



*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 26, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

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

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on 1 Timothy 3:16,

"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory."

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 44:23

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;

People: Break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!

Leader: For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

All: And will be glorified in Israel.

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.

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

Congregation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn #92)
(based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, you are one, and there is no god besides you.
Though you are Triune, the persons of the godhead exist

✦ *Please stand if able*

in complete harmony and unity of essence,
being, purpose, and will.

In light of your unity, you call us to a single-minded devotion
to you, and your ways.

**People: Yet our hearts are divided, our minds are distracted,
and our faith and obedience are wavering.**

**Forgive us for not loving you
with all our heart, soul, and might.**

Leader: Father, grant that by the power of your indwelling
and empowering Spirit,
we will live our lives in increasing adoration
and devotion to you.

Lord, bring to mind where we have loved created things
with greater vigor and devotion than we have you,
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and
seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ **SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* *Congregation*
(Williams, Casella, Littlepage)

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:1 - 5:8 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Decision Time* *Pastor Ben*

✦ **SONG OF RESPONSE** *It Is Well with My Soul* (Hymn #691) *Congregation*
(Spafford, Bliss)

✦ **BENEDICTION** *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE *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

July 26, 2020

Decision Time

Esther 4:1 – 5:8

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pastor Ben & his family - Pray for refreshment, safety, and good family time as the Duncans tour the western United States, marveling in God's glorious creation.

Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon Faries - increased strength

Virginia Faries - PRAISE - Virginia is home; PRAY for healing and recovery from surgery to remove tumor

Rose Gregory - PRAISE - Rose is in a rehab facility and doing much better; PRAY for complete 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

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

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 is not responding to treatment, pray for peace and strength for Juanita

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting a kidney transplant, wisdom and direction regarding a paired donation

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

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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. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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