

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

Easter April 5, 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

The Strife Is Over, the Battle Done

The strife is over, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Easter Greeting

Minister: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: It is fitting and right to do so.

***SONG of ADORATION**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Samuel Arnold

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once our souls to save alleluia
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

***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

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)

**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

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

SONG of RENEWAL

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

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.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Southwest Church Planting Network, Dallas TX
www.plantchurch.org

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: American folk tune

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 2

By Grace Through Faith

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

One in Christ

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands – ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*SONG of RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music: Stuart Townsend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Christ's Institution

*Minister: Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All are invited to the table together whether eating and drinking or not. There are prayers on the back of the bulletin to assist you in praying, particularly if the Christian faith is new or unknown to you. Elders are also available to pray with for any and all persons here.

Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine or juice, they may indicate clearly to the server by clasping their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.

If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.

Two elders are available to you for prayer at the back of the Sanctuary.

Serving of the Elements *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)*

*SONG of CELEBRATION

How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and 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

*Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

This historic anthem was written in 1739 by Charles Wesley a year after his dramatic conversion to Christianity. Wesley wrote it for the first worship service to be held in the Foundry Meeting House, which was previously a deserted iron factory in London.

It was originally named "Hymn for Easter Day" and consisted of eleven verses. Wesley's version did not contain the alleluias at the end of each line. For centuries it has been associated with the tune "Easter Hymn," but that was not the music Wesley originally used with it.

The tune, "Easter Hymn," whose author is unknown, first appeared in in the book *Lyra Davidica* (The Harp of David). This collection from 1708 contained hymns and songs which were mostly translated from German.

Years later, an unnamed editor joined "Easter Hymn" to Wesley's text. He had to add the Alleluias at the end of each line to make it fit the tune. One of the most famous hymns in the Christian church is the culmination of three talented people who likely never knew each other.

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 5 - Saturday, April 11, 2015

Elder on Call

Ed Arvin	April 5 – 11	Gordon Landreth	April 12 – 18
Johnny Cotten	April 19 – 25	Rob Sigler	April 26 – May 2

Ron and Elsie Stubing would like to express their appreciation for all your prayers and personal visits during his recent hospital stay.

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at TGI Friday's 5217 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

Baby Shower for Veronica Cabrera Saturday, April 18th 3-5pm at Southside. Veronica is registered at Target.

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 at arianneestelle@yahoo.com or 210.705.9943 or Meredith Hood at meredithhood730@yahoo.com or 361.232.1364 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 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**.

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.

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**

The Women's Noon Fellowship will meet next at the home of Jean Cotten at 8206 Seashore Drive at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 21st. We will be on Chapter 10 in our study guide on the book of Judges. It will be on Chapter 16 in Judges in the Bible. All ladies in the church are invited to come. Bring a sandwich and join us for food, study and fellowship.

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: \$ 28,711.00.

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 259,520.00

Budget Month-to-Date \$ 26,935.00

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