



*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, April 5, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

*Joe & Felicity Congdon  
Mission to the World, Tokyo, Japan*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

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

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*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on John 1:1,*

*"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God."*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: **The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

People: **He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.**

Leader: Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

People: **But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.**

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*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.*

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✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*O Worship the King* (Hymn #2, verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)  
(Grant, based on Psalm 104; Haydn)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*Matthew 17:5*

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, for your glory and our everlasting joy,  
you have commanded us to believe in your Son  
and to listen to him.

People: **Despite this, we often fail to rest fully in Him,  
or to treasure Him as supremely precious,  
and we regularly ignore or rebel  
against His authority to rule our lives.**

Leader: Father, we praise you that your grace and mercy far exceed our sin,  
otherwise we would perish forever.  
Inflame our faith in, and passion for, your only begotten Son -  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

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

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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*1 John 4:9-10*

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only  
Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that  
we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation  
for our sins.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

***Jesus Paid It All***  
(Hall, Grape, arr. Chapman)

*Congregation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Walk Worthily*

*Pastor Ben*

**✠SONG OF RESPONSE**

***Trust and Obey*** (Hymn #672)  
(Sammis, Towner)

*Congregation*

**✠BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✠SONG OF BLESSING**

***Gloria Patri*** (Hymn #735)  
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Saule Garcia*

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

## **Walk Worthily**

April 5, 2020

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12



## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

### April 2020


# JOE & FELICITY CONGDON ZOEY, JONAH & RAMONA MISSION TO THE WORLD



The **Congdons** serve with Mission to the World in Japan. They are currently on furlough in Houston, and are attending their sending church Grace Presbyterian in The Woodlands. They recently completed a season of service in Yokkaichi and are now raising funds for a new church plant in the Toyosu neighborhood of Tokyo.

#### Prayer points:

- **Healthy birth of Linus, expected any day** - Pray that the hospital would allow me in the delivery room with Felicity, as some hospitals in our area are no longer allowing visitors (including spouses).
- **MTW Tokyo Team** - The Saunders, Schafers and Henleys have been advised to self-quarantine, even though the Japanese government has yet to call for such an order. Corona cases continue to rise daily in Tokyo. Pray for the leaders in Tokyo to make wise decisions on behalf of the people against the spread of the virus.
- **Zoe, Jonah & Ramona** - Pray that they will adjust well to having a new little brother. And that the family would take advantage of this extra family time while they're in quarantine.
- **Church Plant in Tokyo** - It has become a very odd time for planting a new church, but the need in Tokyo is now greater than ever. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as to how we should alter our plans and strategy in light of COVID-19.

 You can find Joe and Felicity on Facebook.

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## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*Church Officers* - Pray for wisdom and discernment as they lead our church through this difficult time.

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

Reggie Corley - peace and comfort following the passing of his step-mom, Juanita

Virginia Faries - healing of respiratory issues

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

### **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**

Margaret Gerrard's mother, Helen Beaulac (age 99) - complete healing, recovery, and protection from infection following hip surgery

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - pray for protection and help with the side effects of radiation..

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

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

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

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

Patrick & Mindy Burton's daughter, Mackelle - pray for healing and wisdom regarding her treatment

Rita Rivera's nephew, Steven, and sister, Juanita - pray for Steven's complete healing following a car accident and peace and comfort for his mother Juanita.

Shelley Steagall's parents, Charles and Laura Parker - Pray for healing (Charles-pancreatitis and Laura-eye pain and optic nerve damage from shingles) and for wisdom for their medical teams.

### **Pray for our Missionary of the Month**

*Joe & Felicity Congdon, Mission to the World, Tokyo, Japan*

See bulletin insert for specific prayer requests.

## 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](http://springcypresschurch.com)

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### 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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give). **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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