

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**May 10, 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

**He Is Exalted**

Words and Music: 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  
He is exalted  
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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 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**

#### **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

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
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

\*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)*

**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

*1 Peter 3:18*

For 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

### **Lord, I Need You**

Words and Music: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill and Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
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**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.*

**BARNABAS MERCY FUND OFFERING**

**MISSION OF THE WEEK**

Kris and Paula Lundgaard  
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"The man or woman at home who prays often has as much to do with the effectiveness of the missionary on the field, and consequently with the results of his or her labors, as the missionary."

- R.A. Torrey

**PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING OF OFFERINGS**

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

\*SONG of CELEBRATION

**Isaiah 43**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God  
(I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God  
(I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God  
(I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior

For I am the Lord your God  
(I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear) I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear) I am the Lord (do not fear)

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

#### Unity in the Body of Christ

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Words and Music: Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness o God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

**\*BENEDICTION**

Psalm 29:11

*Minister: May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with 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

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### I Raise My Ebenezer

When singing Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, many have wondered what is meant by “Here I raise my Ebenezer.” The story comes from 1 Samuel, where Israel had become corrupt and turned away from the Lord. In chapter 4, they formed an army and marched off to battle against their enemies the Philistines. The Israelites were defeated, and gathered back at their camp.

They wondered why the Lord had abandoned them. They neglected the obvious answer – that they were an abomination to Him. They went back into battle, this time carrying the ark of the covenant at a site called Ebenezer. They assumed the Lord would be with them, but were horribly wrong. They were routed by the Philistines, who also captured the ark. The presence of God left Israel.

The Lord made it very apparent to the Philistines that things would not go well for them if they kept the ark, so they returned it to Israel. God’s people did not know what to do with it, so the ark sat there for 20 years while the Philistines continued to oppress the Israelites.

By that time, the Lord had raised up Samuel to guide Israel. He led his people in a time of repentance, confession, fasting, and worship. The Philistines decided to attack again. The Israelites were fearful, and asked Samuel to cry out to God on their behalf. They knew they needed a mediator. Samuel sacrificed a lamb, and pleaded with God for help.

The Lord thundered against the Philistines, who were struck down by the Israelites. In 1 Samuel 7:12 we read, *“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, ‘Till now the LORD has helped us.’”*

Ebenezer means “Stone of Help,” and refers to God being our refuge and strength. The Lord allowed the Israelites to have a great victory over the same enemy that crushed them earlier, allowing them to see the different results which come from presumption vs. repentance.

## *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, May 10 - Saturday, May 16, 2015

### Elder on Call

Gordon Landreth	May 10 – 16	Johnny Cotten	May 17 – 23
Rob Sigler	May 24 – May 30	Ed Arvin	May 31 – June 6

### 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.

**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

“Preparing a Personal Testimony” led by Greg Hood

### 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

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 6,276.00

Budget Month-to-Date \$ 5,929.00

Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 25,246.00

Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 31,662.00

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