

**ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**Wednesday Chapel Worship, 7 pm, April 22, 2026**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*"I love the Lord, because he heard my voice;  
because he listened when I cried out to him." (Psalm 116:1-2a)*

**That is not ancient history. That is testimony.**

**A voice called out in the deep and found that God was already there.**

The Lord is gracious and righteous. When we were brought low, he saved us.

**Come – with your gratitude, with your need.**

**Come and worship the God who bends down to listen.**

CENTERING SONG

**"I Love the Lord"**

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, we come tonight with full hearts; full of gratitude for what you have done, and full of need for what only you can do. We have known the cords of death. We have cried out – O Lord, save me – and sometimes it was hard to believe anyone was listening. But you were listening. You incline your ear to us, and that changes everything. We offer what you ask: our lifted cup, our spoken vow, our presence in your courts tonight. Teach us the meekness of those who know they have been saved: grateful, unhurried, willing to be known. In the name of Jesus, our Passover and our peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

SUNG PSALM

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

I love the Lord, because He hears my voice; He hears the cry for mercy which I give.  
Because He turned His ear to answer me, I'll call upon Him as long as I live.

The cords of death ensnared, entangled me; the grave's dark anguish, sorrow like a sea.  
Then I called on the name of God the Lord: "O Lord, come rescue and deliver me!"

What shall I render, then unto the Lord, for all His goodness, and His love to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Lord's name earnestly.

I will fulfill my vows unto the Lord; May it be in the presence of His saints.  
For precious in the sight of God the Lord is e'en the death of all His faithful saints.

O Lord, because I am Your servant sure,  
You've loosed my chains, the son of Your handmaid.  
I'll sacrifice a thank offering to You, And call upon the Lord's name unafraid.

I will fulfill my vows unto the Lord within the presence of His folk abroad;  
Within the courts of the house of the Lord—In your midst, O Jerus'lem. Praise the Lord!

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF PRAISE

**"Gratitude"**

All my words fall short, I got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude?  
I could sing these songs as I often do, but ev'ry song must end and You never do

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again.  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.

I've got one response, I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again.  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.

Oh, come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me.  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of the lungs.  
Get up and praise the Lord. (2x)

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again.  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

## CHARGE & BLESSING

Go now, and let your life be your vow.

**You have been heard. You have been saved.**

**The Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints –  
which means your life, every ordinary day of it,  
is precious to him too.

**Go in gratitude. Go in peace.**

**And may the God who bent down to hear you  
walk closely with you all the way home.**

## CLOSING & THE PEACE

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Leaders in tonight's worship: Becky Hope & Lisa DeHaven

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### ***Prayers for use at home this week:***

**Morning** – Lord, you heard me when I cried out. You hear me now. I lift my cup to you; not because I have it all together, but because you have been good to me and I do not want to forget it. When anguish creeps in, let me call out and trust that you are already listening. I am yours. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Evening** – Lord God, the day is done and I am still yours. You dealt bountifully with me today. I want to name that before I sleep. To count it. To say thank you. And where the day was hard; I trust that you were listening even then. You always are. I will pay my vows to you, O Lord, in the ordinary courts of my ordinary life. Keep me through the night. I am yours. Amen.



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Psalm 116:1-2

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