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Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

二零一七年八月二十日

The Twentieth Day of August 2017

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has blessed each and every one of us.

People: We want to serve God.

Leader: Each talent, each skill, can be used for peace and justice.

People: Lord, help us to be part of ministries that promote hope and peace.

Leader: Come, let us praise God for the diversity present here.

People: Enable us, O God, to discern what you would have us do. Let us worship our God!

*PRAISE SONG "You Shine"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith. Give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one 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: It is so easy for us, Lord, to diminish the gifts you have given us. We have come to believe that either we are experts in some areas or we know nothing. Each of us have been given special gifts and talents that can be used to help others, but for some reason we have chosen not to use these gifts, deciding that they are unimportant or not needed. Forgive us when we make decisions not to act. Help us look at the blessings that you have poured into our lives and to discover the special talents we have. Open the doorways of service and let the gates swing wide on our path to serve you in this world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. 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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 40:1-10 (p. 513-514)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Peter 1:1-10 (p. 236)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "Strive To Be Godly"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

***PRAISE SONG** "The Rising"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The 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** "Give Thanks"

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the usher)

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

WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***PRAISE SONG** "I Can Only Imagine"

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***FOURFOLD AMEN** (a cappella)

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today – *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 20, 2017 @ 9:30 am – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE Peng Leong
WORSHIP LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers
MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang
USHER: Doreen Cheung

Next Week – *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 27, 2017 @ 9:30 am – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: TE Robert Foltz-Morrison
WORSHIP LEADER: RE Jonathan Chui
MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan
USHER: Anna Fong

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 Earthquake happened in Szechuan, China.
- Prayers for peace among the turmoil and conflicts in the world.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong	August 27--- Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10, 2017 @ 11 a.m.
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM -12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10, 2017 @ 11 a.m.

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) Save The Date....** Congregational Resources Day* - November 4, 2017, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brick Presbyterian Church Parish House, 62 E. 92nd Street, NYC.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Back to regular time....** starting in September English worship service will begin at 1:00 pm.