



*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, May 17, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

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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 Philippians 2:1-2,  
"So if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,  
any affection and sympathy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind."*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Isaiah 40:3-5*

Leader: A voice cries:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

People: **Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.**

Leader: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

All: **and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

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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 ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

*Forever  
(Tomlin)*

*Congregation*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*Leviticus 18:4-5*

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us  
there is an abundance of sin,  
but in You there is an even greater abundance of mercy.

People: **We are spiritually poor, but You are rich,  
and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.  
We confess that we are weak in faith and cold in love.**

Leader: Lord, strengthen us, and warm us, that we might rejoice in you.  
Father, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Hosea 14:4*

I will heal their apostasy;  
I will love them freely,  
for my anger has turned from them.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*All I Have is Christ*  
(Kauflin)

*Congregation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*God's Will for You*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Blessed Assurance* (Hymn #693)  
(Crosby, Knapp)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** (second service only)

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

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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**

May 17, 2020

## **God's Will for You**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*Men* - Pray that men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Eldon & Virginia Faries* - management of blood pressure & blood sugar, and increased strength; healing of respiratory issues

*Jeanne Maddy* - complete healing of elbow following a fall

*Bill Steagall* - complete healing and recovery following appendectomy

### **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**

Bill & Sue Dietz' son, *Jeff*, and *grandson* - successful surgery for Jeff on May 22; healing of reflux for grandson

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

*Cheri Hoke (ABU missionary)* - peace and comfort following the passing of her brother, Mark

Ashley Lin's sister-in-law, *Heather* - recovery from cardiac arrest and healing while in a medically induced coma; for salvation for Heather and Ashley's brother, Ben; comfort for Heather's family

Paul & Arlene Rodney's friends, *Dennis & Kay Thompson* - perseverance and healing as they wait for critical heart surgery for Kay; for well-grounded certainty of their salvation

Pete Rivera's aunt, *Lucas Santos* (age 90) - recovery and strength following leg amputation (at the knee)

Rita Rivera's nephew, *Steven, and sister, Juanita* - Pray for complete recovery, he is slightly responsive but has a long way to go. Pray for strength for Juanita as she cares for him

Lee Joseph's wife, *Carolyn* - relief from nerve pain following elbow surgery

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

Jess McGlothlin's mother, *Karen* - remission from cancer and healing from side effects of radiation

Saule Garcia's father, *Zhorabay* - healing and that his faith would increase

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting kidney transplant

### **Pray for our Expectant Mother**

*Ashley Lin* due in November

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

*Julian Zugg - MINTS* - successful translation of curriculum into Russian; MINTS students' work would continue and be profitable; provision of needed books; completion of website and database tracking projects

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