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Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

棕枝主日
Palm Sunday

二零一七年四月九日
The Ninth Day of April 2017

林怡軒牧師 *Reverend Nathan Lim*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 9, 2017

1:00 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy God.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN # 30 "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"** (stanza 1, 2, 3, 6)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Eternal God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united to Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, that new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, You come to us in astonishing ways – humble, yet with authority; helpless, yet with the power to save. You have shown us how to live lives grounded in gratitude and consecrated in service. Forgive us Lord, for we have not followed Your lead. We confess to You our cowardice, our selfishness, our failure to love You as You have loved, and our poor witness to the world. Cleanse us again, we pray. Cleanse us and renew us that our lives may show forth the love and grace we have received from 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

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31:9-16 (p. 506)

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 197)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON "Christless Christianity"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN # 2 "Come Thou Almighty King" (stanza 1, 3, 4)

*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

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

*HYMN # 363 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (stanza 1, 2, 4)

EVANGELISTIC QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

God's answer to everything, God's explanation of everything, and God's means of realizing everything is a Man, "the Man Christ Jesus." Men will be judged by what their inward relationship is to that Man. God's ultimate question will never be how much good or bad, right or wrong, more or less is in a man; but will turn upon this one point, "Are you in Christ?" If not, more or less makes no difference. God's intention, God's proclamation is that all things be found in His Son. Are you in him? - *Have you come to Him in simple faith as your Savior?*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*FOURFOLD AMEN

*Please stand if you are able

FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **CM Meeting Today...** at 2:30pm in Room 309.
- 2) **April 14: Good Friday Communion Service...** at 7pm in the church Sanctuary with TE Natham Lim as speaker. The choir will present "No Greater Love".
- 3) **April 16: Adult Fellowship...** April 16, 2017 on the 2nd Floor at 2:30 pm.
- 4) **April 17: International Day of Farmers' Struggles...** Farmers feed the planet but are among the poorest and hungriest people in the world. To learn more about the challenges faced by farmers and how you can help visit the link below. pcusa.org/internationalfarmers.
- 5) **April 27: Holocaust Remembrance Day...** is an International Memorial Day commemorating the victims of the Holocaust. It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the death of an estimated 6 million Jewish people, 200,000 Romani people, 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people, and 9,000 homosexual men by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly on 24 January 2005 marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of the Holocaust. On 27 January 1945, Auschwitz-Birkenau the largest Nazi concentration and death camp was liberated by the Red Army. The Holocaust Remembrance Day is also a national event in the United Kingdom and in Italy.
- 6) **April 30: Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)...** is scheduled for April 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Room 309.
- 7) **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)
- 8) **English Worship Service Assistants & Helpers...** are needed each week. Those available please contact Dr. Jackson by Thursday so your name can be placed in the weekly bulletin as Worship Leader, Music Leader, or Usher. Holy Communion Assistants are needed on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you.
- 9) **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. 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 9, 2017 – *Passion/Palm Sunday - English Worship Service* at 1:00 pm

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tony Jackson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek

TODAY'S USHER: Milton Mui

NEXT WEEK – April 16, 2017 – *Resurrection of the Lord/Easter*

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim

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 rd Sunday	2:30 PM		April 16 --- 2 nd 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 th Floor
Sunday School (SS)	Every Sunday	11 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5----2 nd floor Grades 6-12 – 4 th 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.