

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

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

May 31, 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

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.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joacim Neander Music: Traditional German Melody

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

*(*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**

Holy is the Lord

Words: Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

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We bow down and worship Him now how great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty the earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
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The earth is filled with His glory

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION of FAITH

Minister: *What is true faith?*

Congregation: **True faith is not only a sure knowledge
by which I hold as true
all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;
it is also a wholehearted trust,
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,
that God has freely granted,
not only to others but also to me,
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.
These are gifts of sheer grace,
granted solely by Christ's merit.**

- The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 21

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature -
prone to evil and slothful in good -
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
who are ashamed and sorry for all we've done to displease You.
Teach us to hate our errors,
cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.
Send Your purifying grace into our hearts,
that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Psalm 34:17-18, 22

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Blessed Assurance

Words and Music: Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

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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.

MISSION OF THE WEEK

Dan & Becky Young
www.mtw.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/PrayerCards/YoungDan.PC.PDF

Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.

- Charles Spurgeon

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

In Christ Alone

Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 4:25-32

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

*SONG of RESPONSE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Samuel Stennett Music: Christopher Miner

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

***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

In Christ Alone

When Keith Getty and Stuart Townend penned the words to the popular hymn “In Christ Alone,” they had no idea that they were stepping into a theological controversy. It stems from the line, “Till on that cross as Jesus died/the wrath of God was satisfied.” The PCUSA (the denomination from which the PCA split) has a big issue with that terminology. They requested that the writers change the words to “the love of God was magnified.” When Getty and Townend insisted on keeping the original language, the denomination left the popular song out of their most recent hymnal which was being compiled at the time.

What is it about these words which cause so much angst? For one, words simply cannot describe the work of Christ on the cross. Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, says “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and that this event involved his purposeful “handing over” and “delivering up” of his Son to a cursed-filled death at the Skull Place outside the gates of Jerusalem.” Isaiah 53:4-5 says of our Lord, “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

Using a common term like “wrath” and associating it with God can naturally bring with it some unwanted connotations. For example, we could think of Him throwing a temper tantrum when things don’t go His way. But as Dr. George says, “God’s ways are not our ways, and God’s wrath is not like our wrath.”

He continues, “The full New Testament teaching about the cross involves both expiation, which means providing a covering for sin, and propitiation, which means averting divine judgment.” That is why we must use terms like “the wrath of God” on the cross, and why Getty and Townend insisted on keeping those powerful lyrics in their great hymn.

Dr. George’s discussion can be found here:

www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2013/07/no-squishy-love

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 31 - Saturday, June 6, 2015

Elder on Call

Ed Arvin	May 31 – June 6	Gordon Landreth	June 7 – 13
Johnny Cotten	June 14 – 20	Rob Sigler	June 21 – 27

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Corner Bakery, 4938 South Staples #D12 following worship service.

Bridal Shower for Haley Borota. Ladies please join us today 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: \$ 15,718.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 23,716.00

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