

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, March 8, 2020

1:00 pm English Service

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our souls magnify God, and our spirits rejoice in our Savior,

**People: for the mighty One has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

Leader: God has looked upon me with favor. From now on all generations will call blessed,

**People: for the mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God's name.**

Leader: Blessed are you among women, and blessed is she who believes,

**People: for the mighty One has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

**\*PRAISE SONG "Unashamed Love"**

#### 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 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.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Loving God, we confess we criticize and pass judgment upon others. We seek to control the way other live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Help us to appreciate and love our sisters and brothers in Christ, both younger and older, for we are all valued members in the household of God.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

#### \*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

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**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 121: 1-8 (p. 571)

**GOSPEL READING** John 3: 1-17 (p. 93-94)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** " *True Religion* "

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**\*PRAISE SONG "Carrier "**

**\*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 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

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**\*PRAISE SONG "You Are God Alone "**

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

## WELCOME!

Today – *Second Sunday in Lent / International Women’s Day*  
 March 8, 2020 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Doreen Cheung  
 MUSIC LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek  
 USHER: Milton Mui

Next Week – *Third Sunday in Lent*  
 March 15, 2020 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Reverend Alice Kim  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Milton Mui  
 MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers  
 USHER: Justin Choy

### 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 wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nominating Committee and their service.
- Remembering the many families who lost loved ones on the tragic helicopter crash.
- Continued prayers for those affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 in Asia, the United States and other parts of the world, including Elder David Michel who is self-quarantined after possible exposure.
- Prayers for Elder Dan DeBrucker who is battling an infection following a recent foot surgery.

### FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	March 22--Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung	Grades K-5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12) / JYF	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 systematic theology from the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. If anyone remains concerned about the Covid-19 virus, he has brought a disinfecting isopropyl alcohol spray.
- 3) The BASIC Fellowship** is collecting empty shampoo, conditioner, or body care bottles for recycling. Please drop off empty and preferably dry plastic bottles in the box labeled “**Bottle Recycling**” in Room 309. For any questions, please contact Connie Leung.
- 4) The Session...** March stated meeting will be held on March 15, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Room 309.
- 5) Children’s Ministry Committee...** March stated meeting will convene today at 2:30 pm in room 309.
- 6) Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2019 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services for March 2020**

**at 1 p.m.**

Dates	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
3/15	Rev. Alice Kim	Milton Mui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Justin Choy
3/22	Rev. Bertram Johnson	Sharon Moi-Yap	Tony Chan	Peter Yap
3/29	Dr. Henry Kuo	Alex Sze	Jimmy Shek	Kyle Tsang

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