

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**October 18, 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...*

REFLECTION and PREPARATION

**Forever**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

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Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

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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 103:1-5, 19, 22*

*Minister:                    Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
   and all that is within me,  
   bless His holy name!*

**Congregation:            Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
   and forget not all His benefits**

*Minister:                    Who forgives all your iniquity,  
   Who heals all your diseases*

**Congregation:            Who redeems your life from the pit,  
   Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy**

*Minister:                    Who satisfies you with good  
   so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Congregation:            The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
   and His kingdom rules over all.**

*Minister:                    Bless the LORD, all His works,  
   in all places of His dominion.*

**Congregation:            Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**Come Thou Fount**

Words: Robert Robinson Music: John Wyeth

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

**\*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)*

**Merciful God,  
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.  
We have not loved You with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with You, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.  
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from Your presence,  
or take Your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Romans 10:9-11*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

SONG of RENEWAL

**Jesus Cast a Look On Me**

Words: John Berridge Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul may rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

**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.*

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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

\*SONG of CELEBRATION

**What Wondrous Love Is This?**

Words and Music: Alexander Means and William Walker

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Exodus 1:1-14*

#### **Israel Increases Greatly in Egypt**

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

#### **Pharaoh Oppresses Israel**

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

## **O Love that Will Not Let Me Go**

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Romans 15:13*

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

**\*PASSING the PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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## PRAYERS OF REFLECTION

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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*

## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson was one of Scotland's most beloved preachers, eventually becoming the pastor of the historic St. Bernard's church in Edinburgh. His eyesight deteriorated in his early years. He became totally blind as he was at the University of Glasgow preparing for the ministry. His sister aided George in his studies, going to the extent of learning Hebrew, Greek, and Latin in order to help him. He was a respected scholar and graduated with high honors.

Along the way, George experienced heartbreak in his relationship with his fiancée who decided she could not be married to a blind man. She broke the engagement, and returned his ring. George was devastated, and never married.

Years later, on the wedding night of his sister, he was reminded of the pain he had endured. He penned the words to "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" in five minutes on June 6, 1882. He described it as the fruit of "the most severe mental suffering."

Terms such as weary soul, flickering torch, rain, and pain describe his sorrows. Yet the themes of each stanza (love, light, joy, and cross) express the fulfillment a believer finds in the grace of God.

Historically, the words have been sung to the tune of "St. Margaret," written by Albert Peace in 1885. Ironically, Peace had gone through a similar pain, and the tune came to him in only five minutes. Today we sing the hymn to music written by Christopher Miner, who has written several of our modern tunes for older texts.

## **MISSIONARIES and MISSIONS**

Judy Arvin	Navigators NAS Corpus Christi
Brenda Carter	Mission to the World - Taiwan
Bojan & Julia Dragicevic	RUF International University of Texas in Austin
Ben & Beth Hailey	RUF Texas A&M College Station
Tim & Cheri Hoke	African Bible College - Uganda
Tim & Kristy Holliday	Mission to the World – Border Ministries
Greg & Sarah Hood	Reach Ministries
Kris & Paula Lundgaard	Mission to the World – Slovakia
John & Stefanie Bennett	RUF Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Michael & Rachel Novak	RUF Trinity University
Jason & Sarah Pickard	RUF International Texas A&M College Station
Khen & Rith Tombing	Presbytery Missions International – India
Dan & Becky Young	Mission to the World – Border Ministries

Corpus Christi Pregnancy Resource Center  
Covenant College  
Covenant Theological Seminary  
Presbytery Church in America Administrative Committee  
South Texas Presbytery Operating Budget and Isaias Uc  
Southwest Church Planting Network

**Sunday, October 18, - Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**Elder on Call**

Ed Arvin	Oct 18 – 24	Gordon Landreth	Oct 25 – 31
Johnny Cotten	Nov 1 – 7	Rob Sigler	Nov 8 – 14

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

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Fuddruckers located at 1949 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

**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.

<b>Children</b> 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> Led by Tim Mulder	<b>Reason for God</b>	<b>Room 13</b>
<b>Adult</b> 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.

**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**

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 11,557.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 133,041.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 11,876.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 160,023.00

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