

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**October 11, 2015**



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...*

**PREPARATION for WORSHIP**

**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

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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 29:1-2*

*Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty.  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness!**

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

Words and Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION**

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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### CONFESSION of FAITH

*Colossians 1:15-20*

*Minister:*

*Who is Jesus, and what does He do?*

**Congregation:**

**He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For by Him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –  
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things hold together.  
And He is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything He might be preeminent.  
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

## 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

*Psalm 34:17-8, 22*

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit  
  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SONG of RENEWAL

**There is a Redeemer**

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievright

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One  
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.  
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.  
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.*

**BARNABAS MERCY FUND OFFERING**

**MISSIONARY of the WEEK**

Jason Pickard  
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**"Go, send, or disobey." – John Piper**

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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

\*SONG of CELEBRATION

**God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

Words: William Cowper, 1774 Music: William Croft, 1708

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill;  
He treasures up His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread;  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence,  
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Malachi 3:6-12*

#### **Robbing God**

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup>Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup>I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great is our God sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\*RUF FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning  
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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## MISSIONARIES and MISSIONS

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| Judy Arvin               | Navigators NAS Corpus Christi                   |
| Brenda Carter            | Mission to the World - Taiwan                   |
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## COMMUNION REFLECTION PRAYERS

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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*

**Sunday, October 11, - Saturday, October 17, 2015**

**Elder on Call**

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rob Sigler      | Oct 11 – 17 | Ed Arvin      | Oct 18 – 24 |
| Gordon Landreth | Oct 25 – 31 | Johnny Cotten | Nov 1 – 7   |

**Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve**

**Congregational Meeting.** We will hold a brief meeting between the worship service and the fellowship lunch to review current finances and discuss building need projects.

**Fellowship Luncheon.** This month students of RUF will be providing the meal for a donation of \$5 per plate and \$20 cap for families of four or more. Everyone is invited to stay. The funds will enable students to attend RUF Fall Conference.

**Barnabas Mercy Fund offering.** Used to steward needs among our congregation’s members and acquaintances. Envelopes designated for these gifts have been placed inside the green pew books.

**Friday Prayer Meeting.** Everyone is invited to gather Fridays at 2:00 pm for a dedicated time of prayer.

**Christian Education.** For children, youth and adults. Starts at 9:30 AM.

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| <b>Children</b><br>Led by Meg Hale, Meredith Hood, and Emily Taylor | <b>Every Story Whispers His Name</b>                   | <b>Rooms 5 and 7</b> |
| <b>Youth/College</b><br>Led by Tim Mulder                           | <b>Reason for God</b>                                  | <b>Room 13</b>       |
| <b>Adult</b><br>Led by Rob Bailey, Bruce Schueneman, and Greg Hood  | <b>How We Live – Disciplines of the Christian Life</b> | <b>Room 31</b>       |

**Care Group**

**Mirador Memory Care Ministry Opportunity – Evening Vespers.** Bible study and worship 4-5pm Sundays. For more information about this Care Group contact Richard Mittanck or Emily Weaver.

**Serving Families with Children Ministry**

**Nursery Coordinator and Volunteers Needed** – Would you consider serving? Please contact the church office if you are able and interested in more information and volunteering.

**Women’s Ministry**

**Women’s Breakfast.** Gathers weekly Tuesdays 7:00 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies are invited to join us for a time of sharing and prayer. Contacts are Jean Newberry and Linda Landreth.

**The Women's Noon Fellowship** will be meeting one week earlier in October...on the 13th instead of the 20th. We will meet at the home of Andy Beaverat 12:00 noon on the 13th. We will be studying Chapter 2 in the study "Becoming a Woman Whose God is Enough". We have a video which goes with it and helps the study. All women in the church are invited to join us. Just bring a sandwich (or something) for your lunch. Dessert will be furnished.

**Women’s Study** Thursday mornings 9:30 – 11:00 am at the church. Childcare is provided. They are studying “*Treasures of Encouragement*” by Sharon Betters which will enhance the women’s ministry to hurting people.

**Men’s Ministry**

**Men’s Study.** Patrick Morley’s “*Man in the Mirror.*” They meet weekly Tuesdays 6:30 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. Contacts are Bill Newberry and Gordon Landreth.

**Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi**

Leadership: John and Stefanie Bennett

**Financial Update**

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| Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 7,532.00 | Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 129,016.00 |
| Budget Month-to-Date \$ 5,938.00  | Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 154,085.00  |

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