

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 22 , 2019

1 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, the door is opened, the light is shining through.

People: We are afraid, for the unknown lies on the other side.

Leader: Come, step through the door into endless possibilities of life!

People: We are afraid, we pray, but we have not heard the answer.

Leader: Come, do not be afraid, for Christ is taking your hand.

People: Christ is our companion, we shall not be afraid, we shall walk boldly into the light. Come, let us fling open the doors, reach out to each other, and worship our God.

*PRAISE SONG " *Agnus Dei* "

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Sovereign God, we know you are ever-present with us. You have come before us, you walk with us and you will come again. When we pray, we no longer seek your presence, but we at times need assurance. Remind us of your companionship when we feel lost, and grant us the courage to step out in response to your grace to bring healing and hope in our world. Remind us that the greatest commandments are to love you and to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that when we follow your commandments, we are participating in your answering of prayers to each other and the world. In the name of Christ, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Wondrous God, we confess that we often pray and wait for answers. We want a clear yes from you, we want assurance of our requests, we want answers and we want them now. We confess that we fail to walk through doors out of fear or reach out to those who have hurt us out of anger. We confess that we lack patience and understanding, and that we forget to participate in your response, being passive instead of active. Forgive us and remind us of the empowering grace you have given us in our lives. Remind us that you are always with us, that you never leave us or forsake us. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who walks with us on this journey of faith, we pray. 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: Through Christ we know that we have been forgiven and we can live in peace now.

*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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 79: 1-9 (p. 540)

GOSPEL READING Luke 16: 1-13 (p. 79)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON " *Even A Little Faith Goes A Long Way* "

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

***PRAISE SONG** " *Your Grace Is Enough* "

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* (printed on 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** " *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** " *Blessed Be Your Name* "
(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

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

SPEAKER: Dr. Gerald Liu
 WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Moi-Yap
 MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang
 USHER: Peter Yap

Next Week – *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 September 29, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: CRE Peng Leong
 WORSHIP LEADER: Milton Mui
 MUSIC LEADER: William Tsang
 USHER: Vicki Louie-Shek

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 nd 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*..... Dr. Gerald C. Liu is Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Princeton Theological School. An ordained United Methodist Elder of the Mississippi Annual Conference, he also serves as a Minister in Residence at the Church of Village, a United Methodist Congregation in Manhattan. He is the son of culturally Buddhist immigrants from Taiwan, and is the author of *Music and the Generosity of God* (Palgrave, 2017).

3) *BASIC Fellowship* is meeting today in room 309 at 2pm. Gilbert will lead our program and refreshments are served.

4) *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.
