

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 22, 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

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Words and Music: C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens
of heav'n above
Glory to God!
All glory in the highest!

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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

"Without seeking God often, the vitality of the soul is lost." - Thomas Manton

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 100:1-5

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Minister: It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*SONG of ADORATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Hymn #296, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

Words and Music: Edward Perronet and Oliver Holden

All hail the power of Jesus name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

and crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem

and crown Him Lord of all;

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God

Who from His altar call;

Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,

And crown Him Lord of all;

Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,

And crown Him Lord of all;

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all;

Hail Him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all;

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all;

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all;

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSION of FAITH

Heidelberg 27 and 28

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Congregation: God's providence is His almighty
and ever present power,
whereby, as with His hand,
He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years, food and drink,
health and sickness, riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,
come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Minister: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things
and still upholds them by His providence?

Congregation: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity,
and with a view to the future
we can have a firm confidence
in our faithful God and Father
that no creature shall separate us from His love;
for all creatures are so completely in His hand
that without His will they cannot so much as move.

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You are good beyond all thought,
but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind.
My lips are ready to confess,
but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.
I bring my soul to you;
break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.
Unmask me to sin's deformity,
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,
the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,
the calm dignity to the walk which it calls,
yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts.
All these sins I mourn, lament,
and for them cry pardon.
Grant that through the tears of repentance
I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Psalms 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

SONG of RENEWAL

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 19,693.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 19,693.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 18,000.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 18,000.00

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Satisfied

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875 Music: Karl Digerness, 1997

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Feeding on the filth around me, 'till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 6:1-15

*SONG of RESPONSE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Hymn #251)

Words and Music: Elizabeth Clephane and Frederick C. Maker

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand -
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess -
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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**

Lord For Your Glory

Words and Music: David B. Hampton, Matt Huesmann, and Grant Cunningham

Lord, for Your glory we sing Your praises.
We magnify Your holy name.
All for Your glory,
Lord, we bring blessing.
We seek to honor You all of our days.

We lift our hands; we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts;
We lift our lives to You.
We offer all we are for the glory of You.

Almighty Father, we are Your children
You have been faithful to Your own
Lord, for Your glory,
We have been chosen.
We lay down all we have here at Your throne.

We lift our hands; we lift our praise to You.
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.
We give our hearts;
We lift our lives to You.
We offer all we are.
We offer all we have.
We offer all our lives for the glory of You.

***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

The Gideons International

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- from www.gideons.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 22

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Café Italia, located at 4117 South Staples Street following worship service.

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

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

Nursery Volunteers – If you are the helper, make sure to check in with Roxy and the primary worker before church and about 10-15 minutes into the service. Not currently a volunteer? A signup sheet for summer volunteers is located on the Welcome Table located in the narthex. Please contact Jami Feinberg for more information, at jamifeinberg@gmail.com.

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