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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, March 31, 2019

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy God.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*PRAISE SONG** *"Today Is The Day"*

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, that new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** Merciful God, you come to us in astonishing ways—humble, yet with authority; helpless, yet with the power to save. You have shown us how to live lives grounded in gratitude and consecrated in service. Forgive us, Lord, for we have not followed your lead. We confess to you our cowardice, our selfishness, our failure to love you as you have loved, and our poor witness to the world. Cleanse us again, we pray. Cleanse us and renew us, that our lives may show forth the love and grace we have received from you.

#### 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.

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

#### \*PASSING OF 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.

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 32: 1-11 (p. 506-507)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Joshua 5: 9-12 (p. 197)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (p. 181)

**GOSPEL READING** John 5: 1-15 (p. 96)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** *"How To Build A Bridge"*

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**\*PRAISE SONG** *"You Shine"*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *"The Apostles' Creed" (front cover of hymnal)*

**PRAYER CARD 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 SONG** *"Because Of You Love"*

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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### WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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**\*PRAISE SONG** *"I Can Only Imagine" (Please gather in center aisle to sing)*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN** *(Led by the speaker)*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
 March 31, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE David Michel  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Doreen Cheung  
 MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang  
 USHER: William Tsang

Next Week – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
 April 7, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Nancy Talbot  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee  
 MUSIC LEADER: Jimmy Shek  
 USHER: Rosalynn Mok  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jonathan Chui

## PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Thanksgiving for the free gift of God’s grace, the fellowship we share as a church family and the many blessings we have been given.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for Deacon Fanny Louie and the Louie Family. May God lead Elder Charles Louie our dearest brother to His house to rest in peace. May God hold the Louie Family in His Palm with peace and comfort.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee’s mom Ms. Justa Pickens’ full recovery.
- Pray for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	April 21 --- Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5--2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12-4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **Welcome to the First Chinese Presbyterian Church (FCPC).** Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are glad God led you our way. With a handshake and a smile, with fellowship and cheer, as part of God’s family, you are always welcome here. We hope you have a spiritual stay in our church and feel free to inquire about our other activities and various fellowships FCPC has to offer. No matter how old or young you are, there is something for everyone here!
- 2) **Board of Deacons Meeting.... April** stated meeting will convene next Sunday April 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm in room 302.
- 3) **Pastoral Nomination Committee Meeting....** will convene next Sunday April 7, 2019 at 2:30 pm in room 309.
- 4) **2019 PYT:** The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium – a gathering for HS youth from the PC (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is “Here’s My Heart!” Registration, event plans the travel information is at <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>. All participants must be registered through a local presbytery or church delegation. Speak to church office if you would like to attend.
- 5) **Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2018 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 6) **Volunteers on duty for English Worship Service...** please be at the sanctuary by 12:45 pm to be in preparation for 1 pm worship on every Sunday.
- 7) **Keep updated on FCPC news...** Join our mailing list to get weekly announcements at <http://groups.google.com/group/fcpcnyc>. Like our page at <http://facebook.com/fcpcnyc> to get the latest news and connect with other members.

### 8) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for April 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
4/7	Rev. Nancy Talbot	Donald Lee	Jimmy Shek	Rosalynn Mok	Jonathan Chui
4/14	Rev. Alice Kim	Milton Mui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Justin Choy	
4/21	Evangelist Elaine Shao	Eliza Chung Easter Sunday Combined Service @11 am	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Kevin Quan Peter Yap Geoffrey Chan Jessica Teng Connie Leung	
4/28	RE John Gingrich	Vicki Louie-Shek	Tony Chan	Milton Mui	

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