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Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

二零一七年七月廿三日

The Twenty-third Day of July 2017

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23, 2017

9:30 a.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING QUOTE

Most glorious is, and will be, the City of God, whether in this passing age where she lives by faith as a pilgrim among the ungodly, or when she will be established in the security of that eternal home which she now patiently waits for, when righteousness shall return unto judgment. -- St. Augustine of Hippo, The City of God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we will want for nothing.

People: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

Leader: Even in the shadows 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: We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.

*PRAISE SONG "God Of Wonder"

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 your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from the selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: With grateful and humble hearts we know we are forgiven through Jesus Christ. May the God of mercy, who forgave us our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*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. May the peace of God 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

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 40:21-31 (p. 668)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18-25 (p. 158)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "Pilgrims To The City Of God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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

***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 HYMN** "Thank You Lord"

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

***PRAISE SONG** "Blessed Be Your Name"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***FOURFOLD AMEN** (led by the speaker in a cappella)

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *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

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

SPEAKER: Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok
MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers
USHER: Jonathan Chui

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

	REGULAR MEETINGS	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING & LOCATION
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4 th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong	July 23- Room 309
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)				
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	<i>SUMMER BREAK</i> from July 9 thru August 27	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Classes will resume on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 @ 11:00am

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) *Our Speaker today....*** Henry Kuo is a doctoral candidate in systematic theology at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. He recommends watching the BBC documentary series on the history of Christianity by the posh Oxford historian, Diarmaid MacCulloch.
- 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) *TE Nathan Lim...is*** on vacation from July 12 to Aug 2, 2017. For church business, please contact the office.
- 5) *Evangelist Hazel Man...is*** on medical leave from July 10, 2017 to September 30, 2017.
- 6) *BASIC Summer Conference 2017 ...*** will be held in Johnsonburg Retreat Center from 8/4-8/6 with Rev Eun Joo Kim as guest speaker. We are departing from church on 8/4 at 6pm. Please see Gilbert for details.
- 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.