

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

May 14, 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

Lord, I Need You

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

Lord I come I confess
Bowling 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
My one defense my righteousness
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(*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

Love the Lord, all you his saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 118

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**Congregation: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Minister: The LORD is God,
And He has made His light to shine upon us.*

**Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.**

*Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.*

**Congregation: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His steadfast love endures forever!**

*SONG of ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

Words: Joacim Neander Music: Traditional German Melody

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for-e'er we adore Him.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 27, 28

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

**Congregation: God's providence is His almighty and ever present power,
whereby, as with His hand,
He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years, food and drink,
health and sickness, riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,
come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

Minister: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

**Congregation: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity,
and with a view to the future
we can have a firm confidence
in our faithful God and Father
that no creature shall separate us from His love;
for all creatures are so completely in His hand
that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

**Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Remember not the sins of our youth
and our rebellious ways.
According to your love remember us,
for You are good, O Lord.
For the sake of your name, O LORD,
forgive our iniquity, though it is great.
Turn to us and be gracious to us,
for we are lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of our hearts
and free us from our anguish.
Look upon our affliction and our distress
and take away all our sins. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

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

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

I am the Lord (*do not fear*)
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

I am the Lord (*do not fear*)
I am the Lord

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 2,447.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 39,145.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 5,903.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 35,418.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 57

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words: William Cowper, 1774 Music: William Croft, 1708

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread;
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 1:6-12

*SONG of RESPONSE

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God the everlasting God
You do not faint you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

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***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 23:6

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***GREETING**

***FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

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

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God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper was one of the most accomplished 18th century poets in England. In fact, his “Pity for Poor Africans” was a useful tool in the efforts of John Newton and William Wilberforce to combat the practice of slavery. However, he is best known as a hymn writer who struggled mightily with depression.

Cowper (pronounced like “Cooper”) endured tragedies throughout his life. His mother died when he was just 6 years old. He was raised by his father, who sent William off to a boarding school. A law career followed, and eventually he was appointed to be a clerk in Parliament. Cowper was terrorized at the thought of the required public examination. It led him to a mental breakdown as well as several failed suicide attempts, and he was eventually admitted to a mental institution.

There he met Dr. Nathaniel Cotton, a strong Christian who cared for the new patient. Cowper thought he was doomed to face the wrath of God. Yet the Lord revealed Himself through the ministry of Dr. Cotton and the words of a Bible that he “happened to” find on a park bench. Cowper remained there 12 more months and was nourished spiritually.

He left the institution, and moved in with the Unwin family. Mr. Unwin was suddenly killed in an accident, and a local pastor named John Newton began to minister to the family. Soon Newton became the most influential person in Cowper’s life. They developed a close relationship, and Newton grew to appreciate Cowper’s writing ability.

They worked together to write hymns for their church, and their collaboration resulted in Newton’s “Amazing Grace,” “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds,” and “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.” Cowper’s contributions included “There is a Fountain Filled With Blood” and “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” which we sing this morning. Cowper would be amazed to know that God’s people have been richly blessed for centuries through these words which were the result of many tragedies in his life.

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 MAY 14

Today 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.

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

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. 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 for more information.

May 18th Bunco Game Night. All Women of the church invited 7:30pm at Southside. Please RSVP to Hannah Feuchtenberger so we know how many will be there.

June 4 Officer Elections.

It's time for the KBNJ Annual Diaper Drive benefiting the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend. The Diaper Drive runs from Mother's Day, May 14 through Father's Day, June 18. Southside is an official drop-off location. Last year, the Pregnancy Center distributed 25,000 diapers to parents participating in parenting classes and 18,000 of those diapers were given through the KBNJ Diaper Drive! You can be part of the Diaper Drive by dropping off your donation of diapers in the crib setup in our narthex. For more information on the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend, visit www.ccpregnancy.org.

Women's Ministry Team. Ladies mark your calendars. Meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 9:30 am, Tuesday, July 11 at 4:30 pm, and Tuesday, August 9 at 4:30 pm. at Southside. You're encouraged to bring your ideas and questions. For more information contact Scotty Bailey.

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. Anne-Marie Gavlas, Scotty Bailey, and Robert Bailey will be serving the week of June 5-12.

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.