

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI
Wednesday Chapel Worship, 7 pm, September 9, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP

We know what time it is. It is time to wake from our sleep.

The night is far gone. The day is near.

Twenty-five years ago this week, the world changed in a morning.

We have not forgotten. And we have learned
that the answer to darkness is not more darkness.

Where two or three gather in Jesus' name, God is here. Let us worship.

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory" OGRP #45

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives, that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!

PRAYER

Holy God, you call us to be sentinels, willing to say something when something needs to be said. We have held our tongues when courage was needed, noticed the speck in our neighbor's eye while ignoring the log in our own. And we confess what this week stirs: grief that does not fully heal, shock that still flares, twenty-five years on. *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.* Open our hearts, pour out your grace and let it overflow into the lives of others. Make us sentinels of your love, willing to confront evil when we see it, especially when we find it in ourselves. Let your church be a living sign of your perfecting love for all the world. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE

Say Something!

SONG

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" OGRP #442

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OGRP #700

SONG OF GOING FORTH

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" OGRP #405

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go now, and say something. When the moment comes,
when someone needs a sentinel, and you are the one standing there...

Say something.

Jesus promises he will be with you whenever two or three gather in his name.

You are not speaking alone.

Go this week with grace: Grateful for the living. Tender toward the grieving.

Committed to the Christ-like love

that is the only answer to what divides us.

**May God give you courage to speak, wisdom to listen,
and a heart big enough to forgive as you have been forgiven.**

CLOSING & THE PEACE

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Leaders in tonight's worship: Brad & Lisa DeHaven

*"God of Grace and God of Glory" text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1930*

*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966, Oxford University Press*

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" text: John Fawcett, 1782*

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Prayers for use at home this week:

Morning – Lord God, this is a morning near a solemn anniversary in a world that still hurts. Make me a sentinel today: eyes to see, courage to speak. Where I carry old grudges not yet settled with grace, open my hands. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. I am thankful to be here. In the name of Jesus, our bright morning star. Amen.

Evening – Gracious God, this week carries weight. I remember what was lost. I am thankful for what remains. Where I spoke when I should have, thank you. Where I stayed silent, forgive me. Where I held a grudge instead of mercy, forgive me that too. Pour out your grace. Let it overflow. Let me be a living sign of your perfecting love. The night is far gone. The day is near. Lead me from death into life. Amen.



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