

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

October 29, 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

How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art

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

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great how great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son the Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: *I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.*

**Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: *Oh, magnify the Lord with me,*

Congregation: And let us exalt His name together!

*SONG of ADORATION

A Mighty Fortress (Hymn #92)

Words and Music: Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister:

Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

Congregation:

**He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For by Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities –
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.
And He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.
For in Him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

According to Your promises declared unto mankind

In Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Romans 3:21-25

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

SONG of RENEWAL

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 23,690.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 149,311.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 23,612.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 153,478.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Come Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson Music: John Wyeth

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*SONG of RESPONSE

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #32)

Words and Music: Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

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**

How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art (Reprise)

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

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

***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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MISSIONARIES of the WEEK

Tim and Kristy Holliday

Mission to the World, US/Mexico Border

After 20 years of service in the submarine force of the United States Navy, Tim Holliday retired from active duty in 2005. He, his wife Kristy, and their children settled in Omaha, Nebraska. There they became involved with mercy ministry, especially Hispanic ministry and English as a Second Language classes. The Hollidays took a few short term mission trips to the Mexico border and felt God's call to serve in full time cross-cultural missions.

They are now serving with Mission to the World on the eastern region of the US/Mexico border. They are working with the Church Planting Center (CPI) in Monterrey to establish a church planting / church revitalization network on the border. Their objective is to glorify God through making disciples of Christ by planting new Christ-centered churches and strengthening existing churches. CPI has the ambitious vision of planting two churches in each of the largest 27 cities in northern Mexico by the year 2020. The Holliday family also takes great joy in partnering with "Isaiah 55," a ministry to the deaf in Reynosa.

We are pleased to have their daughter Lydia at TAMUCC, RUF, and Southside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Today Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Jason's Deli located at 5325 Saratoga following worship service.

Reformation Celebration. Please join us tonight at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be provided.

Weekly Women's Craft Night Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm at Becky Arvin's house.

Thursdays *From Garden to Glory*. led by Melodi Sigler in her home 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

November 4th – Sewing Group 9:00 am at Jami Feinberg's, 2422 Windblown Drive. For more information please contact Jami at (228) 223-5538 or jamifeinberg@gmail.com or Michelle West at (405) 596-8049 or tmwest601@gmail.com.

November 12th – 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.

November 12th – 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.

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