

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

May 3, 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

Come, O Redeemer Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy
Ancient eternal Light, hear our prayer

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 100:1-5

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Minister: It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*SONG of ADORATION

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Words and Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

*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

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister: *Who is Jesus, and what does He do?*

Congregation: **He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For by Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
And He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

CONFESSION of SIN

from Psalm 51

(please, pray the following in unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God,
According to Your steadfast love;
According to Your abundant mercy.
Blot out our transgressions!
We know our sin too well;
It is painful to us, and offensive to You.
Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ,
Ever seated at Your right hand.
And to You be all glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever. Amen**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Psalm 103:7-8

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is full redemption. And He will redeem His people from all their sins.

SONG of RENEWAL

There is a Redeemer

Words and Music: Melody Green-Sievrigh

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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

Ben & Kirstin Spivey
RUF Intern Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Prayer is the way you defeat the devil, reach the lost, restore a backslider, strengthen the saints, send missionaries out, cure the sick, accomplish the impossible, and know the will of God.

– David Jeremiah

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

Be Thou My Vision

Words and Music: Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*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

Jesus, Messiah

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

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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**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Jude 24-25

Minister:

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

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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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*

WORSHIP GUIDE

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou My Vision was written by an 8th Century Irish monk named Dallan Forgaill. His words were a tribute to St. Patrick, the missionary to Ireland.

Patrick was born in Britain, the son of wealthy parents. He was raised in a Roman villa surrounded by barbarians. The Roman army had departed from Britain a few years earlier to defend their homeland, and there was nobody left to protect the people. Raiders kidnapped Patrick and many others, and he was sold into slavery in Ireland.

Although he had been raised in a Christian home, it was not until Patrick was alone in a foreign land that he sought the Lord. He was a shepherd for his new master, and during that time he came to know the true Shepherd. The harsh conditions did not stop Patrick from loving and serving the Lord Jesus. After six years of slavery, he made a brave escape and returned to his family in Britain.

Soon afterwards, Patrick had a dream in which the people of Ireland called to him, "We beg you, holy youth, that you shall come and shall walk again among us." Much to his family's chagrin, he decided to return to Ireland as a missionary to the very people who enslaved him.

Patrick studied for the ministry and left for Ireland to proclaim the gospel. His assignment was to minister to the Christians there, but he could not resist reaching out to the barbarians. He insisted on evangelizing the lost, in a way that let the Irish keep their culture at the same time. This drew the ire of his superiors, but endeared him to the Irish. He sought to make Christians, not Romans.

Patrick is the first western missionary we know of who went outside the Roman Empire. His influence on the Christian world was immeasurable. In a 30 year period it is estimated he and his followers planted over 200 churches and baptized tens of thousands of new believers. (And those are the conservative estimates!!) He was driven by a single hearted devotion to Christ, which Dallan Forgaill so wonderfully captures in the words of this great hymn.

Sunday, May 3 - Saturday, May 9, 2015

Elder on Call

Ed Arvin	May 3 – 9	Gordon Landreth	May 10 – 16
Johnny Cotten	May 17 – 23	Rob Sigler	May 24 – May 30

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Wallbanger’s, 4102 South Staples 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 at 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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