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以基督耶穌的心為心

Let The Mind Of Christ Jesus Be In You

二零一七年九月十七日

The Seventeenth Day of September 2017

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 17, 2017

1 p.m. English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*OPENING QUOTE

"We talk about our memories, but we should perhaps talk more about our forgettings, even if that is a more difficult - or impossible - feat." - Julian Barnes, *Nothing to be Frightened Of*.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise the Lord in his sanctuary!

People: Let us praise him for his mighty deeds.

Let us praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us join together and lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*HYMN #218 "We Gather Together"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us take a moment now and silently confess our sin to God.

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 114:1-8 (p.563)
GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 20)
A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
SERMON "Remembering God's Mercy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #2 "Come Thou Almighty King"**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed"**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ever-lasting. Amen

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 HYMN "Doxology"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (led by the usher)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by the usher)

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

***HYMN #68 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***FOURFOLD AMEN**

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME!

Today -- *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
September 17, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Mr. Henry Kuo
WORSHIP LEADER: Vicki Louie-Shek
MUSIC LEADER: Doreen Cheung
USHER: Jonathan Chui

Next Week -- *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
September 24, 2017 @ 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: TE Nathan Lim
WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Moi-Yap
MUSIC LEADER: Kyle Tsang
USHER: Connie Leung

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength and wisdom for our FCPC volunteers and leaders.
- Prayers for students and teachers, and all those who are participating, serving and sharing the ministry with us in the new school year.
- Prayers for Congregational Resources Day on November 4, 2017
- Prayers for those that have been affected by the Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Irma in Florida and other disasters over the world.
- Prayers for peace among the turmoil and conflicts in the world.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPYENINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong	September 24 -- Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	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 – 4 th Floor 18+ ----- Room 309

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 a doctoral candidate in theology at the Graduate Theological Union / University of California at Berkeley. He did nothing at the library this week.
- 3) **Back to School – Back to Basics....** BASIC Fellowship will be gathering on 9/24 at 2 p.m. in Room 309 and Henry will lead our program. Please see Gilbert for more details.
- 4) **Save the Date....** Congregational Resources Day* - November 4, 2017, 9am to 3 pm at Brick Presbyterian Church Parish House, 62 E. 92nd Street, NYC.
- 5) **Keep updated on FCPC news....** Check out our website at <http://fcpc.org>, where you can read upcoming announcement, 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.

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The First Chinese Presbyterian Church
Schedule of Sunday English Worship Services for September 2017 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
9/17	Mr. Henry Kuo	Vicki Louie-Shek	Doreen Cheung	Jonathan Chui
9/24	TE Nathan Lim	Sharon Moi-Yap	Kyle Tsang	Connie Leung
