

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

Easter April 16, 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

In Christ Alone

Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

"Our Lord's resurrection is His vindication, the declaration that He indeed was perfectly righteous and was therefore a suitable offering to turn away the wrath of God and also the firm basis upon which we can be declared just before the Father."

R.C. Sproul

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-2

Minister: *Christ is risen!*

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Minister: *Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness!**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Hymn #277)

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Samuel Arnold

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia
Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply; Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise; Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting; Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led; Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross the grave the skies; Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n; Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail the resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

*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

Heidelberg Catechism #60

<i>Minister:</i>	<i>How are you right with God?</i>
Congregation:	Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

**Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SONG of RENEWAL

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Words and Music: Alexander Means and William Walker

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 15,131.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 15,131.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 11,806.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

The Wonderful Cross

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, and Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 15:3-34

Born Again to a Living Hope

*SONG of RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am the King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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 inside of the back page 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

Music: Louis Bourgeois Words: Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 23:6

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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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

This historic anthem was written in 1739 by Charles Wesley a year after his dramatic conversion to Christianity. Wesley wrote it for the first worship service to be held in the Foundry Meeting House, which was previously a deserted iron factory in London.

It was originally named "Hymn for Easter Day" and consisted of eleven verses. Wesley's version did not contain the alleluias at the end of each line. For centuries it has been associated with the tune "Easter Hymn," but that was not the music Wesley originally used with it.

The tune, "Easter Hymn," whose author is unknown, first appeared in in the book *Lyra Davidica* (The Harp of David). This collection from 1708 contained hymns and songs which were mostly translated from German.

Years later, an unnamed editor joined "Easter Hymn" to Wesley's text. He had to add the Alleluias at the end of each line to make it fit the tune. One of the most famous hymns in the Christian church is the culmination of three talented people who likely never knew each other.

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