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*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

大齋第四主日  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

二零一七年三月廿六日  
*The Twenty-sixth Day of March 2017*

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.  
**People: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.**  
Leader: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.  
**People: For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.**  
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.  
**People: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord all our life long.**

#### \*PRAISE SONG "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it that we may become instruments of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God, our Comforter and Guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our own sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love.**

#### 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 with one another.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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**RESPONSIVE READING  
NEW TESTAMENT**

I Samuel 16:1-13 (p. 259)  
Ephesians 5:8-14 (p. 194)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** *"The Importance of Defending the Truth"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

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**\*PRAISE SONG** *"Mighty to Save"*

**\*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** *"New Doxology"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(led by the ushers)*

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

## THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

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**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

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**\*PRAISE SONG** *"At The Cross"*

**EVANGELISTIC THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

Contrary to the personal beliefs of some people professing to be Christian, the anti-Christian belief in a gospel that says man can purchase or earn his own salvation through efforts of his own, is actually a blatant denial and out-right contradiction of the salvation Christ purchased and offers to all men who will humbly receive it as a free gift from God through simple child-like faith.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 1) April 1: Easter Children's Festival...** Welcome to all children and parents Saturday April 1, 2017 beginning at 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Come and invite others for songs, story and Easter Egg.
- 2) April 2: Justice Advocacy; Self-Development of People...** The Office of Public Witness and Self-Development of People will be jointly celebrated on April 2. Find resources at [pcusa.org/sdop](http://pcusa.org/sdop) and [pcusa.org/washington](http://pcusa.org/washington).
- 3) April 17: International Day of Farmers' Struggles...** Farmers feed the planet but are among the poorest and hungriest people in the world. To learn more about the challenges faced by farmers and how you can help visit the link below. [pcusa.org/internationalfarmers](http://pcusa.org/internationalfarmers).
- 4) 2017 Summer Children's Program...** The First Chinese Presbyterian Church is offering a 7 weeks program for children grades 1-6. The program will run from July 5 through August 18, 2017, and is held Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:30pm. Lunch is provided. Daily Schedule includes raising academic standards in: Reading/Writing/Spelling/Mathematics/Science/and Social Studies. For more information contact our church office.
- 5) April 16: Adult Fellowship...** April 16, 2017 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 2:30 pm.
- 6) April 30: Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)...** is scheduled for April 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Room 309.
- 7) English Worship Service Assistants & Helpers...** are needed each week. Those available please contact Dr. Jackson in advance so your name can be placed in the weekly church bulletin as Worship Leader, Music Leader, or Usher. Holy Communion Assistants are needed on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your kind and willing response.
- 8) 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.
- 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 out our websight at [fcpc.org](http://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

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**TODAY** – March 26, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service at 1:00 pm

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tony Jackson

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan

TODAY'S USHER: Milton Mui

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**NEXT WEEK** – April 2, 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent English Worship Service with Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: Rev. Mark Koenig

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### 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 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	2:30 PM		April 16 --- 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong & Tony Jackson	April 30 --- 309
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)	Weekly	12-12:45 PM	Tony Jackson	Weekly — 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	11 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5----2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Grades 6-12 – 4 <sup>th</sup> floor 18+----- 309

### PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Prayers of thanks to God for His eternal love and care over our lives and for sending His only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might be forgiven and restored and come into a personal and intimate relationship with God through Christ.
- Prayers for all the upcoming events for Spring and Summer and those who will be serving in the ministries God has entrusted to our care.
- Prayers for our country and our leaders that we may live quiet and peaceful lives bringing glory to God's name through continually sharing God's love to all the world.