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🎵 **Prelude**

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

† **我們已被揀選 We Were Chosen**

🎵 We were chosen from all the nations  
So we can be Your people  
We were chosen And be sanctified  
We give all glory unto You, Lord!  
🎵 We give You glory We give You honor  
We praise and worship You, oh God!  
We give You glory We give You honor  
We give all glory unto You

† **祢是彌賽亞 You are Messiah**

🎵 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord loudly with joy  
Raise my hands to proclaim: Holy is the Lord!  
Praise my Lord Jesus  
Who had made flesh for all have sinned  
You are Messiah, my Lord, and my God.  
🎵 So rich is my God's love moving on this earth,  
I see it everyday  
I bow down before You in awe 'n humbleness  
🎵 Praise my Lord Jesus  
Who had made flesh for all peoples  
You are Messiah, my Lord, and my God.

† **從亙古到永遠 You Reign Eternally**

🎵 You have been our dwelling place  
through all generations  
Lord, You set Your throne in the heavens  
before all time  
You are girded with might and robed in glory  
The earth's foundation shall not be moved  
🎵 Lord, the glory of Your kingdom is among us  
All Your plans, so full of wisdom,  
shall come to pass  
There's no changing with You,  
all Your ways are faithful  
You reign forever, Ancient of Days  
🎵 I give You glory, I rise to praise Your holy name  
O King eternal, Your reign will know no end  
You are the one Lord, the true God  
The soon coming King  
You rule from age to age, You reign eternally

🎵 **Responsive Reading: Psalm 91:9-16**

9 If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you  
make the Most High your dwelling,  
10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come  
near your tent.  
11 For he will command his angels concerning you to  
guard you in all your ways;  
12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will  
not strike your foot against a stone.  
13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will  
trample the great lion and the serpent.  
14 "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will  
rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges  
my name.  
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be  
with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor  
him.  
16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my  
salvation."

🎵 **Praise**

† **讚美祂！讚美祂！**

🎵 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed  
Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long:  
🎵 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed  
Redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.  
🎵 Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent  
greatness.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

## Special Music

### † 投靠者的讚美 Jehovah, Lord of All Hosts

♪ Jehovah, Lord of all hosts

There is none as mighty as You  
You are faithful and true in nature  
Those who deny you will be shamed  
Jehovah, Lord of all hosts You are the most  
merciful one

Your mercy lasts for generations  
Your people praise and sing with joy

♪ Even the lands are flooded

You are King that reigns the world  
Let the storms be strong as might be  
Those who belong to You have peace  
Even the world seems shattered  
Your reign and power never end  
Your right hand lifts high above the lands  
Those who belong to you are safe

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 137:1-7

**1** By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

**2** There on the poplars we hung our harps,

**3** for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

**4** How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?

**5** If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.

**6** May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

**7** Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell." Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!"

## Sermon: Remember the Home of God

---Pastor Hsu

When I think about my family, what sort of unique memories come to mind? How does this compare to how I think about the church?

### I. Leaving home (vv. 1-4)

#### 1. The world is abducting believers (v. 1, 1 Peter 5:13, Revelation 18:2)

Foreign enemies come to attack, diseases spread, and rebels refuse to believe. All these come to steal and destroy!

#### 2. The world is mocking the church

Gentiles mock the song of Zion, and evil people awaken in drones. Using science, gender issues, and media entertainment, they look down on God's saving grace and trample on the Gospel!

#### 3. Believers are running toward the world! (v. 4, John 5:44, Jeremiah 13:11)

- i. Gentiles sing the Lord's song, and use the gifts granted by God to pursue the things of the world.

- ii. The next generation will forget the grace they have received from God: music, administration, general affairs, counseling, and teaching. Are these gifts to be used for God's family, or are they just for ourselves and our own glory?

#### 4. The church is running toward the world:

Secularization may lead to church growth and may even make us feel prosperous and liberated. Still, it does not advance the church's mission, changes the way we worship, and changes our focus! Lot gradually moved his tent closer to Sodom (**Genesis 13:12**) and away from the promised land. He walked toward the world and became increasingly secularized. In the end, his family was destroyed!

### II. Loving home (vv. 5-6)

Love God's blessings: The crown of righteousness (**2 Tim 4:8**), blessings that exceed what our eyes have seen (**2 Cor. 2:9**), everything will work together for our good (**Rom. 8:28**), and God's careful attention (**2 Cor. 8:3**).

#### 1. Remember God (v. 5)

- i. If I forget God's family, may my right hand forget my skills, and may I lose my most precious and beloved!
- ii. We were created to trust, enjoy, and glorify God.
- iii. If "blessings" cause us to lose our trust in God and glorify Him, are they still blessings?
- iv. Pray that the Lord will protect me, and not tarry when coming to my aid. If I bring disgrace to His name, maybe the Lord take my life!
- v. If my children do not love the Lord, they are not my children!
- vi. If I forget God and do not make Him first above all else, may the Lord take away the things I love most!
- vii. Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? Why did Moses go through the wilderness for forty years? When did Paul experience blindness?
- viii. Why am I worried, filled with complaints, and sorrowful?
- ix. O wise saints, let us turn toward God! Our reward is found in God, and in obtaining Him!

#### 2. Love God

- i. See Jerusalem, my beloved! What does it mean to love God? To love God's family, care for our brothers and sisters in the church, care for the church's

summer missions, and encourage our students to live godly lives this summer!

- ii. What does it mean to love God? To feed the Lord's sheep (**John 21:15**), become a mentor, have spiritual influence over someone else's life, and be a witness!

### III. Caring for home

#### 1. Resist the world (vv. 2, 7-9)

- i. The poet hangs his harp on the tree and rejects things of the world. He refuses to give grace to the world!
- ii. Pray that God will punish the wicked and vigorously oppose the forces of evil that resist God!
- iii. Babylon was the greatest empire of its time. But no matter how arrogant and powerful the forces of evil may be, they can never stand against the work of God! Let the church become what God wants it to be! Join the war, and pray!

#### 2. Rebuild the home of God (v. 7)

- i. If the enemy destroys God's house, we will rebuild it with vigor!
- ii. After the Israelite exile ended, many people did not want to return home! (**Lamentations 8:15**)
- iii. May we long for God and earnestly desire to be in His house. May we say that we would rather spend one day in God's house than one thousand days elsewhere! (**Psalms 84:1-3, 10**)
- iv. Without a doubt, we will soon return to meeting in person! Let's get back to the home of God together!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 送你這對翅膀 **Take these wings**

♪ I found a spar-row ly-ing on the ground;  
Her life I knew would soon be at an end.  
I knelt be-fore her as she made a sound, — and  
lis-tened as she said. "My friend.—  
Take these wings— and learn to fly— to the high -  
est moun-tain in the sky;  
Take these eyes— and learn to see—all the things so  
dear to me.  
Take this song— and learn to sing, —fill your voice  
with all the joys of spring;—  
Take this heart— and set it free, — Let it fly— [ Let  
it fly, let it fly ]  
Be-yond the sea."

I found an-oth-er spar-row ly-ing on the sand,  
A ti-ny bird whose life had just be-gun.  
I picked him and held him in my hand;— I smiled at  
him and said, "My son.—

Take these wings— and learn to fly— to the high -  
est moun-tain in the sky;

Take these eyes— and learn to see—all the things so  
dear to me.

Take this song— and learn to sing, —fill your voice  
with all the joys of spring;—

Take this heart— and set it free, — Let it fly— [ Let  
it fly, let it fly ]

### ☞ Announcement

1. Next Sunday (July 25<sup>th</sup>) at 10:30am is the Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Testimony of Brother Sun", welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the event.
2. Please pray for Taiwan of removing the level 3 alert and lockdown. Hoping the church could be opened, and brothers and sister get together again.
3. Please pray for the summer camp plans of Youth Fellowship and Student Fellowship. May Holy Spirit be with our students and mentors so that their spiritual life and gifts can be improved as heaven warriors.
4. Online Sunday School Courses will start from July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am every Sunday or 8:00 pm every Wednesday. Welcome brothers and sister to register the courses.
5. Children Sunday school will hold "Traveling the World to Find Friends" online event from 7/18 to 8/1 every Sunday morning at 8:30 & 9:30. Welcome kid age around 3-11 to attend the event.
6. Church has launched brand new bible courses "Knowing God through the Book of Matthew" & "Learning How to Be a Good Mentor through the Book of Joshua" & "Keys to A Lovely Marriage". The church will update the latest video every Monday. Please join the online learning with us and find more information through the QR code.
7. The Progress of Bible reading plan of this week is: **Judge 7-9**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. A new series of Pastor's daily-Joshua to Samuel is launched. We could go listen to Pastor's daily sharing on [www.ctfhc.org](http://www.ctfhc.org).
8. 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!*