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☞ **Prelude**

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

✠ **因祢的慈愛比生命更好 Thy Loving Kindness**

♪ Thy loving kindness is better than life x2  
My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee  
Thy loving kindness is better than life

✠ **我要全心讚美 My Heart will Praise You Lord**

♪ With all my heart I will give thanks  
And enter Your court  
Offering my praise to You Lord  
It's the fruit of my lips  
♪ In Your presence free of worries. Joy overflows  
Always grateful always praying. My hope is in You  
♪ My heart will praise You Lord  
I'll dance before Your throne  
One day with You is better than a thousand elsewhere  
My heart will praise You, Lord  
I'll never stop praising your name.  
The righteous will declare your victory

✠ **君王就在這裡 Worthy Is The King**

♪ Jesus, my King. You're seated on the throne

Hallelujah. Your glory fills this place.  
♪ Sing, worthy is the King. We offer all our praise.  
Crown You Lord of lords. Give glory to Your name.  
♪ Sing, worthy is the King. You're robed in majesty.  
Hosanna unto the glorious King of kings.  
♪ Higher and higher, we lift Your holy name.  
Higher and higher, we lift a shout of praise.  
Louder and louder, declare that You are Lord.  
until that day, I see You face to face.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 8**

- 1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:
- 9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

☞ **Praise**

✠ **你真偉大 How Great Thou Art**

♪ O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2  
♪ When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.  
♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2  
♪ And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2  
♪ When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2

## Special Music

### 神若幫助我們 If God Is For Us

\*If God is for us, who can be against us?  
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or  
famine or nakedness or danger or sword? \* x2

No, I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
nor things in the present,  
nor things that are yet to come,  
shall separate us from God's love,  
the love which is found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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nor things in the present,  
nor things that are yet to come,  
shall separate us from God's love,  
the love which is found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*We are more than conquerors,  
We are more than conquerors,  
We are more than conquerors through the love of  
Christ our Lord.\* x2

Christ our Lord! Christ our Lord!

## Scripture Reading:

**Esther 2:7** .....she had neither father nor mother.

This young woman, who was also known as  
Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful.

**Esther 2:15** When the turn came for Esther to go to  
the king, she asked for nothing other than  
what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in  
charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther  
won the favor of everyone who saw her.

**Esther 4:14** For if you remain silent at this time, relief  
and deliverance for the Jews will arise from  
another place, but you and your father's  
family will perish. And who knows but that  
you have come to your royal position for such  
a time as this?"

**Esther 4:16** "Go, gather together all the Jews who  
are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or  
drink for three days, night or day. I and my  
attendants will fast as you do. When this is  
done, I will go to the king, even though it is  
against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

## Sermon: Prove The Truth, Live Out The Good Life ---Pastor Hsu

There are only two books in the Bible named after  
women!

### 1. The beauty of appearance (2:7-8)

Her appearance allows Esther to enter the palace,  
and our appearance allows us to win the trust of  
others.

The appearance is like a person's business card. It  
gives people the first impression.

Who decides what a person looks like? Before age  
35? After age 35?

Smiling? full of energy? relaxed and tidy? sitting?  
Standing?

Make your inner beauty apparent: smile and be  
joyful, be vital and clean, and win trust.

### 2. The beauty of character (2:12-15,17)

Every queen candidate has the most beautiful day to  
get the treasure as she wants. When Esther asks for  
nothing else, everyone is pleased with her. The king  
loves her, and she becomes the queen. Her character is  
beautiful!

She is gentle and graceful, not overbearing and  
aggressive. She is simple and content, she does not  
seek gorgeousness and luxury. She is kind to others  
and does not bully others.

Whatever fills the heart will influence the words we  
speak (**Matthew 12:34** You brood of vipers, how can  
you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth  
speaks what the heart is full of.).

The human heart is more deceitful than all things.

(**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure. Who can understand it?)

The only way to eliminate darkness is to meet the true  
light (**2 Corinthians 3:18** And we all, who with  
unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being  
transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory,  
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.)!

Live the beauty of character. Get close to Jesus. Speak  
and become like the Lord!

### 3. The beauty of love

#### (1). Thanksgiving and obedience

She obeyed Mordecai when she was nobody. (**2:10**  
Esther had not revealed her nationality and family  
background, because Mordecai had forbidden her  
to do so.) And She still obeyed when she became  
the queen. (**2:20** But Esther had kept secret her  
family background and nationality just as Mordecai  
had told her to do, for she continued to follow  
Mordecai's instructions as she had done when he  
was bringing her up.)

True love spans time, space, and environment.

The inner setting of utilitarian and ungrateful will keep your friends and family away and will never be blessed!

The patients in John 5 choose to be ungrateful, and later the situation is even more miserable (**John 5:5-6** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”, **John 14-15** Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.)

The blind man in John 9 chooses to be affectionate and righteous, and to gain eternal life (John 9:1, 30-31, 33, 35)!

**(2). Hold people close to our hearts.** (Esther 4:4; 7:3; 8:3,6)

She cared specifically about Mordecai. She begged the king to save her own life as well as the lives of her people! She tied her life to the people of Judah and saved the entire nation! The beauty of one who demonstrates love is deeply engraved on the heart of a person!

Jesus “had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him” (Isaiah 53:2), but the covenant he makes with us is incredibly beautiful. (Heb. 8:6). Because of Jesus' death, we know love and beauty (1 John 3:16)!

Live the beauty of love: Be thankful and obedient. Hold people close to our hearts.

#### 4. The beauty of faith

**(1). Adventures in faith** (4:11-17)

The Jews were on the brink of destruction. Esther could have concealed her identity. But she fasted and prayed, and she saw the king against the law. She risked death!

Esther experienced seven wonderful miracles: The king saved her from death, the king granted what she asked for, and prepared a feast for her. Then, the king had insomnia and chose to read history that had been forgotten. Haman was singled out, and the king gave a new order. The Purim massacre day became the day of salvation!

**(2). Strong in faith** (3:2,4; 4:14)

Mordecai refused to kneel down and worship the wicked Haman. Facing the slaughter, he chose to put on sackcloth and ashes. He fasted and prayed to encourage Esther. He still had great confidence in the midst of the crisis! He is convinced that God would work everything together for the good.

It is not that God's work requires us to act, but that we have the opportunity and honor to join God's work!

Esther's position as queen was “for such a time as this!”

Live the beauty of faith. Take risks by faith. Be strong by faith. Win by faith!

#### 🎵 Responsive Hymn

✠ 你的香氣 Your Fragrances

♪ The air is filled with a kind of fragrance  
it is You are right here

I can sense the fragrance is spreading  
The continuing love is from You

♪ I see You are in the garden of Eden  
Wait for me to return

You say I belong to You with a smile  
I think this is the love You want to give

♪ Your fragrances are like Your holy name  
be exalted by men

Your fragrances are like Holy Spirit  
shall heal all Your people

Your fragrances are like Your love  
for us shall recover all minds

Your fragrances like Your being  
with us full of wonderful love

♪ Jesus' fragrance is now spreading reviving lives  
Jesus' fragrance is now rising to heal the land  
I know is from You from You

#### 🎤 Announcement

1. Considering epidemic prevention policies and our personal health, the church had announced completely lockdown from May 12nd. All physical gathering (including Sunday worship service, prayer meeting, morning prayer, choir, Bible study, Sunday school, small group training, etc.) will be switched to online meetings, and the reopened of church will be announced after the epidemic has subsided. (Please refer to the Church official website, FB and IG for all information related to the gathering.)
2. Due to the seriousness of the epidemic, we've ceasing all kinds of visits activities (including the supplies delivery) to eliminate unnecessary human contact.

3. Church initiates fasting prayer. Brothers and sisters are invited to fast and pray at least one meal per week, praying for the salvation from Almighty God and the hope of peace from heaven to this generation.
4. Please watch the offertory guidance video after the worship service.
5. The Progress of Bible speed reading plan for this week is: **Joshua 4-6**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could go listen to Pastor's daily sharing on [www.ctfhc.org](http://www.ctfhc.org).
6. If you are looking for someone to pray for you or you want to know more about Jesus, please scan the QR code or click on the "Prayer and Devotion Form 代禱與決志表" below the video. We will contact you as soon as possible to pray for you and introduce the Gospel to you.

#### ☞ Offertory

#### ☞ Baptism

#### ☞ 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, our worship service together is coming to an end.  
Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!*