

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 23, 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

Behold Our God

Words and Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

Men: You will reign for - ev er!
Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth!
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Behold our King, nothing can compare,
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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 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

Minister: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

Congregation: **Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Minister: *Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

Congregation: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all Gods.**

*SONG of ADORATION

Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn #441, Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 Music: John Hatton, 1793

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown His head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION of FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister:

Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

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, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.
Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.
Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;
Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty
thy glory in my valley.

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Psalms 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.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

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| Giving Month-to-Date: | \$ 20,835.00 | Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: | \$ 20,835.00 |
| Goal Month-to-Date | \$ 17,709.00 | Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date | \$ 17,709.00 |

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*SONG of COMMITMENT

Rock Of Ages (Hymn #500)

Words and Music: Augustus Montague Toplady and Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and Thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress
Helpless look to Thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 1:1-2

*SONG of RESPONSE

Mighty to Save

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Savior: He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever: Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior: He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever: Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Savior: He can move the mountains
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***BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:13

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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Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady was born in England in 1740. Interested in spiritual things since he was a young boy, Augustus was preaching sermons to any audience he could find by the age of 12. He began writing hymns by the age of 14. Yet he was not converted to Christianity until the age of 16.

In the early days of his Christian experience, Toplady was heavily influenced by the Methodists. As he studied theology intently, including the Church of England's *39 Articles*. He became convinced that the historic doctrines of the Protestant Reformation (Calvinism) were better expressions of biblical theology than what was taught by John Wesley and the Methodists. Afterwards he became a minister in the Church of England.

Through sermons, pamphlets, and debates, Toplady was involved with feisty public theological disagreements with Wesley. In 1776, Toplady wrote an article in *The Gospel Magazine*, arguing that we have no hope of satisfying the justice of a holy God. Intended as another critique of John Wesley's views, he ended the article with a poem which we now know as the first stanza of *Rock of Ages*. The full text appeared a year later in Toplady's *Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Worship*.

Toplady was frail, and died the following year at the age of 38. However his words live on as one of the best known hymns of the Christian church. Interestingly, it is beloved in both Calvinistic and Wesleyan congregations.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Kris & Paula Lundgaard

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Since 2007 the Lundgaards have served in Slovakia with our denomination's foreign missions agency, Mission to the World (MTW). Their first assignment was in Trnava. Most recently Kris & Paula have been in Nitra, where they taught & disciplined men & women in their local church. During that time they saw members of their community group move from fear & confusion to hope and faith. They were also involved in the newly budding church planting movement in Slovakia.

The Lundgaards' assignment in Nitra ended last summer. They are currently on a Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) in the United States for a few more weeks. At that time they will return to Slovakia and join the MTW church planting endeavors in Košice, the second largest city in Slovakia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 23

May 5-6 Men's Conference, for more information contact Ludie Austin.

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

RUF Fundraiser John and Stefanie want to thank you for raising over \$200 at our April fellowship lunch. The money will go to lower the costs for several students going to the upcoming RUF summer conference in Florida.

Dominican Republic Mission Team. The current roster is Anne-Marie Gavlas, Scotty Bailey, and Robert Bailey. The June 5-12 dates are now full, but there are some openings for the following week. Please see Rob ASAP if you are interested.

Please pray for God's blessing on the trip. If you would like to financially support the team, make your checks payable to Southside and put "DR Trip" on the memo line. You can put your checks in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or give online.

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