



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Julian Zugg *Stephen Kovach*
Miami International Seminary (MINTS)

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Samuel 12:24,*

*“Only fear the LORD
and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 118:1-4

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

All: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

Congregation

***How Firm a Foundation** (Hymn #94, verses 1-4 and 6)
(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* 1787, Traditional American Melody 1832)*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*God's law
reveals God's
righteous
requirement. We
confess our
failure to keep
God's law, and
joyfully receive
the good news
of what God has
done for us in
Christ.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, in love you have called us
to be conformed to your character and likeness,
that we may discern your will.

**People: Yet hearts so often reflect worldly priorities,
values, and interests.**

**Forgive us, Father, for not discerning what is good,
and acceptable, and perfect.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have conformed
to the pattern of this world
rather than to that of your holy will.
Grant that we would seek your perfect will
and hear now our silent prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chuck Dorau

Romans 5:18-19

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of
righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's
disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many
will be made righteous.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chuck Dorau

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

My Worth is Not in What I Own

(Getty, Kendrick)

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Adversaries, Affliction, and Apostolic Affection

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Hymn #465)

(Johnston, Towner)

*Having received
God's blessing,
we depart
blessing the
name of the
Lord*

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

Sermon Notes Adversaries, Affliction, and Apostolic Affection

May 3, 2020

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Prayer

Pray for Our Church

MOPS - Pray for the MOPS leaders and mentor moms as they plan their last two meetings of the year.
May the Holy Spirit use their efforts to bring moms and children into a closer relationship with God.

Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon & Virginia Faries - management of blood pressure & blood sugar, and increased strength; healing of respiratory issues

Chris Huard - peace and comfort following the passing of his father and salvation of his brothers

Rick & Jeanne Maddy - continued success with rehabilitation and complete healing of Jeanne's knee

Bill Steagall - complete healing and recovery following appendectomy

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Christian Cory, *Army, New York*

Shawn Maya, *Spring Fire Department*

Chris Dietz, *Navy Reserves, Kingsville, Texas*

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, *Samford University*

Jacob Kerr, *Texas A&M University*

Peter Achterkirch, *The Citadel*

Matthew Kooiman, *Olivet Nazarene University*

Ian Allan, *Calvin University*

Aaron Lewis, *Texas Tech University*

Zach Allan, *Tarleton State University*

Lauren Steagall, *University of Houston*

Austin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

AJ Tousha, *Lone Star College*

Justin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Naomi Tousha, *University of Houston*

Hannah Haaland, *Belhaven University*

Pray for Families and Friends

Paul & Arlene Rodney's friends, Dennis & Kay Thompson - perseverance and healing as they wait for critical heart surgery for Kay; for well-grounded certainty of their salvation

Pete Rivera's aunt, Lucas Santos (age 90) - recovery and strength following leg amputation (at the knee)

Rita Rivera's nephew, Steven, and sister, Juanita - PRAISE that Steven is home from the hospital. Pray for complete recovery, he is slightly responsive but has a long way to go. Pray for strength for Juanita as she cares for him.

Lee Joseph's wife, Carolyn - relief from nerve pain following elbow surgery

Margaret Gerrard's mother, Helen Beaulac (age 99) - complete healing & recovery from hip surgery

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - remission from cancer and healing from side effects of radiation

Saule Garcia's father, Zhorabay - healing and that his faith would increase

Spiritosanto's daughter, Rebecca Cooper - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), they are considering a kidney transplant

Emily Wykes' friend, Sydnee Stanley - healing from SPD which has her in a wheelchair during her pregnancy

Saule Garcia's aunt, Cecilia - healing from recurrence of cancer

Pray for our Missionary of the Month

Julian Zugg MINTS - see his prayer requests on the next page



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH May 2020

JULIAN ZUGG MIAMI INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY (MINTS)



MINTS trains pastors, Christian workers, and future leaders to reach their own people with the gospel. Working closely with Reformed denominations they create and translate Reformed materials into other languages. They work closely with the Reformed Presbyterian church in Malawi and the Reformed Church in Mozambique. **Julian Zugg** is the *International English Director* and teaches, writes, develops, and supports MINTS centers in eleven countries.

Pray for

- **Translation of curriculum into Russian** - SCPC has contributed monetarily to this project
- **MINTS Students** - that their work would be profitable.
- **Books** - there is a need for more books; pray that God will bless the men who read them.
- **Courses running in Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania** - that they will continue and be beneficial
- **Website and Database Tracking Projects** to come to completion

*In all things we **give thanks** that the Lord is extending His kingdom to the ends of the earth so the knowledge of the glory of the Lord is covering the earth.*

General Information

To our visitors: welcome! We're so glad you're here today.

- Stop by the Visitor's Center in the Narthex for a free gift!
- Please complete a connect/prayer card located in the pew in front of you.

If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

Parents of Young Children:

- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for mothers with infants.

Giving at SCPC:

We present our offerings as an act of worship, expressing our thankfulness for God's provision, our trust for God to meet all our needs, and our desire to be used of God for the furtherance of His kingdom on earth.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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