

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
Glory of God

**and the
Renewal of His People**

February 8, 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

**He Is Exalted**

Twila Paris

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
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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 113*

*Minister: Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!*

**Congregation: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!**

*Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

**Congregation: The LORD is high above all nations,  
and His glory above the heavens!**

\*SONG of ADORATION

**O Worship the King**

Words and Music: Johann Michael Haydn and Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

The earth with its store of wonders untold  
Almighty Thy power hath founded of old  
Established it fast by a changeless decree  
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation though feeble their lays  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

**\*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

*from Heidelberg Catechism, Q 27 & 28*

*Minister:*            *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

**Congregation:**    **God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

*Minister:*            *What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?*

**Congregation:**    **We can be patient in adversity,  
thankful in prosperity,  
and with a view to the future  
we can have a firm confidence  
in our faithful God and Father  
that no creature shall separate us from His love;  
for all creatures are so completely in His hand  
that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

## CONFESSION of SIN

*Valley of Vision*

*(please, pray the following in unison)*

**Congregation:** Heavenly Father,  
You are good beyond all thought,  
but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind.  
My lips are ready to confess,  
but my heart is slow to feel,  
and my ways reluctant to amend.  
I bring my soul to you;  
break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.  
Unmask me to sin's deformity,  
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.  
I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,  
the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,  
the calm dignity to the walk which it calls,  
yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts.  
All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.  
Grant that through the tears of repentance  
I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Isaiah 1:18*

<sup>18</sup>“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

**God Be Merciful to Me**

Words: Richard Redhead 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.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove,  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord

## 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.

## EXTENDING THE KINGDOM through the Barnabas Mercy Offering

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. – Acts 4

## PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

## GIVING of OFFERINGS

## PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

## How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

Words and Music: Isaac Watts

How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

Why was I made to hear your voice,  
And enter while there's room?  
When thousands make a wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations O our God  
Constrain the earth to come  
Send your victorious Word abroad  
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing your redeeming grace.

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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

**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 Saviour 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

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

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

Saviour 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

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\*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

*Minister:                   The LORD bless you and keep you;  
                                  the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

**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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## **“How Sweet and Awesome is the Place”**

by Isaac Watts, 1707

This hymn was originally titled “How Sweet and Awful is the Place.” At that time, “awful” was understood to mean *full of awe*, and *awe-inspiring*. Over the years the word “Awesome” replaced it in the text. “Awesome” is over-used in our society for trivial things, so as we sing this hymn we need to be reminded of the original intention.

In addition to being known as “The Father of English Hymnody,” Isaac Watts was also a distinguished theologian. He was therefore able to accomplish the very difficult task of taking complicated theological truths and condense them into understandable and singable lyrics. “How Sweet and Awesome is the Place” is a great example of this.

Watts begins this hymn showing us the overwhelming love God has for us as He lavishes His gifts upon us. It is easy to think that God reluctantly puts up with us because of our disobedience. But in the first stanza Watts paints the picture of an open-air market of the most luscious fruit waiting for us, “the choicest of her stores.” God invites us to a great banquet with indescribably delicacies, displaying His delight in us and His joy in blessing us. It causes us to shudder as we think, “Lord why was I a guest?”

Watts then addresses a doctrine that is not often dealt with in a hymn, God’s effectual calling of sinners. He gave us ears to hear and eyes to see. “Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there’s room?” “Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in, else we had still refused to taste and perish in our sin.”

Watts then immediately prays for God’s missionary work, that He would do the same for others as He has done for us. Someone proclaimed to gospel to us, and it’s our responsibility to proclaim the gospel to others. The fact that God is the Sovereign King gives us great motivation for missions, and great expectation for Him to use our words and efforts.

The tune is a beautiful old Irish melody, “St. Columbia.” Next week we will sing the wonderful song “In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The Gettys are among the prominent hymn writers of our generation, and they often pattern their music after old Irish folk tunes like this one.

## *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 8- Saturday, February 14, 2015**

**Elder on Call**

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

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

**Fellowship Luncheon.** Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service today for a covered dish meal.

**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.

**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.** February 13, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at church, we will have our first youth movie night. We'll be watching "the Count of Monte Cristo" and discussing it afterward. Pizza and drinks will be served. Bring your friends!

**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: \$ 6,109.00  
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 6,216.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 220,293.00  
Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 275,566.00

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## *Ongoing Needs*

### Physical Healing

- **John and Janet Stalmach** Feb 10<sup>th</sup> procedure to locate source of primary site of cancer at MD Anderson Hospital
- **Melodi Sigler** Melodi's cousin Tanya for strength, courage, faith; wisdom for her doctors at MD Anderson.
- **Tim Mulder** surgery to repair tendon
- **Laura Miller and family** Laura's upcoming doctor visits and treatment in Dallas February 12<sup>th</sup>
- **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 knee issues appt with surgeon
- **From the Cabrera Family** for a home to rent before their baby is born.
- **From Judy Arvin** her son-in-law Mike who has Prostate cancer and mother Dorothy healing from Brochitis.
- **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** for her uncle Ron end of stage cancer 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.
- **Leah Richter MacKichan** – for sustaining of health

### 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 and Peyton and Hailey

### 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** for Claudia and Jerry and Gordon's mother Betty direction and clarity facing decisions.
- **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** –Community Bible Study and other systematic Bible Study groups. Praise for God's sovereign care.

### *Answered Prayers*

- **Tim Mulder** praise for healing finger from the cut
- **Tena Beanland's brother-in-law Gary** successful 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.