

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**May 7, 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

**I Love You Lord**

Laurie Klein

I love You Lord  
And I lift my voice  
To worship You  
O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King  
In what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound  
In Your ear

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 21:13*

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

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**WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS**

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

*Psalm 64:9-10*

*Minister: All mankind will fear.*

**Congregation: They will proclaim the works of God  
And ponder what He has done.**

*Minister: Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord  
And take refuge in Him*

**Congregation: Let all the upright in heart praise Him!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing (Hymn #164, Verses 1, 2, 3, 4)**

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Carl Gotthelf Glaser

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

**\*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.

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**ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE**

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**\*CONFESSION of FAITH**

*Romans 10:9-13*

If you confess with your mouth  
That Jesus is Lord  
And believe in your heart  
that God raised him from the dead,  
You will be saved.  
For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
And with the mouth one confesses and is saved.  
For the Scripture says,  
"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
For the same Lord is Lord of all,  
Bestowing his riches on all who call on him.  
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## CONFESSION of SIN

*Please, pray the following in unison*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against You  
and against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done,  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
To the glory of Your name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

*Proverbs 28:13-14*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.  
Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,  
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

SONG of RENEWAL

**My Jesus I Love Thee (Hymn #648)**

Words and Music: William Ralph Featherstone and Adoniram Judson Gordon

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 36,698.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 36,698.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 29,515.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 29,515.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 49*

**PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

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

\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**O Worship the King**

Words and Music: Johann Michael Haydn and Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

The earth with its store of wonders untold  
Almighty Thy power hath founded of old  
Established it fast by a changeless decree  
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation though feeble their lays  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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### \*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

*1 Peter 1:3-12*

### \*SONG of RESPONSE

#### **There is a Redeemer**

Words and Music by Melody Green-Sievrigh

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.

## 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**

**Gloria Patri**

Words: 2nd Century Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, 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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## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

It is generally agreed that Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley are the two most influential hymn writers in the English language. Charles and his brother John admitted that they had probably led more people to the Lord through their hymns than through their preaching.

On the anniversary of his dramatic conversion, Charles wrote this hymn, which contained eighteen stanzas. It described the Lord's saving work in his life, and was originally titled "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion."

Verse seven began, "O for a thousand tongues to sing" and it eventually became the first verse. The inspiration for that line came from a statement made by a Moravian leader named Peter Bohler, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with all of them."

Charles went on to write over 6,500 hymns. When his brother John compiled his "Collection of Hymns" in 1780, this was the first hymn in the book.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MAY 7

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at TGI Friday's located at 5217 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

**May 14th – 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 Barnabas gifts will be placed inside your bulletin.

**May 14th – 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 dessert.

**May 16th – Women's Noon Fellowship.** All women in the church are invited to join them. Just bring a sandwich (or something) for your lunch. This month Jeanie Cotten will be hosting the ladies at her home, 8206 Seashore Drive. They're studying Charles F. Stanley's book "Relying on the Holy Spirit"; Jeanie will be leading the study of the fifth chapter. Contact Andy Beaver 361-244-7085 for more information.

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

**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.

**June 4 Officer Elections.**

### **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*