Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

Worship Service *Oct. 18, 2026*

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Prelude

Invocation: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:

✝ 早晨唱新歌
It's a Morning of New Song
♫ It's a morning of new song,
It's a morning to rejoice
In the Lord's loving kindness
And to lift up my voice
To sing hallelujah, right from the start
And to glorify Jesus
Morning Star of my heart

✝ 獻上讚美祭
Sacrifice Of Praise
♫ [(Praise His holy name) *2
Praise the name above all names
Faithful to the end. Mercy never fails
Your love endures forevermore]
♫ This is our sacrifice of praise.
We are one in Your great love
all generations will come shout for joy
Counting our blessings and Your grace.
We will enter in Your gates
Let Your presence come down overflow

✝ 頌讚全能上帝
Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
♫ Father in heaven, how we love You;
We lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
As Your people declare Your mighty works.
CHORUS:
♫ Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84:1-7
1 How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!
2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Praise
✝ 救主權能 **Jesus Shall Reign**
♫ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
♫ To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
♫ Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Special Music
✝ 耶穌是活石 **Jesus Is the Living Stone**
♫ He is Jesus, Rock of Ages;
Our Messiah, the Prince of Peace;
Lord, our refuge, strength and power,
and His love will never cease.
♫ He is Alpha and Omega;
the Beginning and the End!
Our Redeemer, Master, Savior,
Jesus, Comforter and Friend.
♫ Jesus is the firm foundation,
For our sins His blood atones.
He's the Rock, the mighty fortress,
Jesus is the Living Stone.
♫ The foundation never wavered,
like an anchor through ev'ry storm;
The Rock of our salvation;
He calms the raging storm.
♫ Yesterday, today, forever,
His love reaches ev'ry man;
From His birth to heaven's glory,
Jesus Christ, the Great "I AM!"
♫ He's the Rock, the mighty fortress,
He is our God, the Living Stone,
He is the Living Stone!

Scripture Reading: John 3:27–31, 36

27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only
what is given them from heaven.
28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the
Messiah but am sent ahead of him.'
29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend
who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him,
and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's
voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.
30 He must become greater; I must become less."
31 The one who comes from above is above all; the
one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and
speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from
heaven is above all.
36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but
whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's
wrath remains on them.

Sermon:

The Three Most Important Things in Life

~ Pastor Dong

I. Having the Right View of Who We Are (John 3:28, 27, 31)

Who am I?
I am not God. I am a human being. I am God's messenger!

With this right understanding of who I am, the focus of my life naturally becomes, "He must become greater; I must become less."
All my heart desires is for Jesus to be seen and honored. This is my joy and my glory!

Keep knowing God, trusting God, obeying God, serving God, and lifting up God alone!

This kind of heart helps us live with a dignity and glory greater than anything on earth that is centered on ourselves. It fills our lives with joy and excitement beyond anything on earth. Our inner lives are renewed day by day, growing in value and meaning, bringing glory to God and blessing others!

In contrast, John 3:27 says, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven."

When we put ourselves at the center and push God to the side or deny Him, our lives can only become empty, like chasing the wind, and end in decline and aging.

We must take the right place in order to live rightly, with meaning and value.

In John 3:28–29, John the Baptist showed great wisdom because he knew who he was and who he was not!

II. Receiving Salvation (John 3:31–36)

It is very difficult to take the right place in life, live out the right values, and fulfill the purpose for which we were created!

The key is to accept God's revelation and testimony: repent, accept Jesus as Savior, and make Him Lord of our lives.

When we accept Jesus, we will be saved. From now until eternity, no one can take this salvation away from us. We will walk with God, keep going toward our heavenly home, and one day reign with Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, we will follow the path of King Solomon: enjoying temporary success, satisfaction, and happiness, yet continually feeling empty. Life becomes like a sigh, full of hard work and trouble. In the blink of an eye, it is gone, flying away.

III. Understanding God's Calling—Our Mission and Vision in Life (John 3:28; 1:22–37)

John 1:22–37 Finally they asked, "Who are you?
Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us.
What do you say about yourself?"
23 **John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet,**
"I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"
24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent
25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you
are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"
26 "**I baptize with water,**" John replied, "**but among**
you stands one you do not know.
27 **He is the one who comes after me, the straps of**
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."
28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of
the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him
and said, "**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away**
the sin of the world!
30 **This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who**
comes after me has surpassed me because he was
before me.'
31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came
baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to
Israel."
32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit
come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.
33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who
sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on
whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the
one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'
34 **I have seen and I testify that this is God's**
Chosen One."
35 The next day John was there again with two of his
disciples.

36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, **"Look, the Lamb of God!"**
37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

John the Baptist was able to live out the words, "He must become greater; I must become less," because he clearly understood the mission God had given him.

There was only one thing he devoted his life to: preparing the way for the Messiah before He came, honoring the Messiah, and preparing people's hearts to repent!

We must understand God's calling and mission for our lives.
Then our lives will naturally focus on glorifying Jesus Christ and giving all the glory to Him!

Our hearts will become more and more clear-minded, and we will understand more easily who we are, who we are not, and who God is.

We will live with self-control, direction, and dignity, and fulfill the mission God has entrusted to us!

Then our lives will not have been lived in vain. We will live out the value and purpose for which we were created!

When we choose to live by the words, "He must become greater; I must become less," devoting our lives to lifting up Jesus and humbly stepping aside, we will be like the morning star, whose light gradually fades. But it does not go out. It simply disappears into the light of dawn when the sun rises.

Yet Matthew 13:43 tells us that this kind of life will shine like the sun in eternity!

Matthew 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

A Life That Says, "He Must Become Greater; I Must Become Less"

Our lives will become a blessing to our generation, and we will serve as workers fit for the Lord's use!

We will receive praise in eternity. We will continue to stand in our proper place as God's creation, filled with glory, reflecting God's light, glorifying Him and blessing others—bringing glory to God and blessing people!

Responsive Hymn
† 單單只為祢 For You Alone
♫ Lord, let me see a dream,
all the voices praise with the shouts of joy.
There are lifted hands as far as eyes could see
♫ Lord, let me see a dream,
all the young in heart live their lives for You.
For Your kingdom, building Your dream.
♫ Oh Lord, I choose to follow You.
Use me to bring glory to Your name.
Renew my heart, strengthen my soul.
For You're the one who gives and takes away.
♫ Oh Lord, I choose to follow You.
Use me to bring glory to this land.
Let me see Your greater vision.
Let every soul live for You alone.

Announcement

1. 〈The "Discover Your Superpowers—Eight Intelligences Workshop" will be held for three consecutive Saturdays starting November 7, at 1:30 PM in B1. The workshop will help brothers and sisters discover their abilities and personal strengths. Young adults who are students or working professionals are welcome to join. Please scan the QR code to register. Today is the deadline.

2. Next Sunday is Celebration Sunday. The service will be held at 10:00 AM in Hall B2 of the Taipei Silicon Valley International Conference Center. Please prepare your hearts and arrive early to offer our best worship to the Lord.

3. Registration is now open for the Fall Happiness GOGO courses, running from October 27 to December 8. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to invite their non-Christian friends and family members to join. Please scan the QR code for course details and registration.

4. The special exhibition "An Extraordinary Race, an Eternal Prize" will open on November 1 in the Cloud Hall on the first floor. It features the life stories of outstanding athletes who serve as missionaries. Brothers and sisters are welcome to visit the exhibition and invite their friends and family members to come along.

5. This week's Bible reading is Acts 20–22. You are welcome to scan the QR code on page 1 of the weekly bulletin to subscribe to the *Our Father's Letters* e-newsletter. You can also listen to Pastor Hsu's program, "A Clear and Awake Heart," on Joy FM, featuring Malachi and Psalms 107–134.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

May the grace from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.

Today's worship concludes here for now. Brothers and sisters, please feel free to communicate with one another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.

❖ **This Week's Gatherings**
~ Welcome to invite new friends of all ages to join us