



*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 5, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH David & Eowyn Stoddard *Justin Chandler*  
*Mission to the World, Europe*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Psalm 46:10,*

*“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”*

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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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✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*  
*Psalm 95:3-7*

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God,

All: **and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *Congregation*  
*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!* (Hymn #535)  
(Francis, Williams)

✦Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

*Luke 9:23-25*

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Chuck Dorau*

Leader: Father, you have called us in Christ to be your children,  
and you have set before us the example of Jesus,  
our elder brother and king,  
and you have told us to listen to him.

People: **Yet we often fail to heed the word of Jesus,  
and instead live as if we are our own,  
and as if the preservation and promotion of self  
is our most cherished goal.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed the way of Christ,  
where we have sought to save our lives instead of dying to self,  
and where we have recoiled from, rather than embraced, our cross,  
and hear our silent prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Chuck Dorau*

*Galatians 2:16*

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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

*Chuck Dorau*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

***Rock of Ages***

(Toplady, Hastings, arr. Rice)

*Congregation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Esther 1:1-9

*Pastor Ben*

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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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*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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SERMON

*God in the Grit*

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

*Congregation*

*Whate'er My God Ordains is Right* (verses 1 & 2)  
(Rodigast, Braud)

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.

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 in the colored cups in the inner ring, wine in the clear cups in the outer 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 MEDITATION

*Saule Garcia*

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

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✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

*Congregation*

*Whate'er My God Ordains is Right* (verses 3 & 4)  
(Rodigast, Braud)

✦ BENEDICTION

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

*Congregation*

POSTLUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

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# **Sermon Notes**

**God in the Grit**

July 5, 2020

Esther 1:1-9

# MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

## July 2020

### 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:**

- 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!

<b>Monday, July 6</b>	
Holiday - Office Closed	
SAA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>	
Women in the Word (Fellowship Hall)	9:30am
CODA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>	
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	
Women in the Word (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting (Pastor's Office)	7:00pm
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	
Ladies' Movie Night (The Gallery)	7:00pm
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	
Worship (Sanctuary & Live Stream)	9:00am
Adult Sunday School (Zoom)	11:00am
Youth Sunday School (Zoom)	2:00pm
Children's Sunday School (Zoom)	3:15pm
Praise & Worship (Sanctuary & Live Stream)	6:00pm

***Mission Possible for children PreK-5th grade continues through the end of July***

Parents, each Sunday pick up a new Mission Folder in the Narthex for each of your children. Prizes for the most completed challenges will be awarded at the end of the summer! If you have any questions contact Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

**Ladies' Movie Night**

**Saturday, July 11, 7:00 pm, The Gallery**

Ladies, come relax with us, and enjoy an evening out with your sisters watching the movie *Overcomer!* Bring your own snacks and beverages, a blanket, and a friend! If you have any questions, email [women@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:women@springcypresschurch.com).

**Praise & Worship Night**

**Sunday, July 12, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary & Live Stream**

Make plans to join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

***Congratulations to Hannah & Michael Ellis who were united in marriage Friday, July 3rd!***

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

**WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS IN JULY**

**Men's Bible Study of Genesis**

**Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 pm, The Forum or Zoom**

For more information contact Rick at [rickmaddy@mac.com](mailto:rickmaddy@mac.com).

**Women in the Word study of Deuteronomy**

**Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall**

For more information contact Julie at [jcorley5@earthlink.net](mailto:jcorley5@earthlink.net).

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

For more information contact Robin at [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

**Wednesday Night Youth Group**

**Wednesday, July 15 & 29 at 6:30 pm, Youth Building**

For more information contact Susy at [stousha@gmail.com](mailto:stousha@gmail.com).

**AUGUST SLOW-DOWN & FALL KICK-OFF**

For August only, we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities. Mark your calendar for our **Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 30th!**

**AUGUST MISSIONS MONTH**

During the month of August we will be blessed with visits from several SCPC-supported missionaries. Following the worship service these missionaries will be sharing the work they are doing to further God's kingdom all over the world.

**August 2 - Julian Zugg**, Miami International Seminary (MINTS)

**August 9 - to be determined**

**August 16 - Paul Miller**, PCA Mission to North America, Metanoia Prison Ministry, Texas

**August 23 - Derek Ebbers**, PCA Mission to the World, Romania



## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*Music Team* - Pray that the staff and many volunteers in the music ministries would remain healthy and able to serve, and that our music will be a source of vibrant praise to our Savior!

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Eldon Faries* - increased strength

*Virginia Faries* - wisdom for health care team as they treat her for cancer

*Rose & Carl Gregory* - healing and strength for both, wisdom for Carl in caring for Rose

### **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

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* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting 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*

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## 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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