

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**March 4, 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

**Arise My Soul Arise**

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Kevin Twit

Arise my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears before the throne my surety stands  
Before the throne my surety stands my name is written on His hands

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise  
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede  
His all redeeming love His precious blood to plead His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race and sprinkles now the throne of grace

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise  
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me  
Forgive him, o forgive they cry forgive him, o forgive they cry don't let that ransomed sinner die!

Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise  
Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise  
Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me for his child I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh with confidence I now draw nigh and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry

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Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears and rise

## 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

"Because I am a sinner, I need mercy,  
and because God is merciful,  
I can face the reality of my sin."

- Paul David Tripp

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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 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

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Hymn #76, Verses 1, 2, 5)**

Words: Henry F. Lyte Music: John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
Who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him, still the same forever  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**\*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**

*Heidelberg Catechism 1, 2*

*Minister: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

**Congregation:** That I belong - body and soul,  
in life and in death -  
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins  
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;  
that He protects me so well  
that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.  
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing  
and ready from now on to live for Him.

*Minister: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?*

**Congregation:** First, how great my sins and misery are,  
Second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery,  
Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

## CONFESSION of SIN

*After silent confession, please, pray the following in unison*

**Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.**

**Remember not the sins of our youth  
and our rebellious ways.**

**According to your love remember us,  
for You are good, O Lord.**

**For the sake of your name, O LORD,  
forgive our iniquity, though it is great.**

**Turn to us and be gracious to us,  
for we are lonely and afflicted.**

**Relieve the troubles of our hearts  
and free us from our anguish.**

**Look upon our affliction and our distress  
and take away all our sins. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

*Psalm 34:17-18, 22*

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Jesus What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn #498, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)**

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

**PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving in February to date	\$ 22,727.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 271,484.00
Goal for February to date	\$ 23,612.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 283,344.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 14

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

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



\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**O Love that Will Not Let Me Go**

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

John 4:1-45

### \*SONG of RESPONSE

#### **O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Hymn #535)**

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

## 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**

**He Is Exalted**

Words and Music: Twila Paris

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted and I will praise His name

He is the Lord forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

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**\*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

### **Dominican Republic Mission Team**

The 2018 team will leave for the DR on June 3 and return June 12. The sign up date is rapidly approaching, so let Rob know ASAP if you are interested in going. The cost is \$750 plus airfare.

As in previous years, we will be joining friends from Decatur Presbyterian Church (Alabama) who will be working 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, and Vacation Bible School.

In previous years, mission teams have built a hospital, the school building, houses, and installed water purification systems. This year's construction project will add on to the school building. The team will also be leading a training conference for teachers, assisting in the VBS and feeding programs, and building latrines for Haitian refugees. During the last part of the week we will be joined by the medical missions team whose physicians and nurses will be tending to the medical needs in the community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY MARCH 4

**Today Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Hibachi Grill, located at 5274 South Staples following worship service.

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

**Audrey Sigler is collecting donations for Metro Ministries.** These include new or gently used backpacks, sleeping bags, pillows, and twin-sized bedding. There is a box in the narthex for donations. You can also give your donations to a member of the Sigler family. If you prefer, you may also donate money or H-E-B/Walmart gift cards. The donations are being collected until March 18th.

**RUF Resurrection Party Supplies.** The congregation is being asked to donate plastic eggs and candy. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your gifts.

**March 11 2:00 am Return to Standard Time – *Spring Forward 1 Hour***

**March 11 – Barnabas Mercy Fund and Monthly Fellowship Luncheon**

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

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

**March 30 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm**

**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*