



# Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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Jesus Loves You International Convention Center

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### ☞Prelude

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

### † 我獻上讚美 I Give You My Praise

♪ I give You my praise,  
cause You are my Lord, my King  
I give You my life as a holy sacrifice  
♪ Giving all my life to You, giving all my best to You  
I give You my praise, to You my Lord.

### † 神本為大 God is Great

♪ Jehovah is great, He is worthy of praise  
How great is His name His power endures for ever  
We stand fast under the shadow of His wings  
He is the God Almighty That always with us  
♪ He is worthy of praise His power is shown on earth  
He is so good to us Shows us His loving kindness  
My Lord is risen high. To give us loving grace  
God is worthy of praise. His name is to be praised  
Jesus is almighty God

### † 祢是配得 You are Worthy

♪ You are worthy, most worthy  
Worthy of all power and glory  
You are worthy, most worthy

Worthy of all honor and praise  
Holy Lord who's sitting on the throne  
I worship You, I lift hands singing praise to You  
I proclaim You are the King of kings  
♪ You are holy, most holy, Lord God Almighty  
You are holy, most holy now and forevermore

### ☞Responsive Reading: Psalm 119 : 89-96

89 Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.  
91 Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.  
92 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.  
93 I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.  
94 Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.  
95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.  
96 To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless.

### ☞Praise

† 諸天讚美

### Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

♪ Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him  
praise him angels in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him  
praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance he hath made.  
♪ Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death  
shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify  
his name.  
♪ Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

### ☞Special Music

† 主耶和華，求祢引領

### Guide Me, Oh Thou Jehovah

♪ Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
(Bread of heaven)\*2 Feed me now and evermore)\*2

- ♪ Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all journey through (Strong Deliverer)\*2  
(Be Thou still my Strength and Shield)\*2
- ♪ When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
(Songs of praises)\*2 (I will ever give to Thee)\*2  
(a sinner's friend)\*2(in his love all my days)\*2

† **基督精兵 Onward, Christian soldiers**

- ♪ Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle see His banners go!

**Refrain**

- Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
- ♪ Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, all one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
- ♪ Crowns and thrones may perish,  
kingdoms rise and wane.  
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain  
Gates of hell can never against that church prevail!  
We have Christ's own promise and that cannot fail.
- ♪ Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King,  
This through countless age's men and angels sing.

† **仰望新耶路撒冷 In The New Jehovah**

- ♪ When the toils of life are over,  
And we lay our armor down,  
And we bid farewell to earth with all its cares,  
We shall meet and greet our loved ones,  
And our Christ we then shall crown,  
In the new Jerusalem.

**Refrain:**

- There'll be singing, there'll be shouting  
When the saints come marching home,  
In Jerusalem, in Jerusalem,  
Waving palms with loud hosannas  
As the King shall take His throne,  
In the new Jerusalem.
- ♪ Tho' the way is sometimes lonely,  
He will hold me with His hand,  
Thro' the testings and the trials I must go.  
But I'll trust and gladly follow,  
For sometime I'll understand,  
In the new Jerusalem. **[Refrain]**
- ♪ When the last goodbye is spoken

And the tear stains wiped away,  
And our eyes shall catch a glimpse of glory fair,  
Then with bounding hearts we'll meet Him  
Who hath washed our sins away,  
In the new Jerusalem. **[Refrain]**

♪ When we join the ransomed army  
In the summer land above,  
And the face of our dear Saviour we behold,  
We will sing and shout forever,  
And we'll grow in perfect love,  
In the new Jerusalem. **[Refrain]**

🔗 **Scripture Reading:**

**Jer 5:1** "Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem,  
look around and consider, search through her  
squares. If you can find but one person who  
deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will  
forgive this city.

**Jer 39:18** I will save you; you will not fall by the  
sword but will escape with your life, because  
you trust in me, declares the LORD."

🔗 **Sermon: What more can I do in such a tough  
environment? (One Righteous Person)**

---Pastor Hsu

**I. One person who acts righteously**

**1. Stand out to offer his relieving help. [Jer 38:**

<sup>7</sup>But Ebed-Melech, a Cushite, an official in the  
royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah  
into the cistern. While the king was sitting in  
the Benjamin Gate, <sup>8</sup>Ebed-Melech went out of  
the palace and said to him, <sup>9</sup>"My lord the king,  
these men have acted wickedly in all they have  
done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have  
thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve  
to death when there is no longer any bread in  
the city." <sup>10</sup>Then the king commanded  
Ebed-Melech the Cushite, "Take thirty men  
from here with you and lift Jeremiah the  
prophet out of the cistern before he dies."  
<sup>11</sup>So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and  
went to a room under the treasury in the palace.  
He took some old rags and worn-out clothes  
from there and let them down with ropes to  
Jeremiah in the cistern. <sup>12</sup>Ebed-Melech the  
Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags  
and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad  
the ropes." Jeremiah did so, **】**

The people of Judah forsook the Lord, bent  
down and burned incense to foreign gods and  
idols their hands made, so the Lord handed all  
Judah over to the king of Babylon, who will  
carry them away to Babylon or put them to the  
sword. However, the king and the nobles  
were quick in searching for help from Egypt.  
Jeremiah proclaimed messages from the Lord  
and alerted the people that they should submit  
themselves to the Lord and surrender to  
Babylon according to the Lord's judgement

that "I will hand over to their enemies all the wealth of this city--all its products, all its valuables and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. They will take it away as plunder and carry it off to Babylon."

An officer at a city gate falsely accused the prophet and sank him into the mud in a cistern attempting to put him to death. **【Jer 37: 13** But when he reached the Benjamin Gate, the captain of the guard, whose name was Irijah son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah, arrested him and said, "You are deserting to the Babylonians!" <sup>14</sup>"That's not true!" Jeremiah said. "I am not deserting to the Babylonians." But Irijah would not listen to him; instead, he arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials. <sup>15</sup>They were angry with Jeremiah and had him beaten and imprisoned in the house of Jonathan the secretary, which they had made into a prison. **38:4** Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin." **】**

King Zedekiah inquired of Jeremiah to plea the Lord for deliverance from the Babylonians on the one hand, **【Jer 21: 2**"Inquire now of the LORD for us because Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is attacking us. Perhaps the LORD will perform wonders for us as in times past so that he will withdraw from us." **37:17** Then King Zedekiah sent for him and had him brought to the palace, where he asked him privately, "Is there any word from the LORD?" "Yes," Jeremiah replied, "you will be handed over to the king of Babylon." **38:14** Then King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah the prophet and had him brought to the third entrance to the temple of the LORD. "I am going to ask you something," the king said to Jeremiah. "Do not hide anything from me." **】** and on the other hand, the king was concerned of being humiliated should he surrender to the Babylonians, and he was afraid of opposing his officials so he allowed them to maintain on their evil way. **【38: 5**"He is in your hands," King Zedekiah answered. "The king can do nothing to oppose you." ... <sup>19</sup>King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have gone over to the Babylonians, for the Babylonians may hand me over to them and they will mistreat me." ... <sup>24</sup>Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Do not let anyone know about this conversation, or you may die." **】**

There wasn't a single Jew offering Jeremiah

with any support other than the Cushite eunuch Ebed-Melech.

**A rope of salvation:** rope of Rahab, rope of Michal, rope of Apostle Paul's followers, and the rope used to drop down the paralyzed man through an opening dug in the roof so that he might gain access to Jesus.

- 2. The Lord's salvation. 【Jer 39: 15** While Jeremiah had been confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>16</sup>"Go and tell Ebed-Melech the Cushite, "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I am about to fulfill my words against this city through disaster, not prosperity. At that time, they will be fulfilled before your eyes. <sup>17</sup>But I will rescue you on that day, declares the LORD; you will not be handed over to those you fear. <sup>18</sup>I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in me, declares the LORD." **】**

The final revelation before the Kingdom of Judah's destroy was given to the Cushite Ebed-Melech! The Lord promised him with the reward that his life will be preserved because he trusted in the Lord! The Lord values everyone's words and position at every pivotal point of time!

- 3. Salvation is awarded to those who believe. 【39:18】**

Ebed-Melech was saved through his belief in the Lord, this belief is faith without doubt, this faith surpasses environmental hurdles, threats to life, broken of families and countries, faith saved Ebed-Melech as well as the prophet!

**【Mat 10:41** Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. **1Jn 2:17** The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. **】**

The Lord pays attention to our choice and action, even more so to our faith in Him! Because of love we choose to love others and serve the Lord, obey the Lord, and always stand with the Lord! God saves each and everyone who loves Him at times of trouble, the Lord cares for His servants!

## II. One person who walks righteous path

- 1. Act justly 【Jer 5:1】**

The Lord tried to find just one man who deals honestly and seeks the truth so as to forgive the

city, but none was found!

- i. **Righteous:** abide by the Lord teachings, give to him what he deserves, and present to the Lord what we owe Him!
- ii. **Honest:** loyalty and stability, firmly follow the Lord;

The Lord could not find a single righteous person in the city, the whole city is immersed in sin; the perfusion and permeation of sin manifests the brevity of loyal saints! While people around us forsake the way of the Lord, or perhaps interpreting the Lord's teachings according to their own ways, should we persist in obeying the Lord? The Lord is constantly searching for His faithful followers!

2. **Block the crevice.** **【Eze 22:30** "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. **Mal 1:10** "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. **Num 25:** <sup>7</sup>When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand <sup>8</sup>and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear through both of them--through the Israelite and into the woman's body. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; **】**

The Lord is constantly looking for a man among the people who would build up the wall and stand in the gap on behalf of the land; he shall block leakages of the plague, breaking the viral transmission chain to avoid the spread of the plague and fatal severe stages.

The Lord is constantly looking for one of us who would shut the temple doors and stop presenting unpleasant offerings and put an end to all kinds of sins; when Israelites practiced adultery Phinehas drove the spear through both adulterers, because of Phinehas' righteous action the plague against the Israelites was stopped!

What are the breaks in my wall, in my family, society and nation?

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. **【Phl 4:13】**

3. **Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven:** **【1Ki 8:38** and when a prayer or plea is made by any of your people Israel--each one aware of the afflictions of his own heart, and spreading out his hands toward this temple-- **Jas 5:** <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your

sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

**Dan 10:** <sup>3</sup>I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. ... <sup>7</sup>I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. <sup>8</sup>So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ...

<sup>12</sup>Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. **】**

The Lord is constantly looking for one who would admit his guilt, and the Lord will give ears to his prayers when he spreads out his hands toward the Lord's temple!

Elijah prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain. We see that Elijah was a man just like us, the Lord would be pleased in answering our prayers!

Daniel mourned and fasted for three weeks, the Lord showed a vision only to him for God favored his prayers!

As we pray to the Lord our prayer will reach Him, and He bestows on us timely rainfall so that we may overcome in the last days!

The Lord is constantly looking for one who is totally compliant to Him and devotes his entirety to the Lord's plan.

**The Lord has always been looking for the one righteous person:** in the ages of chaos, in the early days when people spoke a common language and contrived to build a tower that reaches to the heavens at Babel, in those days when Israelites were exiled to Egypt, in days of the Judges, the days of facing giant Goliath, and when the Lord closed His revelations to the rebellious Israelites for almost 400 years, ..... **Now,** are we determined and ready to be the one the Lord is looking for?

## 🎵 Responsive Hymn

### † 當祢找到我 When You Found Me

- ♪ Lord, when You found me  
at the cross road of my life  
You approached me, You embraced me  
and You never let go.  
All things in the past have been given to Your hands  
You have healed me, you restored me,  
and I'll never let go
- ♪ Night is dark, heart is weary,  
but I gaze upon Your glory  
I've decided not to turn back  
Your good works are marvelous.  
Your mighty is in my heart  
and I am willing to follow
- ♪ I follow You to the hills and valleys  
I follow You even thorns spread over  
Even I face challenge with tears shed, even I'm  
weary  
I will flee from binders and never regret  
Under Your wings I will be protected  
Your words spoken to make my life steadfast  
Your promise unshaken from the beginning to the  
end  
The future is in Your hands, I never forget  
Lord, when You found me

## 🎵 Announcement

1. Please pray for the ceasing of the virus contamination, the recovering of all the business and the reopening of the church.
2. The Cultivation Center of the church will hold a Sunday School Students Testimony Sharing Online on Sep 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and Sep 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Welcome brothers and sister to join the event online together. (<https://thfc.pse.is/sschthx>)
3. The New season of Sunday School Online will start from Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sun.) and Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed.). Please register the course through the link below. <https://thfc.pse.is/3sscho>.
4. Next Sunday (Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>) at 10:30 am is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Testimony of Sister Chen – Have Life & Have It More Abundantly". Welcome brothers and sister to invite family and friends to attend the event on our YouTube channel.
5. The Progress of Bible speed reading plan for this week is: **1 Samuel 9-11**. 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).
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 link of 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!*