

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**January 14, 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**

Words and Music: 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

### Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

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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 103

*Minister:* Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!

**Congregation:** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits

*Minister:* Who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases

**Congregation:** Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

*Minister:* Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Congregation:** The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
and His kingdom rules over all.

*Minister:* Bless the LORD, all His works,  
in all places of His dominion.

**Congregation:** Bless the LORD, O my soul!

\*SONG of ADORATION

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymn #598)**

Words and Music: John Hughes, Peter Williams, and William Williams

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

**\*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:*

*Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?*

**Congregation:**

**We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and King,  
"who, 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*

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,  
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,  
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;  
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.  
Let me learn by paradox  
that the way down is the way up,  
that to be low is to be high,  
that the broken heart is the healed heart,  
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,  
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,  
that to have nothing is to possess all,  
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,  
that to give is to receive,  
that the valley is the place of vision.  
Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,  
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;  
Let me find thy light in my darkness,  
thy life in my death,  
thy joy in my sorrow,  
thy grace in my sin,  
thy riches in my poverty  
thy glory in my valley.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

*Proverbs 28:13-14*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.  
Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,  
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Just As I Am**

Words: Charlotte Elliott Music: Bobby Guy and Craig Brown

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving in January to date	\$ 4,081.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 233,790.00
Goal for January to date	\$ 5,903.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 242,023.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 15

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

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



\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #642, Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)**

Words and Music: Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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**EMBRACING GOD'S WORD**

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\*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

*John 1:1-18*

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**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  
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## 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**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Congregation:**           **(Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*GREETING**

**\*FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

*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

### **Dominican Republic Mission Trip, June 2018**

Save the dates for the 2018 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. We plan to leave Sunday, June 3 and return Tuesday, June 12.

The team will be joining friends from Decatur Presbyterian Church (Alabama) who work with missionaries Silvia and Samuel Martinez. Silvia is a medical doctor in El Cacique, a small community that formed around a garbage dump near Santo Domingo. She not only takes care of the medical needs in the community, but she also started a Christian school, feeding programs for the children, and Vacation Bible School. We will be assisting her in all of those activities.

As she has done in previous years, Anne-Marie will be translating the Teachers Conference for Silvia's school. That has been an amazing success. Samuel will lead a construction project in El Cacique. In past years the teams have built the hospital and school buildings Sylvia ministers from, plus installed water purification systems and other infrastructure items.

We will be raising prayer and financial support in the coming months. Please consider being part of the team. See Rob, Scotty, or Anne-Marie if you have specific questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY JANUARY 14

**Today – 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.

**Today – Fellowship Luncheon.** Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly covered dish meal.

**This Evening 6:00pm Worship.** Join us for hymn singing, prayer, a brief sermon, and immediately following the service, fellowship.

**2018 Church Directory.** A draft copy of the 2018 directory has been placed on the Welcome Table for everyone to verify and make needed edits.

**January 16th – Women's Noon Fellowship** will meet in the home of Betty Clark 12:00pm. All women in the church are invited. Everyone brings a lunch; chips and beverages provided. If anyone needs a ride or directions, please contact Jeannie McCrocklin.

**Officer Nominations.** Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see one of the elders if you would like to nominate someone for the office of elder or deacon.

**Crosses for display in your yard leading up to Easter.** Please see Ludie Austin if you would like for him to make one for you.

**Volunteers needed for SCC Grounds Beautification Team.** Mark Pavlick is looking for skilled and unskilled volunteers to serve this vital ministry team. For more information please contact Mark.

### **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*