



*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 19, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

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 Jeremiah 33:2-3,*

*“Thus says the LORD who made the earth,  
the LORD who formed it to establish it - the LORD is his name:  
Call to me and I will answer you,  
and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 66:1-5*

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: **Sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power

that your enemies come cringing to you.

All: **All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* (Hymn #4, vs. 1, 2, 4, & 6)  
(Schütz, *Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch*, 1566)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*Micah 6:8*

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

✦*Please stand if able*

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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

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, we come before you as your children  
and humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

People: **We have not, in all our thoughts, words, and deeds,  
done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.**

Leader: Father, grant that we would delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name,  
and hear now our silent personal prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalms 32:5*

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING     *Before the Throne of God Above*     Congregation  
(Bancroft, Cook)

SCRIPTURE READING     Esther 3:1-15     *Pastor Ben*

SERMON     *An Ancient Animosity*     *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE     *Stronger*     Congregation  
(Fielding, Morgan)

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS     *Pastor Ben*

✦ BENEDECTION     *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE     *Saule Garcia*

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

July 19, 2020

**An Ancient Animoity**

Esther 3:1-15

## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*Staff* - Pray that our staff will stay healthy physically and spiritually as they take care of the administrative and ministry needs of our church.

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Eldon Faries* - increased strength

*Virginia Faries* - healing and recovery from lung surgery to remove tumor

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

*Carl Gregory* - peace and comfort

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

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Georgia

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, 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 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

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)

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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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