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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, April 7, 2019

1:00 pm English Service with Holy Communion

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### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### \*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**    *"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"*

#### 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.

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Isaiah 43: 16-21    (P. 672-673)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**    John 12: 1-8    (P. 106)

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**            *"A New Day, A New Possibility"*

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

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**\*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.

*(1) Sunday Offering    (2) Renovation Fund Offering*

**\*OFFERTORY SONG**    *"Because Of Your Love"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**    (led by the usher)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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### THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**    #244    *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**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

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### WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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**\*PRAISE SONG**    *"Today Is The Day"*

*(Please gather in center aisle to sing)*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*FOURFOLD AMEN**    (Led by the speaker)

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME!

Today – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

April 7, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service with Holy Communion

SPEAKER: Rev. Nancy Talbot  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Donald Lee  
 MUSIC LEADER: Jimmy Shek  
 USHER: Rosalynn Mok  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jonathan Chui

Next Week – *Palm Sunday*

April 14, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Rev. Alice Kim  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Milton Mui  
 MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers  
 USHER: Vicki Louie-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 Deacon Fanny Louie and the Louie Family. May God lead Elder Charles Louie our dearest brother to His house to rest in peace. May God hold the Louie Family in His Palm with peace and comfort.
- Prayer for Mrs. Jocelyn Lee's mom Ms. Justa Pickens' full recovery.
- Pray for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.

### FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	1:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	April 21 --- Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5--2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & 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....**After a full and rich secular career Nancy Talbot felt called to ministry. She was ordained as a Teaching Elder while developing a new spirituality program for people of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities at Bellevue Hospital Center. Nancy served as Interim Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of New York City in 2012 and has served as the Stated Clerk for the Synod of the Northeast, Presbyterian Church USA since 2013. She remains a member of the Presbytery of New York City. Nancy's secular career included receiving a Master's of Social Work after which she managed nonprofit organizations and state and federal governmental agency departments. In each position she was instrumental in developing policies and programs for start up organizations as well as those in transition. Her passions are travel and listening to music of all kinds.
- 3) Board of Deacons Meeting....** April stated meeting will convene today April 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm in room 302.
- 4) Pastoral Nomination Committee Meeting....** will convene today April 7, 2019 at 2:30 pm in room 309.
- 5) 2019 PYT:** The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium – a gathering for HS youth from the PC (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is "Here's My Heart!" Registration, event plans the travel information is at <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>. All participants must be registered through a local presbytery or church delegation. Speak to church office if you would like to attend.
- 6) Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2018 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Services for April 2019 at 1 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
4/14	Rev. Alice Kim	Milton Mui	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Vicki Louie-Shek
4/21	Evangelist Elaine Shao	Eliza Chung Easter Sunday Combined Service @11 am	You Zheng Jiang	Sharon Moi-Yap (Greeter) Kevin Quan Peter Yap Geoffrey Chan Connie Leung
4/28	RE John Gingrich	Justin Choy	Tony Chan	Milton Mui

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