

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

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

May 24, 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

In God, boundless wisdom and endless power are united and this makes Him utterly worthy of our fullest trust.

- JI Packer, *Knowing God*

I Love You Lord

Words and Music: Laurie Klein

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16:8-25

*Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**Congregation: Sing to him; sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wondrous works!**

*Minister: Glory in his holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**Congregation: Seek the LORD and his strength;
Seek his presence continually!**

*Minister: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples!*

**Congregation: For great is the LORD,
And greatly to be praised!**

*SONG of ADORATION

A Mighty Fortress

Words and Music by Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION of FAITH

Minister: *What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

Congregation: **That I belong - body and soul,
in life and in death -
not to myself
but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who at the cost of His own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
that He protects me so well that
without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

- The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

**Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto mankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

SONG of RENEWAL

Jesus, I Come

Words: William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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

Tim & Cheri Hoke, African Bible University, Uganda
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"If the Great Commission is true,
our plans are not too big;
they are too small."

– Pat Morley

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

There is a Fountain

Darwin Jordan Music

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath the flood
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath the flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 7:37-39

"Hope"

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*SONG of RESPONSE

The Wonderful Cross

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, and Lowell Mason

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

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

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

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
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All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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's wisdom is not and never was pledged to keep a fallen world happy or to make ungodliness comfortable. Not even to Christians has He promised a trouble free life. Rather the reverse. He has other ends in view for life in this world than simply to make it easy for everyone.

His purpose was that we should love and honor Him, praising Him for the wonderfully ordered complexity and variety of his world, using it according to His will and so enjoying both it and Him.

People rejoicing in the saving love of God, set upon them from all eternity, and God rejoicing in the responsive love of people drawn out from them by the grace through the gospel. This will be God's glory and our glory too in ever since which that weighty word can bear.

Jl Packer, *Knowing God*

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 23 - Saturday, May 30, 2015

Elder on Call

Rob Sigler	May 24 – May 30	Ed Arvin	May 31 – June 6
Gordon Landreth	June 7 – 13	Johnny Cotten	June 14 – 20

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Catfish Charlie’s, 5830Mc Ardle Road following worship service.

Bridal Shower for Haley Borota. Ladies please join us Sunday, May 31st 3-5pm. We’re gathering in the home of Melodi Sigler. Haley is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond. Also, bring a broach that can be added to her bridal bouquet!

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! Families be on the lookout for further information and enrollment forms.

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 Coordinator and Volunteers Needed- Would you consider serving? Please contact the church office if you are able and interested in more information and volunteering.

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.

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

Financial Update

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 13,698.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 32,668.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 17,787.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 41,503.00

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