

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

September 17, 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

Jesus, Messiah

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God the Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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 103:15-19

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 100:1-5

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Minister: It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*SONG of ADORATION

In Christ Alone

Words: 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**

Westminster Confession 8.1

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose,
To choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son,
To be the Mediator between God and man,
The Prophet, Priest, and King,
The Head and Savior of His church,
The Heir of all things, and Judge of the world,
Unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be His seed,
And to be by Him in time
Redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

**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

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.

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (Hymn #301, Verses 1-4)

Words and Music: Robert Lowery

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 12,995.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 118,845.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 11,806.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 118,060.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 99

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

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

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 14:1-6

*SONG of RESPONSE

On Christ the Solid Rock

Words and Music: Edward Mote and William R. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Elders are available to pray with you.

Feel free to bring children forward even if they are not partaking of the elements.

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**

In Christ Alone (Verse 1)

Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

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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.

***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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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 SEPTEMBER 17

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Luby’s located at 5730 Saratoga following worship service.

From Garden to Glory. studies Mondays beginning September 11th at 10:00am - 11:30 am at the church with Jill Austin, or Thursdays beginning September 14th led by Melodi Sigler in her home 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Both groups will meet for 10 weeks. Books are \$12.00.

September 17th The New Christian Education classes will begin. Stay tuned for details.

September 19th – Women’s Noon Fellowship meeting in the home of Betty Clark, at 12:00. All women of Southside are invited to attend. Bring your own lunch and our hostess will provide the rest. We will continue our study of *Relying on the Holy Spirit* by Charles F. Stanley, chapter 7. For more information please contact Jeanie Cotten.

September 22nd – Men’s Fellowship 7:30 pm at the Mulders.

September 26th - Prayer Service at First Baptist Church, 3115 Ocean Drive, 7:30 pm. City wide prayer and worship service for our nation led by the Franklin Graham Ministry.

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