

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

February 25, 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

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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Our God You reign forever our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

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You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
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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 87:1-3

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
Glorious things of you are spoken,
O city of God.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

Minister: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!*

**Congregation: His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

Minister: *The LORD has made known his salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**Congregation: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to His people.**

Minister: *All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

**Congregation: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*SONG of ADORATION

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Hymn #345)

Words: John Newton Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake Thy sure repose?
With salvations walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord the giver never fails from age to age

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day;
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zions city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure, none but Zion's children know.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism #60

Minister:

How are you right with God?

Congregation:

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned
against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

CONFESSION of SIN

After silent confession, please, pray the following in unison

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against You
and against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done,
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life
To the glory of Your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 upmost 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 in February to date	\$ 17,422.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 266,179.00
Goal for February to date	\$ 17,709.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 277,441.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:1-21

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

*SONG of COMMITMENT

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, Verses 1, 2, 5)

Words: Francis of Assisi Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 4:1-26

*SONG of RESPONSE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymn #193)

Words: Liturgy of St. James Music: French Melody

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful,
His own self for Heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

TIM MULDER

RUF at Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Tim Mulder and his family have been at Southside for over three years. During that time he has become the Worship Leader, Youth Group Leader, Adult Christian Education teacher, Webmaster, seminary student, as well as an Elder in our congregation. If that wasn't enough, he is now the RUF campus minister at TAMUCC.

Pray for Tim as he leads and disciplines the students. Also pray for the leadership team as they provide guidance and momentum for the ministry. Finally, pray that several of them would be able to be on the Dominican Republic mission team from Southside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25

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

This Evening 6:00pm Worship. Join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship.

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

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.

March 18 – Congregational Meeting to present the 2018-19 budget.

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