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*Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You*

大齋第五主日暨聖餐崇拜  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion Service*

二零一七年四月二日  
*The Second Day of April 2017*

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 2, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service with Holy Communion

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the deepest places in our lives we cry to God.

**People: God, hear my voice, do not be far from me.**

Leader: Let us not forget God's steadfast love and power to redeem.

**People: We wait for God, and in God's Word we find hope.**

**\*HYMN # 18 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty God, Remember 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 bestow; 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** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (p. 2)  
**NEW TESTAMENT** Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3)

**SERMON** "Choices" Rev. W. Mark Koenig

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

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**\*HYMN # 251** "Break Thou The Bread Of Life"

**\*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**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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**\*PRAISE SONG** "Here I Am Lord" (insert)

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

There are really four great questions of life. If we are to understand what is happening today, we need to examine what certain influential voices had to say about these questions and personally settle them on the basis of truth from God's inspired Word: (1) Where did I come from? (2) Who am I? (3) Why am I here? (4) Where am I going?

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 1) A Special Welcome to Our Guest Speaker Today...** The Rev. W. Mark Koenig who serves as the coordinator for racial justice in the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry and Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries of The Presbyterian Mission Agency. He has served as director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, and associate for antiracism training. He also served on the staff of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve and has been co-pastor of churches in Iowa and Ohio. He is looking forward to the baseball season although the six years he spent in New York, and the games he attended with First Chinese Presbyterian Church, did not shift his allegiance from the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- 2) April 16: Adult Fellowship...** April 16, 2017 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 2:30 pm
- 3) April 30: Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)...** is scheduled for April 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Room 309.
- 4) AF Outing-Mets Faith Day on August 5...** Join AF as we attend the Mets vs Dodgers game on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:05pm for their Faith Day. Following the game, there is a worship and praise service presented by the Times Square Church, as well as testimonials by some Mets players. Promenade Outfield tickets are \$25pp. If you want to attend, speak to Doreen by Sunday, April 16. Payment for tickets must be made in advance. We will NOT be ordering extra tickets for this game.
- 5) 2017 Summer Children's Program...** The First Chinese Presbyterian Church is offering a 7 weeks program for children grades 1-6. The program will run from July 5 through August 18, 2017, and is held Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:30pm. Lunch is provided. Daily Schedule includes raising academic standards in: Reading/Writing/Spelling/Mathematics/Science/and Social Studies. For more information contact our church office. (See also: back page of Bulletin for job openings)
- 6) Leave of Absence...** Dr. Jackson will be on leave of absence April 3, 5, & 7. For business please contact church office during regular business hours and speak with an available office staff worker for assistance.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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 out our website at [fcpc.org](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** – April 2, 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - English Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Rev. Mark Koenig

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok-Chui

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Tsang

TODAY'S USHER: Kyle Tsang

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Peng Leong, Milton Mui

**NEXT WEEK** – April 9, 2017 – Passion/Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tony Jackson

### ABOUT US

PASTOR – Rev. Nathan Lim

ENGLISH EVANGELIST – Dr. Tony Jackson

SCHEDULE 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		April 16 --- 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong & Tony Jackson	April 30 --- 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

- Prayers of thanks to God for His eternal love and care over our lives and for sending His only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might be forgiven and restored and come into a personal and intimate relationship with God through Christ.
- Prayers for all the upcoming events for Spring and Summer and those who will be sacrificially serving and ministering in the ministries God has entrusted to our care.
- Prayers for our country and our leaders that we may live quiet and peaceful lives and bring glory to God's name through the continual sharing of God's love to all the world.