

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

January 1, 2017



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

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MISSIONARY REPORT

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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

1 John 4:13-21

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

Amazing Grace (Hymn #460, Verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

Words and Music: John Newton, Edwin Othello Excel 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've first begun

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 20:1-21

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

*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 whether or not you are partaking of the elements. 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.

Feel free to bring children forward even if they are not partaking of the elements. Elders are available to pray with you.

If you are physically unable to come forward but wish to partake, servers will bring the elements to you.

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**

***POSTULDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning
- vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ben Hailey

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Ben Hailey has been the Reformed University Fellowship campus minister at Texas A&M in College Station since 2008. He and his wife Beth are both from Mississippi. They have two children, Hannah (12) and Nathan (10). Ben loves to hunt, fish, and play golf, while Beth loves sewing and exercise.

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 JANUARY 1

Christian Education. All Christian Education classes resume on Sunday, January 8th, 9:15 am.

January 8th – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering. The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation's members and acquaintances. Envelopes designated for our Barnabas gifts have been placed inside the green pew books.

January 8th – Fellowship Luncheon. Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly covered dish meal. Families are asked to bring a main dish and a side or main dish and dessert.

January 8th Anil's Ministry in the Dominican Republic. Last Sunday to donate baseball supplies.

Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes January 11th. Wednesdays 8:00-9:30 pm at Hannah Feuchtenberger's house. We're studying "Hoping for Something Better: Refusing to Settle for Life as Usual", a study of Hebrews by author Nancy Guthrie. Extra books are available. For more information please contact Scotty or Hannah.