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*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

二零一七年七月九日

*The Ninth Day of July 2017*

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:30 a.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When we recognize the peculiar sinfulness of the religious person and see sin abounding in him or her, we are able to understand the meaning of grace more exceedingly abounding, and the necessity that God's mercy acts in spite of sin.  
-- Karl Barth, The Letter to the Romans

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Has it been a tough week?

**People: So much has happened; some of it good, other things that are hurtful.**

Leader: The Lord has been with you in all that has happened.

**People: We need to see the loving presence of God.**

Leader: Open your eyes and see God's wondrous love active in your life.

**People: Lord, help us to take our focus away from our strife and place it on you. Let us worship our God!**

#### \*HYMN #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

##### Opening Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's love and mercy let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor:

**All: Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

##### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: We know we are forgiven and can be at peace. Praise God!**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

**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

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 45:10-17 (p. 517)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 7:14-25 (p. 157)

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SERMON** "Free From The Slavery Of Sin"

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

**\*HYMN #280 "The Morning Light Is Breaking"**

**\*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 HYMN "Doxology"**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (led by the usher)

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

**\*HYMN #597 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord "**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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## WELCOME!

Today – *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
July 9, 2017 @ 9:30 am – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Henry Kuo  
WORSHIP LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek  
MUSIC LEADER: Joy Tso  
USHER: Anna Fong

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Next Week – *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
July 16, 2017 @ 9:30 am – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Sarah Pang (Intern)  
WORSHIP LEADER: William Tsang  
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung  
USHER: Kyle Tsang

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## PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one.
- Prayers for all those struggling during these difficult times.
- Prayers for the health and strength of our FCPC members.
- Prayers for strength and wisdom for our FCPC volunteers and leaders.
- Prayers for all the upcoming events for summer and those who will be serving and in the ministries God has entrusted to our care.

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## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	12:30 PM	Gilbert Wong	July 23-----Room 309
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)				
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	On Summer break for July and August	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10th

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 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) Our Speaker today....** Henry Kuo is a Ph.D. candidate in theology at the Graduate Theological Union/University of California Berkeley. Also, the Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild "Trial of the Sword" is really difficult.
- 3) Summer Worship Time Change....** Please note that the July and August Worship Service time is changed to 9:30 a.m. First Sunday, the Holy Communion will be a combined Service at 11 a.m.
- 4) BASIC Summer Conference 2017....** will be held in Johnsonburg retreat Center from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> with Reverend Eun Joo Kim as our guest speaker. Cost is \$125. Please see Gilbert for details.
- 5) TE Nathan Lim...**will be on vacation from July 12 to Aug 2, 2017. For church business, please contact the office.
- 6) ALL SPHERES OF LIFE....**Jeremy Lin, Brooklyn Nets Point Guard, Rev. Francis Chan, and MC Jin, an international Rap Artist will come together to host a free Evangelistic Rally on September 16, 12-2:30pm at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church. Jeremy is well known for his commitment to follow Jesus Christ and will be sharing his personal testimony and God's calling for his life. Rev. Francis Chan, a best-selling author and pastor of Cornerstone Church, will be sharing a message, and MC Jin, a Christian rap artist will use his songs to interact and worship. If you are interested in attending, please sign up outside the FCPC church office for tickets by July 30th. Please note that the strategy for this rally is for every believer to bring one new friend.
- 7) Keep updated on FCPC news...**Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read 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.