

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

March 26, 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

Arise My Soul Arise

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Kevin Twit

Arise my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands my name is written on His hands

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise Arise my soul arise
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all redeeming love His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race and sprinkles now the throne of grace

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise Arise my soul arise
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me
Forgive him, o forgive they cry
Forgive him, o forgive they cry don't let that ransomed sinner die!

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise Arise my soul arise
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for his child I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise Arise my soul arise
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Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

(*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

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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***CALL to WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16:8-25

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**People: Sing to him; sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

*Minister: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

*SONG of ADORATION

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #642, Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Words and Music: Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance
and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

Minister:

*I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition
in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:*

Congregation:

**O Lord, the great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant of love
with all who love Him and obey His commands,
we have sinned and done wrong.
We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from Your commands and laws.**

**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him;
we have not obeyed the Lord our God
or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.**

**Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
For Your sake, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Words: Thomas Kelly

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son, God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him,
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 19,997.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 17,016.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 273,537.00
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 283,600.00

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Hispanic Leadership Initiative

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10:11-18

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

PRAYER for GOD’S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #94, Verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith, in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your trouble to bless,
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Exodus 34:1-16

¹The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. ⁹And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

¹⁰And he said, "Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

¹¹"Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ¹²Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. ¹³You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim ¹⁴(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),¹⁵ lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, ¹⁶and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods.

*SONG of RESPONSE

10,000 Reasons

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

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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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou My Vision was written by an 8th Century Irish monk named Dallan Forgaill. His words were a tribute to St. Patrick, the missionary to Ireland.

Patrick was born in Britain, the son of wealthy parents. He was raised in a Roman villa which was surrounded by barbarians. The Roman army had departed from Britain a few years earlier to defend their homeland, and there was nobody left to protect the people. Raiders kidnapped Patrick and many others, and he was sold into slavery in Ireland.

Although he had been raised in a Christian home, it was not until Patrick was alone in a foreign land that he sought the Lord. He was a shepherd for his new master, and during that time he came to know the true Shepherd. The harsh conditions did not stop Patrick from loving and serving the Lord Jesus. After six years of slavery, he made a brave escape and returned to his family in Britain.

Soon afterwards, Patrick had a dream in which the people of Ireland called to him, "We beg you, holy youth, that you shall come and shall walk again among us." Much to his family's chagrin, he decided to return to Ireland as a missionary to the very people who enslaved him.

Patrick studied for the ministry and left for Ireland to proclaim the gospel. His assignment was to minister to the Christians there, but he could not resist reaching out to the barbarians. He insisted on evangelizing the lost, in a way that let the Irish keep their culture at the same time. This drew the ire of his superiors, but endeared him to the Irish. He sought to make Christians, not Romans.

Patrick is the first western missionary we know of who went outside the Roman empire. His influence on the Christian world was immeasurable. In a 30 year period it is estimated he and his followers planted over 200 churches and baptized tens of thousands of new believers. (And those are the conservative estimates!!) He was driven by a single hearted devotion to Christ, which Dallan Forgaill so wonderfully captures in the words of this great hymn.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Hispanic Leadership Initiative
hlipca.com

Hispanic Leadership Initiative exists to prepare Hispanic leaders for God's church, particularly in our denomination. Their vision is to see the Presbyterian Church in America become more culturally diverse, embracing Hispanic communities with the power of the gospel.

HLI develops Hispanic leaders through identifying those with high leadership potential, supporting them as they develop those gifts, and placing them in leadership positions. Please pray for success as they seek to overcome many barriers that have historically stood in the way of cross cultural ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 26

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at La Playa located at 5017 Saratoga following worship service.

Congregational meeting this morning immediately following the worship service.

April 1 Women's Ministry Team garage sale fundraiser at Feuchtenberger home.

April 1 Ladies sewing class will meet at the church at 9:00 am.

April 2 Blue Angel Party at the Cotten's. The Cottens will provide hotdogs, buns, fixings and all the paper goods. They ask that attenders please bring chips, beverages, and ice.

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 the basket on the Welcome Table. Last chance to donate is Sunday, April 2nd.

April 14 Good Friday Worship Service 6:30 pm.

April 15 Easter. Brunch 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am

May 5-6 Men's Conference, for more information contact Greg Hood.

Supper Club. If you are interested in sharing dinners with other Southside couples contact Hannah Feuchtenberger.