

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**August 6, 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

"Suffering is unbearable if you aren't certain God is for you and with you."

- Tim Keller

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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 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

**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

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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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**\*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**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Minister:*                    *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus*

**Congregation:**        **Though He was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but made Himself nothing,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted Him  
and bestowed on Him  
the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father." Amen.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*Please, pray the following in unison*

### Psalm 51

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
According to Your steadfast love;  
According to Your abundant mercy.  
Blot out our transgressions!  
We know our sin too well;  
It is painful to us, and offensive to You.  
Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
Ever seated at Your right hand.  
And to You be all glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever. Amen**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

### 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Lord, I Need You**

Words and Music: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, 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  
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**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 32,018.00  
Goal Month-to-Date \$ 29,515.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 88,551.00  
Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 88,545.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 29:1-14*

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

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

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*1 Peter 4:7-11*

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Jesus What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn #498, Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)**

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910 Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Romans 1:7

**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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## HYMN STORY

### **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Some have called it the greatest hymn ever written. Charles Wesley wrote it a few months after his conversion, and titled it "In Temptation." His brother John didn't like it at first. In fact, it did not become popular with the general public until a few years after Charles died. Since then it has been held in high esteem.

Within a few decades it became a favorite of churches in all denominations. American pastor Henry Ward Beachwood said, "I would rather have written that hymn of Wesley's... than to have the fame of all the kings that ever sat on earth. It is more glorious. It has more power in it.... That hymn will go on singing until the last trump brings forth the angel band; and then, I think, it will mount up on some lip to the very presence of God."

It has had a great impact on many lives. A few years after the Civil War, soldiers from both armies met together to tell their stories. A Confederate mentioned a time when he was sent to pick off an exposed Union soldier. As he was about to fire, he heard the sentry singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." He came to the words, "Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing." The Confederate just couldn't pull the trigger, and lowered his gun. "I can't kill that man," said he, "though he were ten times my enemy."

A Union soldier asked if that occurred in the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. It did. The Union soldier said he was that sentry. He told everyone about how he had been afraid when assigned to the isolated sentry post and sang the hymn to sustain his courage. He never realized it had saved his life!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY AUGUST 6

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at La Playa located at 5017 Saratoga following worship service.

**August 13 – 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.

**August 13 – 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.

**August 15 – Women's Noon Fellowship will meet at the church at 12:00.** 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 our study of Relying on the Holy Spirit by Charles F. Stanley, chapter 7. For more information please contact Jeanie Cotten.

### **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*