

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

January 13, 2019



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...

GATHERING SONG

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord we will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the inside of the back page)

Information Cards. Please take a moment to fill out the information card in your bulletin, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, place your card in offering tray as it passes or on your seat after the service.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

Congregation: And let us exalt His name together!

***SONG of ADORATION**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

Words: Joachim 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;
Join me 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 thy desires e'er 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 will 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-e'er we adore Him.

* PRAYER of INVOCATION

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

*CONFESSIOIN of FAITH

Philippians 2:6-11

Minister:

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus

Congregation:

**Though He was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but made Himself nothing,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father." Amen.**

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.
Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.
Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;
Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty
thy glory in my valley.

ASSURANCE of PARDON for BELIEVERS

Isaiah 55:6-7

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

SONG of RENEWAL

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)
O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (*Live alone by mercy*)
And live alone by mercy (*Live alone by mercy*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (*Wait for it with patience*)
I wait for it with patience (*Wait for it with patience*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (*All their sin and sorrow*)
From all their sin and sorrow (*All their sin and sorrow*)

PRAYER of COMMITAL for our OFFERINGS

Giving Month-to-Date:	\$ 12,068.00	Giving Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 254,198.00
Goal Month-to-Date:	\$ 6,000.00	Goal Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$ 246,000.00
Mortgage Reduction Principal Gifts from December:	\$ 3,408.00		

GIVING of OFFERINGS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-22 (page 917-918)

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

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

Abide with Me

Words: Henry Lyte, 1847 Music: Justin Smith

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

John 20:1-18 (page 906)

*SONG of RESPONSE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Hymn #277)

Words and Music: Charles Wesley and Samuel Arnold

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 available to pray with you.

Feel free to bring children forward even if they are not partaking of the elements.

If you are physically unable to come forward but wish to partake, servers will bring the elements to you.

Serving of the Elements

(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)

***SONG of CELEBRATION**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Romans 1:7

Congregation: **(Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

***GREETING**

***FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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HYMN STORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

This historic anthem was written in 1739 by Charles Wesley a year after his dramatic conversion to Christianity. Wesley wrote it for the first worship service to be held in the Foundry Meeting House, which was previously a deserted iron factory in London.

It was originally named "Hymn for Easter Day" and contained 11 verses. Wesley's version did not contain the Alleluias at the end of each line. For centuries it has been associated with the tune "Easter Hymn," but that was not the music Wesley originally used with it.

The tune "Easter Hymn" first appeared in 1708 in the book Lyra Davidica (The Harp of David). History does not record who wrote the tune. Years later, an editor joined "Easter Hymn" to Wesley's words. He had to add the Alleluias at the end of each line to make it fit. One of the most famous hymns in the Christian church was the culmination of three talented people who likely never knew each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 13

Today – Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering and Fellowship Luncheon. The Barnabas Mercy Fund Offering is used to help with needs among our congregation's members and acquaintances. Envelopes have been placed in your Worship Bulletin. Everyone is invited to stay after Worship Service for our monthly fellowship Luncheon. This is an RUF fundraiser, serving brisket, sides, and cookies. Cost \$7 per plate, \$20 for families.

This Evening 6:00pm Sunday Night Fellowship. Join us for singing, prayer, a Bible lesson, and fellowship

Winter Christian Education Quarter.

Ladies' class offering:

"Contentment" A video series and discussion about finding our true joy in the Lord.

Youth and Adults class offering:

"Questions People Ask" The most common questions your non-Christian friends have about Christianity.

Elementary Class Offering:

Continuing with their current curriculum

If you're interested in teaching elementary age or youth Christian Education classes please see Rob.

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