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要尋求耶和華與祂的能力，時常尋求祂的面

Seek The Lord And His Strength, Seek His Presence Continually

大齋第二主日
Second Sunday in Lent

二零一八年二月廿五日
The Twenty-fifth Day of February 2018

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth. God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives. God tells us:

People: In my foolishness find your wisdom. In my weakness find your strength.

Leader: God tells us:

People: In my law, find freedom, in my anger, find justice.

Leader: God tells us:

People: In dying, find life. In endings, find new beginnings.

*HYMN #56 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER

★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

People: We declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

★PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May 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 Psalms 22:23-31 (p.501)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (p.13)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:31-38 (p.44)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON “Children Of Abraham”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

CHILD BAPTISM

Clara Dewell

Father: Anthony Dewell

Mother: Jennifer Lee

★HYMN #407 “Thine For Ever! God Of Love”

★AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” (front cover 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 HYMN “Doxology” (back cover of hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 #592 “Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”

★CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

★FOURFOLD AMEN #675

★Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Today – *Second Sunday in Lent*

February 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim

WORSHIP LEADER: Peter Yap

MUSIC LEADER: Kathy Mah

USHER: Anna Fong

Next Week – *Third Sunday in Lent*

March 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service With Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Phil Tom

WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee

MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek

USHER: Justin Choy

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sharon Moi-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 the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for the children’s educational ministry in 2018.
- Prayers for Peter Wong, the student who died helping other students escape the mass shooting, and other victims and their families in Florida.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.
- Prayers for joy, health, peace and prosperity for the congregation and their family throughout the Chinese Lunar New Year.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	March 18---Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 ---2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	

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) **Board of Deacons...** March stated meeting will convene next Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm in room 302.

- 3) **Lunar New Year Visitation...** will be commenced at the Atlantis Rehab.& Residential HCF (former Green Park Care Center at 140 Saint Edwards Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on the coming Saturday 3/3/2018, 2 pm. Your participation and donation for gifts will be much appreciated. Please speak to Mr. Sam Yu or Mrs. Christine Louie for registration and details.

- 4) **Tax Report...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2016 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.

- 5) **Volunteers on duty for English Worship Service...** please be at the sanctuary by 12:45 pm to be in preparation for 1 pm worship on every Sunday.

- 6) **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.

7) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services**

for March 2018 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers	Communion Assistant
3/4	Rev. Phil Tom	Donald Lee	Vicki Louie-Shek	Justin Choy	Sharon Moi-Yap
3/11	Mr. Henry Kuo	Jonathan Chui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Kyle Tsang	
3/18	Mr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	William Tsang	Peter Yap	
3/25	Miss Sarah Pang	Jessica Teng	Tony Chan	Jimmy Shek	