



*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, August 2, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 46:10,*

*“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *Chuck Dorau*

Isaiah 40:10-11

Leader: Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

People: Behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;

All: He will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION *Chuck Dorau*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION *His Mercy is More* *Congregation*

(Boswell, Papa)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Chuck Dorau*

Leviticus 18:4-5

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am
the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules;
if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

✦ *Please stand if able*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, your rules and statutes are good,
and life to those who keep them.

People: **Yet we have feet that are quick to depart from your way,
and hands that are fast to work our own will.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed your rules,
nor kept your statutes, nor walked in your ways,
and hear our prayers of silent confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chuck Dorau

Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ
died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chuck Dorau

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

He Will Hold Me Fast

Congregation

(Sibelius, Habershon, Merker, Campbell)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Dr. Julian Zugg

SERMON

Comfort, Comfort My People

Rev. Dr. Zugg

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Hymn, #264, vs. 1-2)

Congregation

(Crosby, Doane)

*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.*

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

*We confess our
common faith as
an expression of
our unity in
coming to the
Lord's Table.*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Dr. Zugg

the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Zugg

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice in the colored cups in the inner ring, wine in the clear cups in the outer rings.***

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF MEDITATION

Janice Bradshaw

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Hymn, #264, vs. 3-4)
(Crosby, Doane)

✦ BENEDICTION *Rev. Dr. Zugg*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Sermon Notes

Comfort, Comfort My People

August 2, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-11

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Hospitality - Pray that the visitors who walk through our doors feel welcome and are shown the love of Christ. Pray that we would all seek opportunities to show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9).

Pray for Our Congregation

Pastor Ben & family - safe travels and good health on their vacation

Virginia Faries - PRAISE - all biopsies were clean so she does not require further treatment; PRAY for healing of her cough, relief from pain due to the surgery, and good sleep

Rose Gregory - PRAISE - Rose is in a rehab facility; PRAY for complete healing following surgery to remove a blood clot in her brain

Lizzy Musima - successful treatment of high iron deficiency anemia

Shelley Steagall - successful upcoming discectomy (August 12th) to relieve neck issues

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Georgia

Chris Dietz, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department.

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

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

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Pray for Families and Friends

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen is returning home after being hospitalized.

Pray for peace and strength for Juanita as she cares for him.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting a kidney transplant, wisdom and direction regarding her son donating one of his kidneys

Pray for our Expectant Mothers

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

Pray for our August Missionaries

Julian Zugg, Provost and International English Director, Miami International Seminary (MINTS)

Brooks Harwood, Campus Minister, RUF at University of Houston

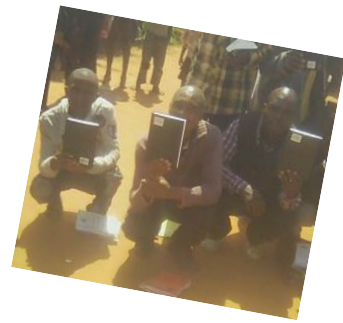
Paul Miller, Texas Regional Director, Metanoia Prison Ministries, PCA Mission to North America

Derek & Shannon Ebbers, PCA Mission to the World, Romania



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK August 2, 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 many African countries including Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Mozambique, Sierra Leone as well as in the Ukraine, a large Asian country, and in the US prisons. **Julian Zugg** is the *Provost* and *International English Director* of MINTS. As Provost he is focusing on the organizational side for the next few months while travel is restricted. He looks forward to being able to travel again and teach, write, and develop materials, as he provides support to MINTS centers in other countries.

Pray for

- **The 65 new Swahili MINTS students** as they begin their studies on August 15th
- **New MINTS work in Rwanda**
- **Books** - 100 boxes of books from The Banner of Truth arrived in Malawi! Pray that they will be a powerful aid to the students and that MINTS will be able to build libraries in other African countries
- **Courses in many countries** - that there will be good internet connections so the courses can continue and be beneficial
- **The many who have no food in Africa and the third world**
- **Julian in his new role as Provost**

August Slow-Down & Fall Kick-Off

For August only, we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities. Mark your calendar for our **Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 30th!**

August Missions Month

During the month of August we will be blessed with visits from several SCPC-supported missionaries. Following the worship service these missionaries will be sharing the work they are doing to further God's kingdom all over the world.

August 2 - Julian Zugg, Provost and International English Director, Miami International Seminary (MINTS), (see previous page)



August 9 - Brooks Harwood, RUF Campus Minister, University of Houston, Texas

Brooks was born in Texas and grew up in Nashville, TN. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and later got a pastoral degree from Covenant Theological Seminary (CTS) in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife Meredith met at RUF at the University of Tennessee and after graduation were married and moved to Nashville where Meredith served as an RUF intern at Vanderbilt University. After completing his degree at CTS, Brooks became the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Houston (UH). UH is the sixth most ethnically diverse university in the nation with students from many nationalities and religious traditions



August 16 - Paul Miller, Texas Regional Director, Metanoia Prison Ministry, PCA Mission to North America

Upon graduating from Westminster Theological Seminary, Paul and Laura Miller launched RUF at Texas A&M Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) in 2008. Paul served seven years as campus minister at TAMUCC. He has served as an assistant and associate pastor in the PCA, as a hospital chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, and now as the Texas regional director of Metanoia Prison Ministries (Metanoia is the official prison ministry of the PCA).



August 23 - Derek & Shannon Ebbers, PCA Mission to the World, Romania

Derek and Shannon have been investing in lives and helping to build Christ's church in Romania since 2007. They are involved in church planting, leadership development, translation and publication of the Third Millennium seminary curriculum, and ESL. They use their passion for health and fitness to connect with many, especially young couples and families, in their community.

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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