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

✝ 耶和華喜樂靈 **Jehovah's Joyful Spirit**

🎵 Jehovah's joyful Spirit is now coming to fill me
So that my spirit sings hymns of joy
and if my mouth does not make a joyful sound
My Lord will rise stones to praise

🎵 Let the melody of praise fill my heart and my soul
like king David dancing & praising Lord's holy name
Oh my heart, oh my soul, lift your voice and praise
The oil of joy has been anointed on me

✝ 生命在於祢 **My life Is In You**

🎵 [My life is in You, Lord
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You] x2

🎵 I will praise You with all of my life
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life With all of my strength
All of my hope is in You

🎵 [] x2 In You, it is in You!

✝ 感謝耶穌 因祢愛極深

Thank You, Jesus For Your Love To Me

🎵 Thank You Jesus, for Your love to me
Thank You Jesus, for Your grace so free
🎵 I'll lift my voice to praise Your name
And I praise You again and again
You are my everything, You are my Lord

🎵**Responsive Reading: Psalm 99**

1. The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.
2. Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.
3. Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.
4. The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.
5. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.
7. He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
9. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

🎵**Praise**

✝ 永不改變

Yesterday, Today, Forever

🎵 O how sweet the glorious message
simple faith may claim
Yesterday, today, forever Jesus is the same.
Still He loves to save the sinful,
heal the sick and lame
Cheer the mourner, still the tempest,
glory to His Name. (Refrain)

🎵 He, who was the Friend of sinners,
seeks the lost one now
Sinner come, and at His footstool penitently bow
He Who said "I'll not condemn thee,
go and sin no more,"
Speaks to thee that word of pardon
as in days of yore (Refrain)

🎵 Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same.
All may change, but Jesus never!
(Glory to His Name! *3)
All may change, but Jesus never!
Glory to His Name!

🎵**Special Music**

✝ 更高處 **Higher Ground**

🎵 I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day,
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain:

🎵 Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

🎵 My heart has no desire to stay

Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

♪ I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

♪ I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

🔗 Scripture Reading:

Psm 137

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

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

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

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

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

🔗 Sermon: My heart adheres to my master while being held captive

--- Pastor Hsu

The greatest crisis confronting us now is ostentation. How down to earth are we? How can we sustain our heart of reverence while being constrained by challenges?

I. Live in exile Psm 137: 1,3

The writer of this psalm had been held in exile with his people as captives in a foreign land, the captors teased the Israelites by forcing them to sing songs of Zion. The alien culture had strongly impacted and shocked the people of the Lord to the extent that many were secularized, and Satan had contributed to their corruption!

1. Turning worship into recreation: pursue amusements Psm 137:3,

【Isa 58:13 "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD'S holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, **】**

The aliens intended to turn Israelites' songs for worshipping the Lord into entertainment. Satan attempts to sabotage and deter worship to the Lord, with the conspiracy to shift the focus of worship from God to mortal humans, and to rip off the truth purpose of worshipping — to know and to awe God the Lord!

Do we make our decisions based on feelings of happiness?

2. Turning truth into a means of gaining privileges: Psm 137:3-4

【Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. **1Ti 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. **】**

Israelites in exile who can sing and play instruments may profit from following their captors' demand of singing, should they have complied?

No one can serve two masters; the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil!

Are we making use of the grace and gifts from the Lord for the pursuit of our own advantage and satisfaction?

3. Turing the true God into an idle: pursuit of selfness Psm 137:1,3

【Exo 20: ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. **】**

Assyrian captors despised Israelites' faith in the Lord and teased "Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you from my hand. Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, 'The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, 'The LORD will deliver us.'" The Assyrians even humiliated the Lord by comparing the Lord with one of the alien idles made by men's hand from wood and stone, by saying "Who of all the gods of these countries has been able to save his land from me? How then can the LORD deliver Jerusalem from my hand?"

The first two commandments are "You shall have no other gods before me" and "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below"!

II. Live in the Lord's kingdom

1. Reject the secular world: **【Psm 137:2** There on the poplars we hung our harps. **】**

The singers and musicians hung their harps on

trees, declining singing songs of the Lord in a foreign land! They risked their lives against their captors' demand that dishonored their God! We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses who rejected the secular world and kept the truth even at the cost of their lives!

2. Love God the Lord wholeheartedly:

【Psm 137:5-6, 43:4 Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
63:3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Mat 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.】

The singers and musicians made their pivotal option: if they were to forget Jerusalem, they would rather lose their skills in singing and playing harp. They were determined to follow God their Lord and consider Jerusalem their highest joy!

The Levites treasured God more than wealth and even their own lives, they would trade everything they own for owning the Lord.

While in their deportation, they had their mind adhere to God and God's holy temple, they kept on making hymns that praises and glorifies God their Lord! They went through captivity and suffering tears, yet, they took delight in God that demonstrated their supreme faith and love!

3. Proclaim victory: **【Psm 137: 7**Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. "Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!" **8**O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is he who repays you for what you have done to us--**9**he who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.】

The Lord will judge Edom and Babylon, which is doomed to destruction! The writer of this psalm saw through his faith that the Lord is righteous who overcomes evil, humans may fail but not God the Lord!

All earthly kingdoms will fall one day, let us not set our attention on worldly future but focus on the heavenly realm!

We are all living in the symbolic Babylonian environment, economics, familial relations, emotions,

and faith; yet, we are given the heavenly hope that the Lord will ultimately overcome and we are able to overcome all these things and more through His promises and love!

☞ Responsive Hymn

- † 得勝的宣告 You are my victory
- ♪ By faith, I can see the promised land ahead
By faith, I will follow You 'till the end.
Take my unbelief and put my trust in You.
In all battles, You're my victory.
- ♪* My hope, my strength, is all in Jesus's name.
My peace, my joy, no one can take away.
Set a feast before me,
In the presence of my enemies
I declare: You are my victory *
- ♪ I will praise You, praise You, Jesus.
Let Your blessings come down.
I will praise You, praise You, Jesus.
Let Your glorious grace abound.
- ♪ I will shout, shout, shout in victory
All my battles, You have won.
I will shout, shout, shout in victory
All my fears and troubles, gone.
I will sing, hallelujah,
I will bring You all my praise. And declare **

☞ Announcement

1. The Beautiful Life Lecture Series of this week is themed " Keeping Faith in The Trial of Fire–The Story of Sister Chu". Please invite our relatives and friends to watch it. Please scan the QR Code or refer to the link below.
<https://thfc.pse.is/miracles>
2. The 2022 Full-Time Dedication for God Workshop, which will be held on September 24th (Sat.) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in The Third Conference Hall of B1. May all the brothers and sisters pray in one heart that one hundred thousand young people and one hundred thousand Lord's armies and two million Daniel could be fulfilled in the vision of God.
3. The Cultivation Center will hold the Encounter with God Camp at 1:00 p.m. on September 25th (Sun) at the Morning Star Hall on the 5th floor. All the brothers and sisters are welcome to register on the spot.
4. the Bible Reading Plan this week is **2 Chronicles 34-36**. 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). I

☞ 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!