

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**

for the  
**Glory of God  
and the**

**Renewal of His People**

**September 20, 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

Sanctification, in its place and proportion, is quite as important as justification. Sound protestant and evangelical doctrine is useless if it is not accompanied by a holy life. It is worse than useless: it does positive harm. It is despised by keen-sighted and shrewd men of the world, as an unreal and hollow thing, and brings religion into contempt.

J.C. Ryle, "Holiness"

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

From Psalm 118

*Minister:* *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**Congregation:** **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Minister:* *The LORD is God,  
And He has made His light to shine upon us.*

**Congregation:** **The LORD is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.**

*Minister:* *You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;  
You are my God; I will extol You.*

**Congregation:** **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
For His steadfast love endures forever!**

\*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.

\*PRAYER of INVOCATION

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

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### CONFESSION of FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 5, 102, 122*

*Minister:* *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

**Congregation:** **The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

*Minister:* *What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God?*

**Congregation:** **The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God, is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.**

*Minister:* *What is the sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man?*

**Congregation:** **The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do to others what we would have them do to us.**

## 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 130:7-8*

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 iniquities.

SONG of RENEWAL

**Come As You Are**

Words and Music: Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

## **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**

Kris & Paula Lundgaard (Slovakia)  
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"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose"

Jim Elliot

## **PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS**

## **GIVING of OFFERINGS**

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

\*SONG of CELEBRATION

**Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Words: John Newton Music: Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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

Ephesians 6:10-20

#### **The Whole Armor of God**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## On Christ the Solid Rock

Words and Music: Edward Mote and William R. Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Psalm 29:11*

**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 REFLECTION

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### **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*

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God has been called “The Battle Hymn of the Reformation.” This song was written by the great German reformer Martin Luther. It embodies the character of its author in its words and tune... bold, confident, defiant in the face of opposition.

Based on Psalm 46, the hymn is a celebration of the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in Him because of Christ. After its publication, it gained immense popularity throughout Europe.

It was most likely written in October 1527 as a plague was approaching. This was during the period of his exile and during the time Luther was translating the Old Testament. Modern scholars believe that Luther wrote the tune himself. (They say the story that the tune came from a tavern song is the result of a misunderstanding of German musical terminology.)

There have been many attempts to translate the hymn into English. The most popular is the tune we know as A Mighty Fortress is Our God, translated by Frederic Henry Hedge in 1853.

## **MISSIONARIES and MISSIONS**

Judy Arvin	Navigators NAS Corpus Christi
Brenda Carter	Mission to the World - Taiwan
Bojan & Julia Dragicevic	RUF International University of Texas in Austin
Ben & Beth Hailey	RUF Texas A&M College Station
Tim & Cheri Hoke	African Bible College - Uganda
Tim & Kristy Holliday	Mission to the World – Border Ministries
Greg & Sarah Hood	Reach Ministries
Kris & Paula Lundgaard	Mission to the World – Slovakia
John & Stefanie Bennett	RUF Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Michael & Rachel Novak	RUF Trinity University
Jason & Sarah Pickard	RUF International Texas A&M College Station
Khen & Rith Tombing	Presbytery Missions International – India
Dan & Becky Young	Mission to the World – Border Ministries

Corpus Christi Pregnancy Resource Center  
Covenant College  
Covenant Theological Seminary  
Presbytery Church in America Administrative Committee  
South Texas Presbytery Operating Budget and Isaias Uc  
Southwest Church Planting Network

**Sunday, September 20, - Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**Elder on Call**

Ed Arvin	Sept 20 – 26	Gordon Landreth	Sept 27 – Oct 3
Johnny Cotten	Oct 4 – 10	Rob Sigler	Oct 11 – 17

**Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve**

**Lunch Bunch.** All are invited to lunch bunch at Corner Bakery 4938 South Staples Street following worship service.

**RUF Parents Night Out.** Friday, September 25 6-10 pm at Southside Community Church. \$20 for the first child and \$5 each additional. Snacks will be provided. All proceeds help RUF students attend Fall Conference.

**Friday Prayer Meeting.** Everyone is invited to gather Fridays at 2:00 pm for a dedicated time of prayer.

**Christian Education.** For children, youth and adults. Starts at 9:30 AM.

<b>Children</b> Led by Meg Hale, Meredith Hood, and Emily Taylor	<b>Every Story Whispers His Name</b>	<b>Rooms 5 and 7</b>
<b>Youth/College</b> Led by Tim Mulder	<b>The Prodigal God</b>	<b>Room 13</b>
<b>Adult</b> Led by Rob Bailey, Bruce Schueneman, and Greg Hood	<b>How We Live – Disciplines of the Christian Life</b>	<b>Room 31</b>

**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.** Gathers weekly Tuesdays 7:00 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda Street. All ladies are invited to join us for a time of sharing and prayer. Contacts are Jean Newberry and Linda Landreth.

**The Women's Noon Fellowship** will be meeting one week earlier in October...on the 13th instead of the 20th. We will meet at the home of Andy Beaver, (Harbor Place) at 12:00 noon on the 13th. We will be studying Chapter 2 in the study "Becoming a Woman Whose God is enough". We have a video which goes with it and helps the study. All women in the church are invited to join us. Just bring a sandwich (or something) for your lunch. Dessert will be furnished.

**Women’s Study** Thursday mornings 10:00 am at the church. Childcare is provided. They are studying “*Treasures of Encouragement*” by Sharon Betters which will enhance the women’s ministry to hurting people.

**Men’s Ministry**

**Men’s Study. Derek Thomas’ “How the Gospel Bring Us All The Way Home.”** They meet weekly Tuesdays 6:30 am at Town and Country Café, 4228 South Alameda. Contacts are Bill Newberry and Gordon Landreth.

**Reformed University Fellowship – Texas A&M Corpus Christi**

Leadership: John and Stefanie Bennett

**Financial Update**

Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 8,135.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 110,995.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 11,876.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 136,571.00

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