

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

July 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

We Fall Down

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

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 106:1

Praise the Lord!
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 95:6-7

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Congregation: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Minister: For he is our God,

**Congregation: And we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

In Christ Alone

Words and Music: 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!

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism #60

Minister: *How are you right with God?*

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

Heavenly Father,
You are good beyond all thought,
but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind.
My lips are ready to confess,
but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.
I bring my soul to you;
break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.
Unmask me to sin's deformity,
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,
the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,
the calm dignity to the walk which it calls,
yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts.
All these sins I mourn, lament,
and for them cry pardon.
Grant that through the tears of repentance
I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. 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.

SONG of RENEWAL

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn #170)

Words and Music: August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben and Joseph August Seiss

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 17,583.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 74,186.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 70,836.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Hymn #277)

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Samuel Arnold

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, 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!
foll'wing 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!

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 3:13-22

*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
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***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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IN CHRIST ALONE

When Keith Getty and Stuart Townend penned the words to the popular hymn "In Christ Alone," they had no idea that they were stepping into a theological controversy. It stems from the line, "Till on that cross as Jesus died/the wrath of God was satisfied." The PCUSA (the denomination from which the PCA split) has a big issue with that terminology. They requested that the writers change the words to "the love of God was magnified." When Getty and Townend insisted on keeping the original language, the denomination left the popular song out of their most recent hymnal which was being compiled at the time.

What is it about these words which cause so much angst? For one, words simply cannot describe the work of Christ on the cross. Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, says "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and that this event involved his purposeful "handing over" and "delivering up" of his Son to a cursed-filled death at the Skull Place outside the gates of Jerusalem." Isaiah 53:4-5 says of our Lord, "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."

Using a common term like "wrath" and associating it with God can naturally bring with it some unwanted connotations. For example, we could think of Him throwing a temper tantrum when things don't go His way. But as Dr. George says, "God's ways are not our ways, and God's wrath is not like our wrath."

He continues, "The full New Testament teaching about the cross involves both expiation, which means providing a covering for sin, and propitiation, which means averting divine judgment." That is why we must use terms like "the wrath of God" on the cross, and why Getty and Townend insisted on keeping those powerful lyrics in their great hymn.

Dr. George's discussion can be found here:
www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2013/07/no-squishy-love

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY JULY 16

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Corner Bakery located at 4938 South Staples following worship service.

Tuesday, July 18 Women's Noon Fellowship will meet at the church at noon. All women of Southside Community Church are invited to attend. Bring your own sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. Nursery will be available. We will continue with our study of Relying on the Holy Spirit by Charles F. Stanley, Chapter 6.

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed – Weekly volunteers please check in with our nursery worker, Roxanne at 10:15. We need more volunteers. Not currently a volunteer? Please contact Jami Feinberg, at jamifeinberg@gmail.com.

Children's CE. If you are interested in teaching the older elementary classes this summer, please see Rob.

MISSIONARY of the WEEK

Jason Pickard

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Jason is the RUF-International campus minister at Texas A&M in College Station. As a native Texan and Aggie, he is very excited to be able to minister to the international students on his home soil.

Jason loves to study new cultures, especially how they interact with Christianity. He and his wife Sarah have three children, Natalie, John, and Annabelle.

Please pray for the Pickards as they develop relationships with international students through Biblical hospitality, RUF-International activities, and regular outings. Also pray that these events will enable the international students to become friends with American Christians and pave the way for natural evangelism, Bible study, and discipleship. We can also be praying for Jason's intern, Rachel Vining. She is doing a great job, and through her they are able to reach European students for the first time.