



*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 4, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

David & Eowyn Stoddard
Mission to the World, Europe

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 135:5-6,*

*“For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.
Whatever the LORD pleases, he does
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

All: **For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

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

*“Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart.”
Psalm 119:34*

✦Please stand if able

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn #30, vs. 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7)
(text adapted from Psalm 90 by Isaac Watts, Croft, arr. Linker)

Onward, Christian Soldiers (Hymn #572, vs. 1, 4, and 5)
(Baring-Gould, Sullivan)

DECLARATION OF GOD’S LAW

Pastor Ben

Romans 12:19-21

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Father, your Word declares
that you will both vindicate and avenge your people.

People: **You call us to do good even to those who wrong us,
yet we often do not.
Instead, we often want revenge, or to get even,
and so demonstrate little trust in you.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not been content to leave our vindication to your righteous judgment, and forgive us for not seeking the good of our enemies, and so failing to overcome evil with good, and hear our silent prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*“Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.”
Psalm 119:41*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ **SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *Turn Your Eyes* *Congregation*
(Lemmel, Romanacce, Winebarger, Stiff, Trout, arr. Loehrs, Lawrence)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Scott Lewis*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Wesley Lawrence*
Saule Garcia

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
After the blessing you are welcome to send your children ages 4-8 to Children's Worship or they may remain with you. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary after the sermon.

SCRIPTURE TEXT Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 *Rev. David Stoddard*

SERMON *The Gospel in a Secular Age* *Rev. Stoddard*

✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) vs. 1, 2, and 3
(Newton, Tomlin, Giglio, arr. Mott, Foster, Lawrence)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Pastor Ben*
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.

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

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

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 is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner 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 REFLECTION

Saule Garcia

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) vs. 4, 5, and 6
(Newton, Tomlin, Giglio, arr. Mott, Foster, Lawrence)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, July 5	
Office closed for Independence Day holiday	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, July 6	
Women in the Word Fellowship Hall Annex	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, July 7	
MOPS Field Day Pavilion	10:00am
Women's Sewing Project B119-121	4:00pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, July 8	
Women in the Word Fellowship Hall Annex	7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Friday, July 9	
Saturday, July 10	
Ladies' Beach Day at Galveston	8:15am
Sunday, July 11	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am
Sunday School for all ages	10:30am
Praise & Worship Psalm Sing Sanctuary	6:00pm

Welcome Rev. David Stoddard!

David is the International Director for Europe for the PCA's Mission to the World (see insert for more information), and the brother of Kristen Chandler. Please welcome David to our pulpit this morning!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Praise & Worship Psalm Sing

NEXT SUNDAY at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Join us as we sing scripture together! We will be singing and reading Psalms set to familiar tunes as well as new-to-us settings, from both traditional and contemporary styles. Come for a wonderful time of singing the scriptures into our hearts and minds!

Mission Possible

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13

Children PreK-5th grade, Should you choose to accept this week's mission, you may pick up your mission folder in the Narthex. Bible memorization, service projects, and activities are all part of the mission. Prizes for the most completed challenges will be awarded at the end of the summer!

Women's "Christmas in July" Sewing Project THIS WEDNESDAY, July 7, 4-9 pm, B119-121

Contact: Jolene

Ladies, need a little creativity in your day? Come celebrate Christmas in July by sewing up a unique Christmas stocking. No supplies needed! Some sewing experience is preferable but not necessary. Come anytime between 4pm and 6pm, bring your own snack/supper and \$12 to cover the materials. You'll have SEW much fun! Class size is limited. **PLEASE text your name to RSVP by Monday night to Jolene.**

Ladies' Beach Day at Galveston!

Saturday, July 10, 8:15am-5pm

Register by noon on Friday, July 9

Contact: women@springcypresschurch.com

Summer is flying by! Ladies, let's take in God's beautiful creation at Galveston Beach together! Grab a friend, your beach gear, and that book you've been wanting to read, and enjoy a day on the beach! Look for details and a link to the registration form in the email sent Friday, June 25 or by contacting women@springcypresschurch.com. Children are welcome to join us!

Purpose Week Set-Up

NEXT SUNDAY, July 11, after Sunday School

Fellowship Hall

Contact: Amy

We could use YOUR help as we prepare our campus for two special camps: Created for a Purpose and Built for a Purpose. Join us around 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall to receive your assignment!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Diaconate - 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

Rene Chapelle - wisdom for his medical team as they prepare for vascular surgery on his legs.

Linda Farmer - healing and recovery from eye surgery to minimize and retard damage of a macular hole in her left eye.

Joyce Hill - PRAISE - she is on the road to full recovery from a broken collar bone and mild head injury.

Gail Hume - healing and relief of sciatic pain and back issues.

Jackie Toothman - successful surgery scheduled for July 14.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Barbara Honts, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Kelly Reneé Cory's father, *Harvey Kiesling* - PRAISE that he is recovering well from his heart surgery.

Kelly Reneé Cory's mother, *Ella Lyons* - positive results from a heart scan and complete healing following a heart attack.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister *Rebecca* - preparation for dialysis.

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - healing, comfort, and encouragement during radiation treatments.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Carrington Jones is due in July.

Emily Wykes is due in December.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

David & Eowyn Stoddard, Mission to the World, Europe

See the bulletin insert for prayer requests.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH July 2021

DAVID & EOWYN STODDARD JESSE, LIAM, ALETHEA, EMMA, AND ETHAN MISSION TO THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE



David and Eowyn serve as missionaries in Berlin, Germany, a region where they have served for 19 years while leading church planting efforts across the city and aiding in the establishment of a reformed seminary. David is currently the MTW International Director for Europe. He focuses on pastoring Europe's MTW missionaries, developing a European-focused church planting strategy, and starting new fields and partnerships. He also teaches theology to students in the Master's Commission Program (a gap-year program for German students), as well as preaching and teaching in their local church. In addition to supporting David and their children, Eowyn is involved in the refugee ministry of their local church. She is also helping to start the women's ministry of the Evangelium 21 Network (a German language ministry similar to The Gospel Coalition or Together for the Gospel), speaks at various women's events for local German churches, and writes for several Reformed publications.

Pray for the Stoddards:

- Travel mercies for David as he is visiting churches in the US.
- Praise - their oldest daughter, Alethea, graduated from the John F. Kennedy school in Berlin and will be attending university in The Netherlands in the fall.
- Their oldest son, Jesse, will be leaving for China to teach English for a year with a long term interest in a potential master's degree in Chinese foreign policy.
- Prayer regarding their financial support to address Germany's current stance to allow landlords to charge backpay for rent lost due to not being allowed to raise rents during the pandemic.
- Pray for Eowyn and her Doctorate of Ministry studies: for perseverance as she works alone on independent studies. It's a bit of a lonely road, but pray it would bear fruit.
- Pray for more German church-planters. They'd love to see more reformed and covenantal churches planted in Germany, but are currently bottle-necked by the lack of church-planters.

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Sermon Notes

July 4, 2021

The Gospel in a Secular Age

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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 if you want us to be in touch, and so we know how we can pray for you.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Like and follow us on Facebook:
Spring Cypress Church

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

Parents of Young Children:

- Nursery is available in the Children's Wing for children 4 years and younger.
- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for parents with young children.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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.

You may place your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give

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