



*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, July 12, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Luke 18:17,*

*“Truly, I say to you,  
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child  
shall not enter it.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 105:1-4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name  
make known his deeds among the people!

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: **Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

***You're the Word of God the Father (Across the Lands)***

*(Getty, Townend)*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Leviticus 20:26*

You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated  
you from the peoples that you should be mine.

✦ *Please stand if able*

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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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*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 CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us out of the world  
to live in your Son our Lord Jesus.  
But we confess that we quickly turn back to all those things  
that appeal to the flesh.

People: **Lord, we humbly acknowledge that we often look  
for ways to make the world's attitudes and expectations  
acceptable in your kingdom,  
and neglect that to which you call us,  
to be separate from the world.**

Leader: Gracious Father, have mercy on us  
for falling so far short of your glory.  
Turn to us and restore us, for Jesus' sake,  
and hear now 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**

*Erik Haaland*

*1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Psalm 62*

(Keyes, Townend)

*Congregation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Esther 1:10 - 2:23

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Stage is Set*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*God of Our Fathers* (Hymn #710)

(Roberts, Warren)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

*Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

July 12, 2020

## **The Stage is Set**

Esther 1:10 – 2:23

## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*Deacons* - Praise God for our wonderful deacons! Pray for them as they fulfill their calling to care for the many and varied physical needs of our church and congregation.

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Eldon Faries* - increased strength

*Virginia Faries* - healing and recovery from cancer surgery

*Rose Gregory* - healing of blood clot in her brain

*Carl Gregory* - peace, comfort, and wisdom as he cares for Rose

### **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Georgia

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, 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

*Aaron Lewis*, Texas Tech University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Naomi Tousha*, University of Houston

### **Pray for Families and Friends**

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen has been hospitalized for about a month, pray for healing so he can go home; pray for strength for Juanita as she cares for him

Kristen Chandler's brother, *Matt Stoddard* - complete healing and recovery from heart surgery

Margaret Gerrard's mother, *Helen Beaulac* (age 99) - strength and clarity of mind during recovery from hip surgery

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - PRAISE that she does not yet need dialysis; healing of kidney disease (stage 5) and strength while awaiting a kidney transplant

### **Pray for our Expectant Mothers**

*Jess McGlothlin* due in October

*Ashley Lin* due in November

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

*David & Eowyn Stoddard and children Jesse, Liam, Alethea, Emma & Ethan*

*Mission to the World, Europe*

- Praise! That their small group Zoom meetings are going well, and people are growing in the Word. Jesse (21) has finished his university program in International Relations.
- Pray that the refugees would continue to grow in their new faith, even though meeting together in person has been impossible.
- Pray for Alethea's ongoing back pain and Ethan's ear, that God would bring healing and that Ethan would be able to adjust well to wearing a hearing aid.
- Pray for the writing of Eowyn's book, that she will be able to finish it by the due date at the end of July!

## 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)

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

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