

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

September 27, 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

O God You Are My God (Step by Step)

Words and Music: Beaker and Rich Mullins

Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
And I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 105:1-3

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;

Congregation: Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Minister: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him!

Congregation: Tell of all His wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in His holy name;

Congregation: Let the hearts of those who seek Him rejoice!

***SONG of ADORATION**

Holy Holy Holy

Words and Music: John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who wert and art
And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION of FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 11, 16, 18

Minister: Is God merciful?

Congregation: God is indeed merciful, but He is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe punishment of body and soul. God demands that His justice be satisfied. Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.

Minister: Why must our mediator be a true & righteous man?

Congregation: He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

Minister: But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

Congregation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

CONFESSION of SIN

(please, pray the following in unison)

Heavenly Father, You are good beyond all thought,
but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind.
My lips are ready to confess,
but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.
I bring my soul to you;
break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.
Unmask me to sin's deformity,
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,
the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,
the calm dignity to the walk which it calls,
yet daily I violate and condemn its precepts.
All these sins I mourn, lament,
and for them cry pardon.
Grant that through the tears of repentance
I may see more clearly the glories of the saving cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

SONG of RENEWAL

Come Ye Sinners

Words: Joseph Hart Music: Matthew Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able
He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

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

Southwest Church Planting Network
plantchurch.org

"We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer."

Wesley Duewel

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

Please contact Tammy at the church office for prayer needs and updates.

*SONG of CELEBRATION

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 6:10-20

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

○ the wonderful cross
○ the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
○ the wonderful cross
○ 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

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

***BENEDICTION**

Jude 24-25

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

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber was born in England in 1783. He attended Oxford University, where he was a standout student. One of his accomplishments was winning the University's Bachelor's Prize for an English prose essay.

A few years after graduation he was ordained in the Anglican church and served for sixteen years in an obscure parish in western England. Not only was he well known for his Christian character, he was also a highly respected author of poems and hymns.

Heber took great interest in the work of foreign missions. In 1823 he moved to India to serve as the Bishop of Calcutta. Heber took great interest in the Indians and their culture, and made many friends. Three years later, after preaching on a hot day in the village of Trichinopoly, Heber jumped into a bath to cool off. He suffered a stroke and suddenly died. He was 43 years old. He was so popular in Calcutta that flags were flown at half-mast in his honor.

His widow Amelia was looking through his possessions and found the 57 hymns he authored, including the words to one of the most powerful hymns ever written, Holy, Holy, Holy. It highlights the triune nature of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It was written for liturgical use on Trinity Sunday, which occurs 8 weeks after Easter.

In 1861, Dr. John B. Dykes composed a tune specifically for these words. He named the tune Nicaea in honor of the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, where the doctrine of the Trinity was examined and affirmed to be the orthodox view of the Christian faith. Specifically, the Council declared that Jesus Christ is truly God, co-eternal with the Father, and of the same substance.

The Council expressed these views in a statement of faith which we call the Nicene Creed. The Divine nature of the Second Person of the Trinity was emphasized with phrases such as: "God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made." Those statements were a direct refutation of Arius who taught that the Son of God was not eternal but created by the Father.

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 27, - Saturday, October 3, 2015

Elder on Call

Gordon Landreth	Sept 27 – Oct 3	Johnny Cotten	Oct 4 – 10
Rob Sigler	Oct 11 – 17	Ed Arvin	Oct 18 – 24

Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve

Lunch Bunch. All are invited to lunch bunch at Outback Steakhouse located at 4221 South Padre Island Drive following worship service.

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.

Children Led by Meg Hale, Meredith Hood, and Emily Taylor	Every Story Whispers His Name	Rooms 5 and 7
Youth/College Led by Tim Mulder	The Prodigal God	Room 13
Adult Led by Rob Bailey, Bruce Schueneman, and Greg Hood	How We Live – Disciplines of the Christian Life	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 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. 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 9:30 – 11:00 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: \$ 11,354.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$ 114,034.00
Budget Month-to-Date \$ 17,814.00	Budget Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 142,209.00

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