

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**March 10, 2019**



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

**Mighty to Save**

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion love that's never failing let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior: He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save  
Forever: Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in now I surrender

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Forever: Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
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We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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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

Psalm 18:46

The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation —

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**WORSHIPING GOD’S GREATNESS**

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\*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

*Minister:* Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things!

**Congregation:** His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salvation for Him.

*Minister:* The LORD has made known his salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Congregation:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to His people.

*Minister:* All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**Congregation:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**On Christ 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.

\* PRAYER of INVOCATION

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ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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\*CONFESSIO of FAITH

Heidelberg 21

*Minister:*

*What is true faith?*

**Congregation:**

**True faith is not only a sure knowledge  
by which I hold as true  
all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;  
it is also a wholehearted trust,  
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,  
that God has freely granted,  
not only to others but also to me,  
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.  
These are gifts of sheer grace,  
granted solely by Christ's merit.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*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 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SONG of RENEWAL

**God Be Merciful to Me**

Words: The Psalter, 1912; Music: Christopher Miner.

God, be merciful to me;  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace,  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

**PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS**

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 9,387.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 296,984.00
Goal Month-to-Date:	\$ 6,000.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 294,000.00

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*John 13:31-35 (page 900)*

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

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

**Crown Him With Many Crowns (Hymn #295, Verses 1, 2, 4)**

Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring Music: George J. Elvey

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul and sing Of Him  
Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never never fail  
Throughout eternity.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Matthew 25:31-46* (page 831)

Unto the Least of These My Brethren

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Hymn #252, Verses 1, 2, 4)**

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## 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

**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

**\*BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

**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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## HYMN STORY

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” is often considered the greatest hymn by Isaac Watts. It was written for a communion service in 1707. Originally the title was “Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ.” That sentiment can be seen in lines such as, “All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood,” and “Love so amazing so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Watts was born in Southampton, England in 1674. As a young child he loved books and learned how to read at an early age. He had a propensity for rhyming, even in normal conversations.

Watts was an accomplished theologian and logician, but is best known for the hymns he wrote. He is credited with over 650 hymns, and is known as the “Father of English Hymnody.” Before Watts, the normal practice in public worship was to sing metrical versions of the Psalms. However, Watts started to change that by writing paraphrases of the Psalms, which are still some of the most popular hymns in the Christian church. Some examples are “Jesus Shall Reign” (from Psalm 72), “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Psalm 90), and “Joy to the World” (Psalm 98).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 10

**Church Directory.** A draft of the latest Congregational Directory has been placed on the Welcome Table to review and make corrections.

**March 10 – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Fellowship Luncheon.** The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation’s members and acquaintances.

**Fellowship Luncheon.** Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for today’s fellowship Luncheon There’s always enough food for everyone.

**This Evening 6:00pm Sunday Night Fellowship.** Join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship

**March 17 – Congregational Meeting.** Immediately following the worship service we will be presenting the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget, also we will present other opportunities to serve.

**March 19 – Women’s Noon Fellowship.** We’re studying the book of James and currently focusing on chapter 2; bring your lunch and join us. This month we are meeting in Betty & Dick Clark’s home, 5810 Oso Parkway. For more information please contact Jeannie McCrocklin.

**March 21 Pregnancy Center Banquet, 6:30pm, American Bank Center.** Please see Rob or the Grafts if you’re interested in attending.

**March 22 Men’s Fellowship** 7:30pm at Tim and Michelle Mulder’s home.

**March 29-30 2019** Spring Women’s Conference in New Braunfels

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### **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*