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*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

二零一七年七月十六日  
*The Sixteenth Day of July 2017*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16, 2017

9:30 a.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we pray to God this day?

**People: Let our spirits be humble and contrite.**

Leader: God will take all that we are and help us work for good.

**People: Even though we struggle and wonder if we are good enough, God sees our abilities and our loving hearts.**

Leader: Bring your hearts to God this day.

**People: May God touch our lives with peace and love. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #18 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#### Opening Prayer

Leader: Gracious God, with the prayer your Son taught on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and the best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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: Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 119:105-112 (p. 569)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p. 13-14)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** "The Parable Of The Sower"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

**\*HYMN #42 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (first page of the 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 "Doxology"**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (led by the usher)

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN #68 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"**

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *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  
USHERS: Kyle Tsang

Next Week – *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 23, 2017 @ 9:30 am – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Henry Kuo  
WORSHIP LEADER: Anna Fong  
MUSIC LEADER: Jimmy Shek  
USHER: Milton Mui

## 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 peace among the turmoil and conflicts in the world.
- Prayers for all the upcoming events for summer and those who will be serving and in the ministries God has entrusted to our care.

## 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 resume 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....** Sarah Pang is our summer intern. She is a seminary student studying M. Div. at Divinity School of Chung Chi College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 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....**is on vacation from July 12 to Aug 2, 2017. For church business, please contact the office.
- 6) **The Session has approved to grant....** Evangelist Hazel Man medical leave from July 10, 2017 to September 30, 2017.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **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.