spiritually through large group meetings, small group Bible studies, the leadership team, accountability groups, one on one appointments, various retreats and service projects that go on in Aggieland throughout the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Wallbanger's, 4102 South Staples following worship service.

October 9th Fellowship Luncheon – RUF Fundraiser. RUF leadership and members will be providing fried chicken and all the fixin's. Plates are \$7 each and there's a maximum of \$20 for families. Money raised will help students attend Fall Conference October 21st -23rd at Stoney Creek Ranch.

Friday Prayer Meeting. Everyone is invited to gather Fridays at the church at 2:00 pm for a dedicated time of prayer for revival.

Looking for a small group to connect with? If you're looking for a group to join and there's not one that meets your schedule please contact Tammy at the office or Rob.

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