



*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 23, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 9:2,*

*“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

People: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD!

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymn #297, vs 1, 3, 6)
(Perronet, Rippon, Ellor)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Numbers 15:40-41

So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Heavenly Father, with an awareness of your great mercy
and your promises to us in the Gospel,

*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.*

✦ *Please stand if able*

we come before you this morning in our worship to confess our sin.
Forgive us, O Lord, for the wrong we have done.

People: **Forgive us for failing to love you and our neighbors as we should.**
Forgive us for our unkind thoughts and words,
for our selfishness and for our pride,
and forgive us for taking your love for granted,
and for failing to make your glory our preeminent concern.

Leader: We thank you for our Lord Jesus,
whose substitutionary death paid for our sins.
Cleanse us O Lord, from our sin and iniquity, and renew within us
a desire to love and serve you more fervently,
with joy and in holiness of life,
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

The Power of the Cross

Congregation

(Getty, Townend)

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 5:9-14

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Haman's Heart

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Hymn, #465)

(Johnston, Towner)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Magnificent, Marvelous Matchless Love* *Elisa Haaland, Saule Garcia*

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

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

Sermon Notes

August 23, 2020

Haman's Heart

Esther 5:9-14

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

College Students - Pray for our college students as they return to their classes. Pray that they will grow in their faith, be salt and light to their friends and professors, and for their physical safety.

Pray for Our Congregation

Pastor Ben and family - PRAISE - had a wonderful time on their vacation and are safely back in Texas

Virginia Faries - complete healing following lung surgery

Rose Gregory - complete healing following surgery to remove a blood clot in her brain

Lizzy Musima - successful treatment of high iron deficiency anemia

Shelley Steagall - full recovery from discectomy to relieve neck issues

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Georgia

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Matthew Kooiman, Olivet Nazarene University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Aaron Lewis, Texas Tech University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Families and Friends

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen has returned 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, 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 23, 2020

DEREK & SHANNON EBBERS PCA MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW) ROMANIA



Derek and Shannon and their five children have been investing in lives and helping to build Christ's Church in Romania since 2007. Derek is the team leader and their team's vision is to establish Reformed and covenantal churches through identifying, training, and resourcing national church planters.

They are invested in church planting, leadership development, and the translation and publication of the *Third Millennium* seminary curriculum. Additionally they minister through English as a Second Language, children, and youth ministry. They also have an open door for ministry at the University of Transilvania. Their passion for health and wellness has allowed them to connect with many in their community.

Pray with the Ebbers

- **for their Romanian church family.** Pray for continued strength and unity as they continue to meet and minister to one another and the community.
- **for their family, as their children return to school:** Jess is beginning her first year as a 3rd grade Special Ed teacher; Aaron will be completing his 4th and final year of college; and Isaac will be navigating the beginning of his post-secondary education, a huge transition for him.
- **for 50 new or existing partners** to give/increase monthly pledge at least \$50/month. One of the reasons for their return to the USA is to make up a budget shortfall. MTW sets their budget and they must meet it with monthly pledges before they can return to Romania.

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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