

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

March 12, 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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music: John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

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

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

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

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the inside of the back page)

Information Cards. Please take a moment to fill out the information card in your bulletin, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 95:6-7

Minister:	<i>Oh come, let us worship and bow down;</i>
Congregation:	Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
Minister:	<i>For he is our God,</i>
Congregation:	And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*SONG of ADORATION

The Church's One Foundation (Hymn #347, Verses 1, 2, 5)

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

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Apostle's Creed and Heidelberg Catechism #44

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. *
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, **
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: Why does the Creed add, "He descended into hell"?

**Congregation: That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured,
and wholly comfort myself in this,
that my Lord Jesus Christ,
by his inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors,
and hellish agonies,
in which he was plunged during all his sufferings,
but especially on the cross,
has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell.**

** We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross. After His death, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43, 46).*

*** "catholic" means universal, so we are affirming the unity of the church throughout the world in all ages.*

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

**Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto mankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

SONG of RENEWAL

Lord, I Need You

Words and Music: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 6754.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 5672.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 260,294.00
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 272,256.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-4, 9-18

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymn #529)

Words: Charles Wesley Music: John Dundel

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee,
Without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 33:1-11

The Command to Leave Sinai

¹ The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.' ² I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

⁴ When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.'" ⁶ Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

The Tent of Meeting

⁷ Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

*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.

***BENEDICTION**

Romans 1:7

Congregation: **(Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

***GREETING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson was one of Scotland's most beloved preachers, eventually becoming the pastor of the historic St. Bernard's church in Edinburgh. His eyesight deteriorated in his early years. He became totally blind as he was at the University of Glasgow preparing for the ministry. His sister aided George in his studies, going to the extent of learning Hebrew, Greek, and Latin in order to help him. He was a respected scholar and graduated with high honors.

Along the way, George experienced heartbreak in his relationship with his fiancée who decided she could not be married to a blind man. She broke the engagement, and returned his ring. George was devastated, and never married.

Years later, on the wedding night of his sister, he was reminded of the pain he had endured. He penned the words to "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" in five minutes on June 6, 1882. He described it as the fruit of "the most severe mental suffering."

Terms such as weary soul, flickering torch, rain, and pain describe his sorrows. Yet the themes of each stanza (love, light, joy, and cross) express the fulfillment a believer finds in the grace of God.

Historically, the words have been sung to the tune of "St. Margaret," written by Albert Peace in 1885. Ironically, Peace had gone through a similar pain, and the tune came to him in only five minutes. Today we sing the hymn to music written by Christopher Miner, who has written several of our modern tunes for older texts.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend

ccpregnancy.org

The Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend (formerly the Corpus Christi Pregnancy Resource Center) has a new name for an exciting reason. This spring they opened a new center in Portland! Please be praying for this strategic ministry as they minister to many young women each year.

Their services include pregnancy tests, onsite ultrasounds, information about abortion & adoption, adoption agency referrals, post-abortion support, parenting education, maternity & infant supplies, as well as support for men. We are thankful that the Lord has provided these resources in Portland as well as Corpus Christi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 12

Adult Christian Education Class Offerings for the Spring:

Ladies are studying the book and video series “12 Women of the Bible” by Lysa Terkeurst and Elisa Morgan. The class is being led by Michelle Mulder, Jean Newberry, and Jill Austin, meet in classroom #32.

“**Lend Me Your Ears**” (**Romans**) led by Tim Mulder meets in the sanctuary.

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 your bulletin.

Fellowship Luncheon. Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service today for our monthly covered dish meal.

March 21st Women's Noon Fellowship will meet at the home of Jeanie Cotten. All women in the church are invited; bring a sandwich (or something) for your lunch. We’re studying “Relying on the Holy Spirit – Experience the Joy-Filled walk with God by Learning to Hear His Voice” by Charles F. Stanley.

Supper Club. Please sign up at the Welcome Table if you are interested in sharing dinners with other Southside couples.

March 25th Ladies Gathering. Meeting at Southside from 10:00 am to 1P pm. The speaker will be Renee Mathis, the PCA Women's Ministry Regional Advisor for the western United States.

Women of Purpose Conference. April 7-8 in New Braunfels featuring Jen Wilkin.

RUF Resurrection Celebration. John and Stefanie are seeking donations of small plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be placed in a basket on the Welcome Table. Last chance to donate is Sunday, April 2nd