

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

April 26, 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
Sing praise sing praise

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

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 34:1-3

*Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.*

**Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

Congregation: And let us exalt his name together!

*SONG of ADORATION

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?"

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.

***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.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION of FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. *
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, **
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

Minister: *Why does the Creed add, "He descended into hell"?*

Congregation: **That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured,
and wholly comfort myself in this,
that my Lord Jesus Christ,
by his inexpressible anguish, pains,
terrors, and hellish agonies,
in which he was plunged during all his sufferings,
but especially on the cross,
has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell.**

Heidelberg Catechism #44

* We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross. After His death, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

** "catholic" means universal, so we are affirming the unity of the church throughout the world in all ages.

CONFESSION of SIN

from Daniel 9

Minister: I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

**Congregation: O Lord, the great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant of love
with all who love Him and obey His commands,
we have sinned and done wrong.
We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from Your commands and laws.**

**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him;
we have not obeyed the Lord our God
or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.**

**Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
For Your sake, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 3:21-25

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

SONG of RENEWAL

Come As You Are

Words and Music: Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

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.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Ben Hailey, RUF Texas A&M
www.aggieruf.org

**"We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer."
– Wesley Duewel**

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

*SONG of CELEBRATION

Just As I Am

Words: Charlotte Elliott Music: Bobby Guy and Craig Brown

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words by William Cowper, 1774 Music by 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.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

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

***BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:13

Minister:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope

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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WORSHIP GUIDE

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper (pronounced like “Cooper”) was one of England’s most accomplished 18th century poets. In fact, his poem “Pity for Poor Africans” was a useful tool in the efforts of John Newton and William Wilberforce to combat the practice of slavery. However, he is best known as a hymn writer who struggled mightily with depression.

Cowper endured tragedies throughout his life. His mother died when he was just 6 years old. He was raised by his father, who sent William off to a boarding school. A law career followed, and eventually he was appointed to be a clerk in Parliament. Cowper was terrorized at the thought of the required public examination. It led him to a mental breakdown as well as several failed suicide attempts, and he was eventually admitted to a mental institution.

While there William met Dr. Nathaniel Cotton, a strong Christian who cared for this new patient. Cowper thought he was doomed to face the wrath of God. Yet the Lord revealed Himself through the ministry of Dr. Cotton and the words of a Bible that he “happened to” find on a park bench. Cowper remained hospitalized 12 more months and was nourished spiritually.

Upon William’s discharge he moved in with the Unwin family. Mr. Unwin was suddenly killed in an accident, and a local pastor named John Newton began to minister to the family. Soon Newton became the most influential person in Cowper’s life. They developed a close relationship, and Newton grew to appreciate Cowper’s writing ability.

They worked together to write hymns for their church, and their collaboration resulted in Newton’s “Amazing Grace,” “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds,” and “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.” Cowper’s contributions included “There is a Fountain Filled With Blood” and “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” which we sing this morning. Cowper would be amazed to know that God’s people have been richly blessed for centuries through words which were the result of the many tragedies in his life.

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, April 26 - Saturday, May 2, 2015

Elder on Call

Rob Sigler	April 26 – May 2	Ed Arvin	May 3 – 9
Gordon Landreth	May 10 – 16	Johnny Cotten	May 17 – 23

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Catfish Charlie's, 5830 Mc Arde following worship service.

Vacation Bible School. June 28-July 1 (Sunday-Wednesday) evenings. At our Southside VBS we are going to have a Super Summer while we look at Super Heroes of the Bible. Have the whole family put on their capes and get ready to fly in to our evening VBS program. Please contact Arianne Stroud or Meredith Hood to find out how you can use your super powers to be involved!

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

“Colossians” 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 or Emily Weaver.

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.

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 and Linda Landreth.

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**

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 and Gordon Landreth.**

Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Leadership Paul & Laura Miller, and Intern: Ben & Kirstin Spivey.

Financial Update

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