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☞ **Prelude**

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

☞ **這是耶和華所定的日子 This Is The Day**

This is the Day, This is the Day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our Lord has made.

☞ **揚聲歡呼讚美 Shout for Joy And Sing**

♪ Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King
Lift your voice high, let your Hallelujahs ring
Come before His throne to worship and adore
Enter joyfully the presence of the Lord

(*) **Chorus :**

♪ You're the Creator, You're the Deliverer
You're my Redeemer. You're the Lord,
and You're my Healer, You are my Provider

You are my shepherd and my guide
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship You

☞ **祢是我的一切 You Are My All In All**

♪ You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Taking my cross my sin my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all

Chorus:

* (Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name)*2

♪ Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all (*)

☞ **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,
5 human beings that you care for them?
6 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:
- 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
- 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
- 9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

☞ **Praise**

☞ **美哉主耶穌 Fairest Lord Jesus, We Love You**

♪ Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

♪ Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

♪ Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

🎵 Special Music

✝️ 感謝主 We Thank You, Lord

♪ Thank you Lord for the fresh-ness of the morn-ing

Thank you Lord for the clear blue sky a-bove

♪ Thank you Lord

for the bright new day that's dawn-ing

Filled with all your love

♪ Thank you Lord for the val-leys and the hill-sides

Thank you Lord for the waves up-on the shore

Thank you Lord for the breez-es and the sun-shine

Hear us we pray as we come to thank you Lord

♪ We join this day as one

Our hearts and hands and voic-es

For won-drous gifts of love

Your grate-ful world re-joic-es

♪ Thank you Lord for the love with in our fam-lies

Thank you Lord for for the fel-low-ship of friends

Thank you Lord

for the quiet understanding grace that never ends

♪ Thank you Lord for wonders of cre-a-tion

Thank you Lord

(Thank you for) the power of your word

Thank you Lord for your promise of sal-va-tion

Hear us we pray as we come to thank you, Lord.

For all good gifts we have to share

For guid-ing us with lov-ing care

with joy-ful hearts we bow to pray

O Lord we give our thanks this day

♪ Thank you Lord

Thank you Lord

Thank you Lord

📖 Scripture Reading:

1Co 2: ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ...

⁷No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ¹⁴The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

🎙️ Sermon: Why does God pays more attention to others' prayers?

---Pastor Hsu

With prayers of the same content why does it appear that it is others' prayer that is more frequently responded by the Lord?

The Lord does not change **【Jas 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. **】**

The Lord has no partiality for men **【Rom 2:11** For God does not show favoritism. **Mat 5:45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **】**

The outcome of men's elaboration varies with the container and soil he uses for sowing **【Mak 4:24** "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more. **Mat 13:8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **】** .

I. In what or whom do you put your faith in? Yourself? Or the cross? **【V.2】**

Apostle Paul didn't lift up worldly philosophic wisdom, nor signs and wonders; he preached only Christ Jesus' crucifixion!

1. The cross is **the greatest love** on earth, as has been demonstrated by Christ Jesus' submission to crucifixion. **【1Jn 3:16** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. **】**
2. The cross is **the greatest power** that brings forth resurrection and subdues death! **【Heb 2:** ¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. **】**
3. The cross is **the greatest wisdom**, the Lord calls followers that are not wise, uninfluential, and of low social status by human standards! **【1Co 1:** ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ... ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, **】**

The mountain you rely on may collapse, the person you lean on may run away, you think it wise to rely on your own talent only to find yourself not only senile but also sick, Jesus is the only guaranteed reliance one can trust in !

II. What do I rest on? Worldly achievements? Heavenly glory? [V.7]

What Apostle Paul desired and rested on was not worldly reputation nor men's wisdom, but God's heavenly glory!

1. **God's secret wisdom, that has been hidden:** none of the philosophers, scientists, or fantasists of the world can perceive!
2. **God destined for our glory before time began:** Before the universe was created, God had reserved for each and every chosen saints a share of the heavenly glory! **[Eph 1:4]** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love]
3. **Spread God's heavenly glory through you and me:** The Lord uses laymen like you and me to disseminate the message about His heavenly glory!

Did not the Lord listen to our prayers? The Lord wants us to tune up the contents and adjust the focus of our prayers, He has prepared for those who love him with blessings surpassing our expectation! **[1Co 2:9]** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--]

By their own efforts, Saul looked for his father's lost donkeys, Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action before he turned 40 years old, during the first 40 days after Jesus' resurrection the apostles fervently looked up to restoring the kingdom of Israel, yet the Lord had His surpassing arrangements!

III. What kind of God's vessel do I fit into? Am I a man without the Spirit? Or a spiritual man?

[1Co 2: 13, 14, 15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

The blessings the Lord wants to bestow on us is not of worldly happiness, rather, He is eager to give us the glory of the cross and the heavenly kingdom!

Q: Who can have knowledge of the cross and the heavenly kingdom?

A: Rulers of this world cannot understand God's secret wisdom, but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. Only through words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual

words, can we understand what God has freely given us. **[1Co 2: 8]** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ... ¹⁰but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ... **13]**

Spiritual words of God is what the Lord says to a man at a particular moment, the content is therefore different for each man and different for a particular man at different instances. The Lord speaks to me or when He speaks to others through me, His words bring forth the power of repentance!

Q: Who can speak spiritual words?

A: The key is the spiritual man! The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, the spiritual man makes judgments about all things; **[1Co 2:14-15]** the Lord is willing to give men spiritual word, **[Isa 55: 10]** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.] the key issue is whether I am Spiritual! **The instrument determines everything!**

Q: Who is a man of Spirit?

A: A vessel for honor makes himself distant from unrighteousness, clean from evil, separate from lowly things. **[2Ti 2: 19]** Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." ²⁰In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.]

1. Disengage lusts for authority and sovereignty — Saul
2. Disengage lusts for sexuality and debauchery — David
3. Disengage lusts for self-indulgence — Solomon **[Ecc 2:10]** I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor.]

John Sung (Siong Ceh Sung) shared his personal experience that the capability to serve the Lord

originates from incessant confession and repentance in the Lord's presence!

The Lord is constantly looking for glorious instruments among His saints who are holy for noble purposes, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. When the Lord finds His noble instruments He will bestow on them Spiritual words and wisdom, the supreme power of the cross, and Spiritual repentance with revival!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 順服 I Surrender My All

♪ I don't understand the mystery of Your plan.

When I lack the faith to see, Lord, hear my cry.

Life is found in You, all belongs to You.

Though my faith is wavering, still I'll trust You.

♪ I believe Your perfect will is greater than mine.

For all things work as one

for the good of those who love You, Lord.

I believe Your ways are greater than mine.

I surrender my all to You.

I believe all You've promised, living under Your grace.

I surrender my all to You.

☞ Announcement

1. Our church will share the gospel in Christmas with 35 music concerts this year. Please pray for our mission and welcome to invite friends and family to join the concerts. Hope that we all win back the precious souls for Jesus in the end of 2021.
2. This Sunday (Nov. 21st) at 10:30 am is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Waiting for True Happiness - Testimony of Sister Wu". Next Sunday is "The Love In Present Progressive Tense - Testimony of Brother Kuo and Sister Wong" Welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the events on our YouTube channel.
3. Children Sunday School will hold "Christmas Joyful Parties" on Dec 5th, 12th & 19th starting at 8:30 and 10:30. Welcome brothers and sister invite friends and family to join the event.
4. The flower decoration for the worship services in 2022 is now gathering the offerings from brothers and sisters! If you're moved to offer for the flower decoration on Sunday, please register at the door after worship service. (200 NTD/ per blank, please register on the usher table with your full name.)
5. The Bible Reading Plan this week is 2 Samuel 5-7. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could all go listening to Pastor's daily sharing on 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 of the "Prayer and Devotion Form 代

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☞ 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!