

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

March 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

The Sands of Time

Words: Anne R. Cousin based on Samuel Rutherford Arranged by Philip Palmertree

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for - the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not even where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.
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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

"You are good, and Your mercy endures forever.
Your lovingkindness is great toward us,
and Your truth endures to all generations."

Matthew Henry

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 64:9-10

Minister: All mankind will fear.

**Congregation: They will proclaim the works of God
And ponder what He has done.**

*Minister: Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord
And take refuge in Him*

Congregation: Let all the upright in heart praise Him!

*SONG of ADORATION

All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Hymn #1)

Words and Music: Louis Bourgeois and William Kethe

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with fear His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him and rejoice

The Lord ye know is God indeed
Without our aid He did us make
We are His flock He doth us feed
And for His sheep He doth us take

O enter then His gates with praise
Approach with joy His courts unto
Praise laud and bless His name always
For it is seemly so to do

For why? the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Apostle's Creed; Heidelberg #44

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. *
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, **
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: Why does the Creed add, "He descended into hell"?

**Congregation: That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured,
and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ,
by his inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors,
and hellish agonies,
in which he was plunged during all his sufferings,
but especially on the cross,
has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell.**

* We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross. After His death, He was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43, 46).

** "catholic" means universal, so we are affirming the unity of the church throughout the world in all ages.

CONFESSION of SIN

After silent confession, please, pray the following in unison

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature -
prone to evil and slothful in good -
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
who are ashamed and sorry for all we've done to displease You.
Teach us to hate our errors,
cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.
Send Your purifying grace into our hearts,
that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God

It Is Well With My Soul (Hymn #691)

Words: Horatio G. Spafford; 1873 Music: Philip B. Bliss, 1876

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well (Echo) It is well
With my soul (Echo) With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well (Echo) It is well
With my soul (Echo) With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
O my soul!
It is well (Echo) It is well
With my soul (Echo) With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.
It is well (Echo) It is well
With my soul (Echo) With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving in March to date	\$ 8,964.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 280,448.00
Goal for March to date	\$ 5,903.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 289,247.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-21

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Come Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson; Music: Asahel Nettleton

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
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EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 4:27-45

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music: John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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**

O God You Are My God (Step by Step)

Words and Music: David (Beaker) Strasser and Rich Mullins and Rich Mullins

Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
And I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

***BENEDICTION**

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend

The Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend now has a center in Portland as well as Corpus Christi. Please be praying for this strategic ministry as they minister to many young women each year. 2017 was a phenomenal year: 305 babies saved from abortions, 5,388 client visits, 482 enrolled in their Earn While You Learn parenting classes, and 1,125 ultra sounds provided.

Their services include pregnancy tests, onsite ultrasounds, information about abortion and adoption, adoption agency referrals, post-abortion support, parenting education, maternity and infant supplies, as well as support for men. We are thankful that the Lord has provided these resources in Portland as well as Corpus Christi.

The Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet is scheduled for March 22 and 23 featuring John Stonestreet who is the President of The Chuck Colson Center and Breakpoint Radio Co-host. It will be held at the Solomon Ortiz Center. Southside families will be hosting tables both nights; call Rob or Ludie for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAY MARCH 11

Today Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Monthly Fellowship Luncheon. Envelopes are provided in your bulletin. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch 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 our donations. You can also give your donations to a member of the Sigler family. If you prefer, you may donate money or H-E-B/Walmart gift cards. Donations are being collected until March 18th.

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

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

March 20 – Women's Noon Fellowship. All women in the church are invited; bring a sandwich (or leftover) and the hostess will provide chips, drink and dessert. Their new study, *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts* by Charles F. Stanley starts this month. Contact Jeannie McCrocklin for more information or to arrange transportation.

March 30 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

April 1 Easter Brunch 9:15 am Christian Education will resume on the 8th.

April 13-14th Women of Purpose Conference *Compassionate Community: Woman to Woman Life on Life*, speaker Susan Hunt. For information 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