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☞Prelude

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

† 神真好 永遠好 God Is Good

♪ God is good all the time
 He put His song of praise in this heart of mine
 ♪ God is good all the time
 Through the darkest night His light will shine
 ♪ God is good, God is good all the time

† 向耶和華歌唱 Sing to Jehovah

♪ Shall not be afraid, chosen people
 But lift up your head-s high
 Clouds, fire surround thee alone
 You have God to trust in
 Brave soldiers fight for the Lord
 Raise your hands to proclaim
 The river ceased; the sea is dry
 God's mighty power is displayed
 ♪ *I will sing to Jehovah, yeh,
 my salvation and my portion*
 He is God Almighty, eternal God,
 All breaths coming from Him
 ♪ **He delivers us from Satan
 and be king to forevermore

† 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

☞Responsive Reading: Psalm 66

1. Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
2. Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
3. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
4. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."
5. Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!
6. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.
7. He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.
8. Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

☞Praise

† 我知道我的救贖主活著

I know That My Redeemer Lives

♪ I know that my Redeemer lives
 And on the earth again shall stand;
 I know eternal life He give
 That grace and power are in His hand. (Refrain)
 ♪ I know His promise never fail
 The Word He speaks, it cannot die;
 Though cruel death my flesh assail
 Yet I shall see Him by and by. (Refrain)
 ♪ I know my mansion He prepare
 That where He is there I may be;
 O wondrous thought, for me He care
 And He at last will come for me. (Refrain)

Refrain

♪ I know, I know, that Jesus liveth,
 And on the earth again shall stand;
 I know, I know, that life He giveth,
 That grace and power are in His hand.

🎵 Special Music

† God Is Good & God Will Make A Way

- ♪ God is good all the time
He put a song of praise in this heart of mine
God is good all the time
Through the darkest night His light will shine
God is good God is good all the time
- ♪ If you're walking through the valley
And there are shadows all around
Do not fear He will guide you
He will keep you safe and sound
He has promised to never leave you
Or forsake you and His word is true
- ♪ God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
【He will make a way】 x2
- ♪ By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me
Rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade but His Word will still remain
And He will do something new today

📖 Scripture Reading:

Philippians 4:11-14

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

🎙️ Sermon: Contentment ~ Enjoy the Treasure of Abundance

---Pastor Tung

What is "contentment"? What does it bring to people?
How to have this precious gem ~ "contentment"?

1. "Contentment" is the "contentment in mind" that overcomes everything

"Contentment" is not about settling down passively with the situation ahead, neither being contented with the status quo, nor to think about progressing!

"Contentment" is the satisfaction and joy of perfecting the handling of all problems and crises!

Regardless of circumstances, the whole heart is contented, joyful, and demand less because it is handled properly by God's grace!

Philippians 4:11-12, 1:12-13, 14

2. "Contentment" makes people enjoy abundance

The one who possesses this kind of "satisfaction"
Philippians 4:11-14

- (1) He has no sense of lack!
- (2) He faces no lust for the world!
- (3) He has the wisdom and grace to handle everything properly!

Q1 If you do get what you want, are you really satisfied?

Q2 "Everything" is the goal that you're chasing?

Q3 "Everything" is fulfilling and stable?

Q4 "Save everything you need for yourself and arrange all your needs", will you be at ease and contented?

[Luke 12: 16-21] ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.""]

The highest level of contentment is revealed by Philippians 4:11-14!

This contentment is the must-have portion in our life, because

- (1) With this "contentment," Satan is helpless against us!
- (2) With this "contentment", there is nothing to fear, nothing to worry about! We'll be full of peace and happiness!
- (3) Having this "contentment" is the "wisdom of life"!
- (4) With this "contentment", interpersonal relationships would be definitely great!

3. The key to contentment is our God who gives strength. Philippians 4:13, 11b

Q: How can we have this superior sense of contentment?

Phi 4:13,11b shows:

"Contentment" is to be learned, and what to learn is: faith ~ "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

To have this kind of faith, we need to learn three things:

First: Believe in God ~ Always choose to believe even when it seems to be impossible.

[**Matthew 19:26** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."]

Second: Call on God ~ When you don't have enough faith, choose to call on Lord Jesus earnestly for it.

[**Mark 9:23-24** ²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ; **Philippians 4:6-7** ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.]

Third: Obey God ~ When we bear the sufferings in our life, the torturing cross on our back and the thorn in our body allowed by God, we still choose to obey God instead of demanding God.

[**Mark 14:36** "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ; **2 Corinthians 12:7-10** ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. ; **1 Peter 1:6-7** ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.]

Today, we are all in a crisis of plague, economic

uncertainty and military threats!

However, God has given us "the 'grace' of wisdom and contentment" in any situation! So that we could know what it is to be in need, and we know what it is to have plenty. We have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. We can do all this through Him who gives us strength.

Let us arise and learn from Paul! Pick up the crucial tip of "doing all things through the One who strengthens us."

☞ Responsive Hymn

❖ 恩典已降臨 Grace Falls Upon Us

- ♪ You turn poverty to wealth
Turn weakness into might
Mourning turns to dancing
And blindness to sight!
- ♪ Valleys all become a plain
The crooked is made straight
Everything is possible with our God
- ♪ In the shadow of Your wings
I find strength to overcome
I believe that Your grace is more than all I need
- ♪ O Your grace falls upon us
Joy wells up from within our hearts
Your grace is power that, makes all burdens light
- ♪ O Your grace falls upon us
Joy wells up from within our hearts
By faith there's nothing that's impossible with God

☞ Announcement

1. This Sunday (May 22nd) is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Blessed to Have Jesus in Our Home- Testimony of Sister Liu and Brother Lin". Welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the events on our YouTube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ER9yuX5b0U>
2. Starting from this Sunday, the church will gradually release the series of "Happiness Delivery-Online Gospel Message" with 7 videos included. The topic for this week is "To Those Who Are Suffering from Disease or Sorrow". Welcome brothers and sister to share this video to family and friends. Please watch the video through the link below.
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-rRRtorvWVNBBybPPPF0JuY9onc5DQQIA>
3. A brand-new series of "How to be a good son/daughter and mentee-from the book of Timothy" lectured by Pastor Tung is now on YouTube.

Please watch the video through the link below.

<https://pse.is/Mentee>

4. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **2 Kings 12-14**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could all go listening to Pastor Hsu's daily preaching in the radio program "The Book of Ephesians" on Good News Broadcasting Association (FM 90.9).

☞ **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!