

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

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

*(*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

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*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

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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

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*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 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