

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8 , 2019

1 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here. Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

People: We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: God hears our prayers and answers us. God equips us to be helpful to one another.

People: Come together to sing songs of praise to God. Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds. God's glory abides in this place of worship. Let us worship our God.

*PRAISE SONG " *Blessed Be Your Name* "

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Timeless One, you create all moments of our lives, giving each its meaning and purpose. Strengthen us to witness continually to the love of Jesus Christ, that we may hold fast in times of trial, even to the end of ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, as the Christ you showed us that love looks not to its own interests, but to the interests of others. We lament how little we resemble you in your humility, dedication and love. We are driven too often by ambition and conceit. We defend our views, arguing without understanding. We speak of love, but resist the sacrifices love requires. Gracious God, you are at work in us. Fill us and shape us with your Holy Spirit that we may will and work for your pleasure, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

All: Through Christ we know that we have been forgiven and we can live in peace now.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

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 139:1-6, 13-18 (p. 577-578)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

" *Love As The Heart Of The Gospel* "

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1-21 (p. 215-216)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

*PRAISE SONG " *You Are My All In All* "

*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 " *Doxology* "

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the usher)

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

WE BEAR GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*PRAISE SONG " *Forever* "

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*FOURFOLD AMEN (led by the speaker in a cappella)

***Please stand if you are able.**

WELCOME!

Today – *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
September 8, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER: Rosalynn Mok
MUSIC LEADER: Suzanne Yong-Sellers
USHER: Jonathan Chui

Next Week – *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
September 15, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Dr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER:
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung
USHER: Justin Choy

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 Mrs. Jocelyn Lee’s mom Ms. Justa Pickens’ full recovery.
- Prayers for the wisdom, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit working on the Pastor Nomination Committee and their service.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	September 22 – Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00AM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5--2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00AM- 12:30PM	Doreen Cheung and Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12—4th 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.....** Henry Kuo received his Ph.D. in theology from the Graduate Theology Union / University of California – Berkeley and is currently researching theological ethics and various legislation. He argues that the best coffee is found at Joe Coffee in NYC, not to be confused with Joe & the Juice.
- 3) **Keep updated on FCPC news...** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read 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.

4) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Service for September 2019** **at 1:00 p.m.**

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
9/15	Dr. Henry Kuo		Doreen Cheung	Justin Choy
9/22	Rev. Gerald Liu	Sharon Moi-Yap	William Tsang	Peter Yap
9/29	CRE Peng Leong	Milton Mui	Kyle Tsang	
