

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 15, 2019

1:00 p.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God, and all creation tells God's story.

**People: All God's creatures reflect God's beauty.**

Leader: Our life together speaks of God's wisdom.

**People: The life of Jesus shows forth God's love.**

Leader: Our faith tells God's story. Let us worship our God.

#### \*HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. 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: God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our hearts, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### \*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 14: 1-7 (p. 495)

#### A TIME FOR THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SERMON** "A Stupid, Idiot Church Of Sinners"

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 15: 1-10 (p. 78)

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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

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

**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

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

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*FOURFOLD AMEN #675

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
September 15, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo  
WORSHIP LEADER: William Tsang  
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung  
USHER: Justin Choy

Next Week – *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
September 22, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Rev. Gerald Liu  
WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Moi-Yap  
MUSIC LEADER: William Tsang  
USHER: Peter Yap

## 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 Mrs. Jocelyn Lee’s mom Ms. Justa Pickens’ full recovery.
- Prayers for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	September 22 – Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00AM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5--2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00AM-12:30PM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12—4th 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) Our Speaker Today.....** Henry Kuo received his Ph.D. in theology from the Graduate Theology Union / University of California – Berkeley and is currently researching theological ethics and various legislation. He argues that the best coffee is found at Joe Coffee in NYC, not to be confused with Joe & the Juice.
- 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) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Service for September 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
9/22	Rev. Gerald Liu	Sharon Moi-Yap	William Tsang	Peter Yap
9/29	CRE Peng Leong	Milton Mui	Kyle Tsang	Herbie Chan