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Seek The Lord And His Strength, Seek His Presence Continually

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Fifth Sunday In Lent

二零一八年三月十八日

The Eighteenth Day of March 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 18, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.

People: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

Leader: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

People: For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

People: We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.

*PRAISE SONG "Because Of Your Love"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our own sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love.

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 51: 1-12 (P.520)

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (P.735)

SERMON "The Law In Our Hearts, The Courage To Be"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

*PRAISE SONG "Your Grace Is Enough"

*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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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 BENEDICTION

*FOURFOLD AMEN

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Today – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 18, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo

WORSHIP LEADER: Doreen Cheung

MUSIC LEADER: William Tsang

USHER: Peter Yap

Next Week – *Palm / Passion Sunday*

March 25, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Miss Sarah Pang

WORSHIP LEADER: Anna Fong

MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan

USHER: Jimmy 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 the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for peace and joy that the Holy Spirit will guide us on the Children's Easter Festival.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.
- Prayers for our congregation's steady growth and prosperity with God's guidance and the Holy Spirit dwelling among us all.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	April 22 --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	Grades 6-12-4 th 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....**Mr. Henry Kuo is the doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. He likes coffee.
- 3) **BASIC Fellowship ...** will meet this Sunday at 2 p.m. in Room 309. Henry will lead our program.
- 4) **Children's Easter Festival...** will be held on Saturday March 24th, 2018, 1:30-3:00 pm at the church sanctuary. Please join us on the event to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5) **Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2017 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **Keep updated on FCPC news...**Join our mailing list to get weekly announcements at <http://groups.google.com/group/fcpcnyc>. 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 2018 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
3/18	Mr. Henry Kuo	Doreen Cheung	William Tsang	Peter Yap
3/25	Miss Sarah Pang	Anna Fong	Tony Chan	Jimmy Shek
