

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 15, 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

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

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

-Psalm 23:1

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 113:1-3

Minister: Praise the Lord!

**Congregation: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!**

*Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**Congregation: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

*SONG of ADORATION

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words: John Newton Music: Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Heidelberg 81

Minister:

Who should come to the Lord's table?

Congregation:

**Those who are displeased with themselves
because of their sins,
but who nevertheless trust
that their sins are pardoned,
and that their remaining weakness is covered
by the suffering and death of Christ,
and who also desire more and more
to strengthen their faith
and to lead a better life.**

**Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however,
eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

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

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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 COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 15,939.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 15,939.00
Goal Month-to-Date:	\$ 12,000.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 12,000.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:1-40

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Rock Of Ages (Hymn#500)

Words and Music: Augustus Montague Toplady and Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and Thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress
Helpless look to Thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 5:30-47

*SONG of RESPONSE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux, Music: Hans Leo Hassler arr J.S. Bach

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown
O sacred Head what glory
What bliss till now was Thine
Yet though despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo here I fall my Savior
'Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
And grant to me Thy grace

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee dearest friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
O make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love 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**

10,000 Reasons

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning it's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name

***BENEDICTION**

Romans 1:7

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

Brenda Carter

Brenda Carter dreamed of being a missionary ever since she was a small child. She got her wish in 1986 when she began working with Mission to the World in Taiwan. She taught for two years at Christ College near Taipei. In 1989 she began helping with a church plant two hours south of Taipei in a small Hakka town, San Yi. Brenda has been living and working there ever since. She is involved with many aspects of local and inter-church growth and renewal ministries among the Hakkas.

Taiwan's has an overall population of 23 million, but only two percent are professing Christians. Among the Hakkas (roughly four million people), there are only 0.3% Christians. Please be praying for Brenda and her team as they try to reach this neglected people group with the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 15

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Fuddruckers, located at 1949 South Padre Island Drive 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.

April 17 – 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. Jeannie McCrocklin will be hosting. They're studying, *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts* by Charles F. Stanley starts this month. contact Jeannie McCrocklin for more information or to arrange transportation.

April 20 – Men's Fellowship. 7:30 pm at the Mulder's. Please contact Tim for more information.

Ladies Luncheon April 22nd 12:30 - 3:00 pm.

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