

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**April 8, 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

### **Come As You Are**

Words and Music: Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

**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**

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!"

- Psalm 48:1

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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 117*

*Minister:* Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Congregation:** Extol him, all peoples!

*Minister:* For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**Congregation:** And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!

\*SONG of ADORATION

**A Mighty Fortress (Hymn #92)**

Words and Music: Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

\*PRAYER of INVOCATION

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ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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\*CONFESSION of FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
According to Your steadfast love;  
According to Your abundant mercy.  
Blot out our transgressions!  
We know our sin too well;  
It is painful to us, and offensive to You.  
Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
Ever seated at Your right hand.  
And to You be all glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever. Amen**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

*Isaiah 1:18*

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Be Still My Soul (Hymn #689, Verses 1, 2, 4)**

Words and Music: Jane Laurie Borthwick, Jean Sibelius, Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel

Be still my soul the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul your best your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Your hope your confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

**PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 9,876.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 9,876.00
Goal Month-to-Date	\$ 6,000.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 6,000.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*Information Cards. Please place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 1*

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

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



\*SONG of COMMITMENT

**Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn #170)**

Words and Music: August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben and Joseph August Seiss

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*John 5:18-25*

### \*SONG of RESPONSE

#### **The Solid Rock**

Words and Music: Edward Mote and William R. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## 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**

*Philippians 4:7*

**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

### **Kris & Paula Lundgaard**

Since 2007 the Lundgaards have served in Slovakia with our denomination's foreign missions agency, Mission to the World (MTW). Their first assignment was in Trnava. Then they moved to Nitra, where they taught & disciplined men & women in their local church. During that time they saw members of their community group move from fear & confusion to hope and faith. They were also involved in the newly budding church planting movement in Slovakia.

They now serve in Kosice, the second largest city in Slovakia to help with the MTW church planting efforts there. Please pray for Kris as he disciplines men, trains Slovak church planters, and assists the national denomination on various things. Also pray for Paula as she has a very effective ministry with women in the community, especially young mothers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 8

**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.

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

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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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*