

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**January 7, 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

**10,000 Reasons**

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

## 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 8:9

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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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 marvellous 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

**Immortal Invisible**

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

Immortal, invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Not wanting or wasting, you rule us in might.  
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, oh help us to see,  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

\*PRAYER of INVOCATION

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ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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\*CONFESSION of FAITH

*Scots Confession*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance  
and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible  
to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence  
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

## 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

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

SONG of RENEWAL

**Come As You Are**

Words and Music: Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

**PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving in December	\$ 30,697.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 209,160.00
Goal for December	\$ 29,515.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 212,508.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*Information Cards. Please place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 1

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

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



\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn #196)**

Words: Charles Wesley and Mark E. Hunt Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Day-spring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of Thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*John 1:1-5*

### \*SONG of RESPONSE

#### **Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn #441, Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)**

Words: Isaac Watts Music: John Hatton

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does His successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown His head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

## 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**

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

**\*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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## MINISTRY of the WEEK

### **Judy Arvin, The Navigators US Military Ministry**

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Judy Arvin serves here in Corpus Christi with the military branch of The Navigators. The Navigators is an international and interdenominational ministry which exists to make disciples through life-on-life mentoring. It exists in a variety of contexts, encouraging college students, churches, communities, and military personnel to know Christ and make Him known.

Judy has worked with The Navigators since 1970, and is currently on the national leadership team for their Military ministry. She coordinates webinars and other wide reaching programs to help military wives survive and thrive in their unique challenges.

Pray that she would continue to have confidence in God's gifting of her and for discernment and wisdom as she leads women in ministry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY JANUARY 7

**Today Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Luby's, located at 5730 Saratoga following worship service.

**This Evening 6:00pm Worship Service.** Beginning this month we will start meeting Sunday evenings for a worship service with hymn signing, prayer, a brief sermon, and immediately following the service, fellowship.

**January 14th – 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 our Barnabas gifts have been placed inside your bulletin.

**January 14th – 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.

**Volunteers needed for SCC Facilities and Lawn Maintenance Team.** Mark Pavlick is looking for skilled and unskilled volunteers to serve this vital ministry team. For more information please contact Mark at 281-605-0387 or [mpavlick4@gmail.com](mailto:mpavlick4@gmail.com)

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### **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*