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以基督耶穌的心為心

*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

大齋第二主日

*Second Sunday in Lent*

二零一七年三月十二日

*The Twelfth Day of March 2017*

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### \*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 me 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.**

\*HYMN # 440 "How Firm A Foundation" (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza)

#### OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** Loving God, You beckon us to take refuge in You, trusting You to preserve us from trouble. Instead we hide from You, not wanting You to see our ingratitude, our guilt – the sinfulness that drives us to choose trouble over You. In Your presence we confess how we fall for lies that prey upon our insecurities; how we deny our limits and our need of You; how we desire things other than what You graciously bestowed; how we wander from Your ways and disregard Your love. Forgive us we pray. Surround us with the abundance of Your grace and the free gift of Your righteousness, so that we may be happy, hidden in You.

#### 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 of forgiveness in Christ.

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

#### \*PASSING 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  
NEW TESTAMENT**

Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 10)  
John 3:1-17 (p. 93)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON** "Go and See"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

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**\*HYMN # 173** "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus" (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Apostles' Creed" (front cover of hymnal)

**PRAYER CARD REQUEST & 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"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (led by the ushers)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (led by the ushers)

## THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

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

## WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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**\*CLOSING HYMN # 597** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza)

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

No wonder the apostles avoided getting too caught up in administration but gave themselves to prayer and study and proclamation of the Word. More than thirty times in Acts we read that the Word grew, the Word flourished, the Word prevailed. Luke means by this, of course, the proclamation of the gospel. This is how the faith spread.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 1) Leave of Absence...** Mr. Sam Yu will be on leave of absence from March 3 to March 21, 2017. For business please contact the church office during regular business hours and speak with an available office staff worker for assistance.
- 2) Your Tax deduction contribution receipts for 2016 are now available...** If you are interested in receiving a copy of your monetary donations to our church, see a Trustee or Mr. Sam Yu, in the church office. Be prepared to provide them with your name and offering envelope number.
- 3) Sunday School Teachers Meeting...** is Sunday, March 19, 2017 in Room 309 at 10:00 am.
- 4) Next Adult Fellowship...** is March 19, 2017 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 2:30 pm.
- 5) Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)...** is scheduled for March 26, 2017 at 2:30 pm in Room 309.
- 6) Assistants & Helpers...** are needed at our Sunday English Worship Services each week. Please contact Dr. Jackson any week out of the month that you are available and would like to serve or volunteer as Worship Leader, Music Leader, or Usher. Holy Communion Assistants are needed on the first Sunday of each month.
- 7) Get Connected...** For our full Statement of Faith or to learn more about Presbyterian history and beliefs or to find a full list of available resources check our websight at <http://fcpc.org>. You will also be able to read about 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.

## WELCOME

**TODAY** – March 12, 2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service at 1:00 pm

TODAY'S SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim

**NEXT WEEK** - March 19, 2017 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service at 1:00 pm

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tony Jackson

Today's Usher: Suzanne Yong-Sellers

### ABOUT US

PASTOR – Rev. Nathan Lim

ENGLISH EVANGELIST – Dr. Tony Jackson

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 11:00 am Sunday School - 1:00 pm English Worship Service

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### A SPECIAL WORD TO OUR GUESTS

*FCPC is a fellowship of believers whose supreme desire is to know the Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known to others. We're glad you joined us for worship today. Please know you always have a warm welcome here among us. We pray your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and that you will feel free to inquire about any of the other activities and various fellowships FCPC has to offer. Regardless of your age, there is something for everyone here!*

### THIS MONTH AT FCPC - FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Adult Fellowship (AF)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	2:30 PM		March 19 --- 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:30 PM	Gilbert Wong & Tony Jackson	March 26 -- 309
Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)	Weekly	12-12:45 PM	Tony Jackson	Weekly — 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	11 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5----2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Grades 6-12 – 4 <sup>th</sup> floor 18+----- 309

### PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's wonderful plan of salvation that offers the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus to everyone who by grace through faith believes upon Christ as savior.
- Prayers for all the leaders of our country old and new that God's grace will continue to be upon us as a nation that we may live in freedom and peace.
- Prayers for our church that God will teach us to love one another as Christ loved the Church and that we share His mercy and grace with others.
- Prayers for all the cities across the United States experiencing civil disobedience and unrest, that it will cease, and that God will heal the divisions and barriers Christ came into this world to tear down among men and nations.