



*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, September 13, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on John 1:1,*

*“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*
Isaiah 49:13

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

People: Break forth, O mountains, into singing!

Leader: For the LORD has comforted his people

All: And will have compassion on his afflicted.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *Congregation*
Crown Him with Many Crowns (Hymn #295)
(Bridges, Thring, Elvey)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Pastor Ben*
John 15:8-10

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

✦*Please stand if able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you this morning
to confess our sin.

We acknowledge that we are sinners, without hope
apart from your grace to us in Jesus Christ.

People: **Lord, forgive us for our transgressions of your holy law,
for our neglect of your Word and prayer,
and for being lukewarm concerning eternal matters.**

Leader: Father, we pray that you would cleanse us from our iniquity,
and fill us with the love, joy, and peace
that comes from the Spirit.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor (see page 6)

(Boswell, Papa)

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

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 READING

Esther 8:1-17

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Providential Peripety

Pastor Ben

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

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ Our Glory
(Lyte, Stiff, Zimmer)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

Sermon Notes

Providential Peripety

September 13, 2020

Esther 8:1-17

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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1.Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
2.Christ, the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;
3.Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;
4.Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death;

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When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.
Hopeless somehow, O, my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary!
When these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath,

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In the suffring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
This, my bal-last of assurance, See His love forever proved.
we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure;

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1, 2, 3. 2

(1,2,3) will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed. Christ, the
(4)and the calm will be the better for the storms that we en

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4.

dure. Christ the shore of our salvation ever faithful, ever true.

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We will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

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Prayer

Pray for Those Impacted by Hurricane Laura

Mission to North America Disaster Relief is actively assisting in the areas ravaged by Hurricane Laura. If you would like to give to support these ongoing recovery efforts, you may donate at this link: give.pcamna.org/to/mna-dr-hurricane-laura-relief/

Pray for Our Church

Men's Ministry - Pray that men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another as they meet for Bible study and fellowship throughout the month.

Pray for Our Congregation

Niki Ayles - complete healing following a tonsillectomy

Virginia Faries - complete healing following lung surgery

Rose & Carl Gregory - strength and healing for Rose; wisdom and peace for Carl

Brett Kerr - peace and comfort following the passing of his mother

John Morrison - PRAISE-successful cataract surgery in one eye; PRAY-upcoming cataract surgery in other eye on 9/22

Lizzy Musima - successful treatment of high iron deficiency anemia

Shelley Steagall - full recovery following surgery and improved use of her left hand and arm

Rick Toothman - healing from infection in his leg

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Georgia

Chris Dietz, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Aaron Lewis, Texas Tech University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jeff & Kelly Reneé Cory's friend, *Chippy Orlando* - successful double bypass surgery and resolution of clogged carotid artery

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen is returning home after being hospitalized. Pray for peace and strength for Juanita as she cares for him.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting a kidney transplant, wisdom and direction regarding her son donating one of his kidneys

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

Kathryn Ritchie in March

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Jeff & Katie Saunders, Reformed University Fellowship, Tokyo, Japan

Pray for a great movement of the Holy Spirit, so that many Japanese would experience its power as they taste and see the risen Christ. **Pray for** wisdom, relationships with students and professors, and an increasingly robust life of prayer centered around the university ministry. **Pray for** language fluency for Jeff and Katie - increased understanding, clarity in speech, and comfort in doing ministry in another language. **Pray for** their role in helping support the regular ministry activities at Suginami and Grace City churches.

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 at the Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please stop by the Visitor's Center.
- 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:

- 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 mothers with infants.
- 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.

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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