

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People**

February 15, 2015

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool, please avail yourself of shawls in the lobby near our water fountain)

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.



*Glorifying God...*

*Embracing Scripture...*

*Loving Corpus Christi...*

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

### **In Christ Alone**

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Til on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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*(\*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)*

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

*from 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 God Our Help in Ages Past**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting You are God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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### CONFESSION of FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance  
and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible  
to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence  
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

- *The Scots Confession*

## CONFESSION of SIN

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**Congregation:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against You and against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done,  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
To the glory of Your name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*1 Peter 3:18*

Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

SONG of RENEWAL

**There is a Redeemer**

Words and Music by 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**

*Fellowship Books.* 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**

## **Before the Throne of God Above**

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of my guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Ephesians 1:1-14*

#### **Greeting**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**It Is Well With My Soul**

Words and Music by Horatio G. Spafford and Philip Paul Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

It is well with my soul  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well with my soul  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord O my soul

It is well with my soul  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well  
With my soul

It is well with my soul  
It is well  
It is well with my soul

\*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**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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## **It is Well With My Soul**

*It is Well with My Soul* was written in 1873 by Horatio Spafford. The song is one of praise and thanksgiving to God in the midst of severe grief and tragedy.

Spafford was a successful lawyer and a devout Christian. He lived in Chicago with his wife Anna, and five children. They were close friends with the famous preacher D.L. Moody. Around 1870 the Spaffords began to suffer tragedy after tragedy, beginning with the death of their four year old son as a result of Scarlet Fever. Then Horatio lost his life's savings in the Great Chicago Fire.

In 1873, D.L. Moody was about to begin an evangelistic campaign in Great Britain. The Spaffords were going there to assist him and to take a much needed vacation to help recover from their pain.

Horatio had to tend to some last minute business in Chicago, so he sent Anna and the children to Europe ahead of him. The next week, his wife sent him a chilling telegram from Wales that simply said: "Saved alone." Their ship had collided with an English vessel in the middle of the Atlantic, and sank in twelve minutes. Anna survived, but their four daughters drowned.

Horatio went to New York, and boarded a ship to Great Britain in order to be with Anna. During the voyage across the ocean, the ship's captain sent for Horatio, and told him they were passing over the place where the accident had occurred. Horatio returned to his cabin and wrote *It is Well With My Soul*.

## *Prayers of Meditation*

### **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, February 15- Saturday, February 21, 2015

### Elder on Call

|                 |             |               |              |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Gordon Landreth | Feb 15 – 21 | Johnny Cotten | Feb 22 – 28  |
| Rob Sigler      | March 1 – 7 | Ed Arvin      | March 8 – 14 |

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

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffett, 5274 South Staples, following worship service.

**2014 Contribution Statements.** Your 2014 Contribution Statements are available for pickup in the narthex.

### **Sunday Class Offerings**

**Children with Laura Miller & Emily Taylor** – Jesus Storybook Bible “Every Story Whispers His Name” Room 7

**Junior & Senior High Youth with Tim Mulder** – Studying Judges – Room 13

#### **Adults**

“Foundations of Apologetics” led by Ed Arvin - Room 32

“Foundations of the Christian Life” led by Rob Bailey & Ben Spivey - Room 31

### **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 853.7078 or Emily Weaver 876.1752.

### **Serving Families with Children Ministry**

**Nursery Volunteers Needed-** Would you consider serving? Please contact Meredith Hood if you are able and interested in more information and volunteering for in our rotation. MeredithHood730@yahoo.com or **361-232-1364**.

**Youth Tobymac Concert March 6<sup>th</sup>** tickets \$25.00 - 5 tickets available. Contact Tim Mulder for more information.

### **Women’s Ministry**

**Women’s Breakfast. Gather weekly Tuesdays 7:00 am at Town and Country Café,** 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies invited to join them. Contacts are Jean Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681 and Linda Landreth at 992-3046.

**The Women's Noon Fellowship** will meet on Tuesday, February 17th at 12:00 noon at Jean Cotten's home at 8206 Seashore. We will be studying Chapter 8 of our book on Judges. Don't forget to bring a sandwich and join us for food, study and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome.

#### **Women’s Study Offerings:**

Thursdays 10:00 am @ Melissa Jones’ Laura Miller facilitating – **God’s Word /Our Story, Hearing from Nehemiah**

Thursdays 7:30 pm @ Becky Arvin’s Ariane Stroud and Jeanie Cotten facilitating – **True Woman 101: Divine Design**

**Women of Purpose Conference Theological Fitness Holding Fast to the Confession of Our Hope** Conference will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels, Texas, March 6-7, 2015. We will be attending as a group from Southside Community Church. Deadline for reduced cost of registration at \$40.00 is February 15, 2015. Brochures located in the narthex.

### **Men’s Ministry**

**Men’s Study. Hebrews, LifeChange Bible Study.** They meet weekly Tuesdays 6:30 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. **Contacts Bill Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681, and Gordon Landreth at 992-3046.**

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

Leadership Paul & Laura Miller, 361.549.0404 and 361.945.4420, and Intern: Ben & Kirstin Spivey 910-916-4831.

### **Financial Update**

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 10,307.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 224,491.00

Budget Month-to-Date \$ 12,432.00

Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 281,782.00

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **John and Janet Stalmach** Doctors are able to locate source of primary site of cancer at MD Anderson Hospital
- **Ben and Kirstin Spivey** – impending birth of their baby
- **Melodi Sigler** Melodi's cousin Tanya for strength, courage, faith; wisdom for her doctors at MD Anderson.
- **Kathy Robinson** passing her of mother Ramona Wade
- Dick and Betty Clark – their niece Terry Conroy for healing of cancer and continued faith in her Savior.
- **Alan Temple** Passing of his cousin Casey please pray for Sherena Gondran and family.
- **From Bruce and Maria Schueneman** Bruce's mother now under hospice care. Bruce recovering with knee issues
- **From the Cabrera Family** for birth of their baby and home to rent before baby's birth.
- **From Judy Arvin** her son-in-law Mike who has Prostate cancer and
- **Dorothy Pitts** healing from Bronchitis and congestive heart failure and trying to do rehab at home
- **From Bill and Jean Newberry** Jean's mother Eleanor relief of renewed lower back pain and for grandson Drew softened heart toward his new brother
- **From Linda and Gordon Landreth** Linda's cousin's wife Kerstin having breast cancer surgery in February
- **From Bob & Tena Beanland** passing of her uncle Ron comfort and peace for him and his family. Christy's and Jennifer's ongoing health issues. Tena's friend Jane Brackney – recovery from brain surgery
- **From Roxanne Krnavek** her mother Virginia sciatica nerve pain – receiving physical therapy
- **Alan and Chrystal Temple** for Alan's VA Disability chronic back pain.
- **Frank and Jean Armstrong** – Jean enduring anemia
- **Janie Stewart** – in Assisted living @ **Mirador**
- **Tom Weaver** – in the Skilled Care unit @ **Mirador**
- **Carlene Johnson and son Blake**– Carlene's memory, health and comfort
- **Ed and Becky Arvin** her mother Betty's health and move to Corpus.
- **From Andy Beaver** her daughter, Meredith Carter
- **From Kevin and Adina Mattix** for Lauren's father Gary Charles who has been diagnosed with cancer. Kevin's safety while in Afghanistan and Adina and the children while he is away.
- **Ryan Coon** – for recovery of ankle injury

### Spiritual Needs

- **For Lloyd Ramey** – passing of his sister
- **For Kathy Robinson** – passing of her mother Ramona Wade
- **From Andy Beaver** her son John
- **From Elizabeth Emmanuel** her friend Jessica
- **From Tim & Michelle Mulder** for their daughter Tiffany and son-in-law Mac

### Seeking Wisdom

- **Peyton Mulder** for temper
- **Kevin & Adina Mattix** – Wisdom for God's plan for their future after Kevin's retirement. Adina's CASA ministry
- **From Linda and Gordon** Gordon's mother Betty direction and clarity facing decisions.
- **Claudia and Jerry Richards** – recovery from gamma knife procedure
- **From Jeanie and Johnny Cotten** for Jamia & Lee Harris their 3 foster sons hoping to adopt ages 3 1/2, 1 1/2, 7 months.
- **Howard Irwin** for the Christians persecuted by ISIS – soften the hearts of ISIS
- **From Emily Weaver** –for Community Bible Study and other systematic Bible Study groups throughout our city. Praise for God's sovereign care, provision, and protection during life's many stages.

### *Answered Prayers*

- **Tim Mulder** praise for healing finger from the cut
- **Tena Beanland's brother-in-law Gary** open heart surgery.
- **Greg Hood Bible Study member** successful hip surgery for his mother, Elida,
- **Bruce and Maria Schueneman** – Bruce's father Bob's recovery from his heart attack and their daughter's pregnancy which has been smooth, uneventful. Mother's recovery from recent fall.
- **Gordon and Linda Landreth** – Linda's brother-in-law Jerry's successful surgery; birth of Evelyn Rose for her sister Claudia MRI results; PJ's. return to work; Gordon's mother Betty's full recovery from surgery
- **Judy Arvin's** mother Dorothy's full recovery from surgery and now in rehab.
- **Michelle Mulder** – work schedule

- **Folley family** –Austin, and his wife Angie have become pregnant
- **From Toby Herro Praise** – God is good Rachel and her family answered prayer for a job
- **Bill and Jean Newbery** –daughter Stephanie’s family adopted son love family deeply receive Christ.
- **Alan Temple and his family** his father, Lynn Temple’s praise successful hip replacement surgery.
- **Bailey Family** Praise for quick sale and closing of home in Lubbock.