

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

February 11, 2018



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

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Matt and Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious 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 89:1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

Congregation: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: The LORD is God,
And He has made His light to shine upon us.

Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.

Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.

Congregation: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His steadfast love endures forever!

*SONG of ADORATION

And Can It Be (Hymn #455, Verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Humbled Himself so great His love
And bled for all His chosen race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 11, 16, 18

Minister: Is God merciful?

**Congregation: God is indeed merciful,
but He is also just.
His justice requires
that sin committed against
the most high majesty of God
also be punished
with the most severe punishment
of body and soul.
God demands that His justice be satisfied.
Therefore full payment must be made
either by ourselves or by another.**

Minister: Why must our mediator be a true & righteous man?

**Congregation: He must be a true man
because the justice of God
requires that the same human nature
which has sinned should pay for sin.
He must be a righteous man
because one who himself is a sinner
cannot pay for others.**

Minister: But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

**Congregation: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
whom God made our wisdom,
our righteousness
and sanctification and redemption.**

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

Minister:

*I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition,
in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.
I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:*

Congregation:

**O Lord, the great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant of love
with all who love Him and obey His commands,
we have sinned and done wrong.
We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from Your commands and laws.**

**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him;
we have not obeyed the Lord our God
or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.**

**Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
For Your sake, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Numbers 14:18-20

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation. Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.

Then the LORD said, "I have pardoned, according to your word."

SONG of RENEWAL

There is a Redeemer

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving in February to date \$ 6,531.00
Goal for February to date \$ 5,903.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 255,287.00
Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 265,635.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-17

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693)

Words and Music: Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 3:1-15

*SONG of RESPONSE

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
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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

Lift High the Cross (Hymn #263)

Words and Music: George Kitchin, Michael Newbolt, Sydney Nicholson

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, brethren follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

***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

Mirador Vespers Service

Since 2014, Richard Mittanck and Emily Weaver have had the privilege of providing appropriate worship for the residents of the Mirador memory, skilled and assisted living communities. Attendance has been between 20-35. Throughout the years, family members, staff, and the attending volunteers have also benefitted from the worship and ministry opportunity. As they faithfully plant the seed of the God's Word, they pray that God will deliver His messages to their hearts.

A community volunteer who studied Alzheimer's Disease observed and commented, "You are just walking these people Home!" These efforts have been deeply satisfying to many. The Sunday afternoon agenda typically includes music, prayer, and Bible study such as the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, Pilgrim's Progress, The Names of God, Derik Thomas' Romans 8, John Piper's Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ.

Prayer Needs:

- Prayer support
- Awareness, so that there may not be isolation in this ministry.
- From time to time, volunteer participation.
- A small, light-weight, portable sound system...attendance is growing!
- Thought and prayer for back-up, if Richard and/or Emily were unavailable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

Today Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Monthly Fellowship Luncheon. Envelopes for the Barnabas Mercy Fundy offering have been placed in your bulletin. All are invited to join us following worship service.

This Evening 6:00pm Worship. Join us for singing, prayer, a brief sermon, and 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.

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

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.

2017 Giving Statements. Your giving statements have been placed on the Welcome Table.

Save the Date April 13-14th Women of Purpose Conference *Compassionate Community: Woman to Woman Life on Life*, speaker Susan Hunt. For more information please contact Jeanie Cotten.

Save the Date June 3 – 12 Dominican Republic Mission Trip

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