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以基督耶穌的心為心

Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

大齋第三主日

Third Sunday in Lent

二零一七年三月十九日

The Nineteenth Day of March 2017

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved of God, live as children of the light.

People: **We cloth ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.**

Leader: Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or sleep, we may live with Christ.

People: **We give thanks for Christ's saving work. For God has done great things for us.**

*HYMN # 425 "Onward Christian Soldiers" (1st & 5th stanza)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, in Christ You make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we confess we criticize and pass judgment upon others. We seek to control the way others live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Help us to appreciate and love our sisters and brothers in Christ, both younger and older, for we are all valued members in the household of God.

SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News of forgiveness in Christ.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING NEW TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 64)
Roman 5:1-11 (p. 155)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "Christianity – The Only Reasonable Explanation of Truth"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN # 584 "I Love To Tell The Story" (1st & 3rd stanza)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" (front cover of hymnal)
PRAYER CARD REQUEST & PREPARATION
OFFERING AND PRAYER CARD COLLECTION

Leader: With grateful and humble hearts let us return to God a portion of the blessings of our lives.

*OFFERTORY HYMN "Doxology"

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the ushers)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the ushers)

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 18 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (1st, 2nd & 4th stanza)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If the world were only as eager to receive the truth as the truth is to win the world, the function of Christian men might well be summed up in the one word, *proclamation*. "Bear witness to the truth"; "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"; these are the twin exhortations by which every Christian man's duty is declared for him.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*FOURFOLD AMEN

*Please stand if you are able

FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **English Worship Service Assistants & Helpers...** are needed each week. Those available and desiring to help, please contact Dr. Jackson in advance so your name can be placed in the church bulletin as Worship Leader, Music Leader, or Usher. Holy Communion Assistants are also needed on the first Sunday of each month.
- 2) **Your Tax deduction contribution receipts for 2016 are now available...** If you are interested in receiving a copy of your monetary donations to our church, see a Trustee or Mr. Sam Yu, in the church office. Be prepared to provide them with your name and offering envelope number.
- 3) **Leave of Absence...** Mr. Sam Yu will be on leave of absence from March 3 to March 21, 2017. For business please contact the church office during regular business hours and speak with an available office staff worker for assistance.
- 4) **Church Anniversary Committee Meeting Today...** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 309.
- 5) **Sunday School Teachers Meeting Today...** in Room 309 at 10:00 am.
- 6) **Adult Fellowship Today...** on the 2nd Floor at 2:30 pm.
- 7) **Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)...** is scheduled for March 26, 2017 at 2:30 pm in Room 309.
- 8) **Big Tent 2017...** You are invited to join Presbyterians from around the country at Big Tent 2017, held on the beautiful campus of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo, July 6 -8th. The theme will emphasize the hope of the gospel and its power to transform society in our current cultural context, marked by anxiety, racial division, political animosity, and economic inequality. For more information go to: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/big-tent/>
- 9) **Get Connected...** For our full Statement of Faith or to learn more about Presbyterian history and beliefs or to find a full list of available resources check our our websight at fcpc.org. You will also be able to read about upcoming announcements, find the weekly Order of Worship, and listen to past sermons. Like our page at <http://facebook.com/fcpcnyc> to get the latest news and connect with other members.

WELCOME

TODAY – March 19, 2017 – 3rd Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service at 1:00 pm

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tony Jackson

TODAY'S USHER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers

NEXT WEEK - March 26, 2017 – 4th Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service at 1:00 pm

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim

ABOUT US

PASTOR – Rev. Nathan Lim

ENGLISH EVANGELIST – Dr. Tony Jackson

SCHEDULE TIMES: 11:00 am Sunday School - 1:00 pm English Worship Service

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A SPECIAL WORD TO OUR GUESTS

FCPC is a fellowship of believers whose supreme desire is to know the Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known to others. We're glad you joined us for worship today. Please know you always have a warm welcome here among us. We pray your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and that you will feel free to inquire about any of the other activities and various fellowships FCPC has to offer. Regardless of your age, there is something for everyone here!

THIS MONTH AT FCPC - FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Adult Fellowship (AF)	3 rd Sunday	2:30 PM		March 19 --- 2 nd floor
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong & Tony Jackson	March 26 -- 309
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)	Weekly	12-12:45 PM	Tony Jackson	Weekly — 4 th Floor
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	11 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5----2 nd floor Grades 6-12 – 4 th floor 18+----- 309

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's wonderful plan of salvation that offers the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus to everyone who by grace through faith believes upon Christ as savior.
- Prayers for all the leaders of our country old and new that God's grace will continue to be upon us as a nation that we may live in freedom and peace.
- Prayers for our church that God will teach us to love one another as Christ loved the Church and that we share His mercy and grace with others.
- Prayers for all the cities across the United States experiencing civil disobedience and unrest, that it will cease, and that God will heal the divisions and barriers Christ came into this world to tear down among men and nations.