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☞Prelude

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

† 得救的人讚美主

**Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So**

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3  
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

† 抬起我的頭的神 **The Lifter of My Head**

♪Lord, You are my solid rock I shall not be moved  
with You as my provider who is there to fear  
♪Lord, You are my shepherd I shall not want  
with You as my banner There will be victory  
♪For You are my shield and my defender  
Glory of my life and You are the lifter of my head  
♪Weeping may remain at night  
But at dawn we will rejoice  
You're my solid rock Lord, You are my help

† 深深地敬拜 **Deeply, I Worship**

♪ [(You have been knocking on my heart  
Longing to love me and abide with me  
The more that I seek the more that I love You, Jesus  
You satisfy my soul) \*2  
♪ (Deeply, I worship, Deeply, I give You all my love

I just want to spend my life on loving you, oh Lord  
Deeply, I worship, Deeply, I yearn for You alone  
Draw me closer, in Your presence,  
let me feel Your heart) \*2 ]

♪ (My heart is crying, Jesus I love You  
My hands are lifted, reaching out for You  
Oh, my Jesus. My redeemer, gave Your life for me  
I desire to see Your face) \*2 [ ]

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 113**

- 1 Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>  
Praise the LORD, you his servants;  
praise the name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the name of the LORD be praised,  
both now and forevermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.
- 4 The LORD is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,  
6 who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?
- 7 He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
- 8 he seats them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.
- 9 He settles the childless woman in her home  
as a happy mother of children.  
Praise the LORD.

☞**Praise**

†真神之愛 **The love of God**

♪ The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.  
♪ When hoary time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure, shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
The saints' and angels' song.  
♪ Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

\* **Refrain:**

♪ Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!

It shall forevermore endure—  
The saints' and angels' song.

### Special Music

† 擁戴萬有主 **Crown Him Lord of All**  
(with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name")

- ♪ All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and (crown Him!\*3)  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all
- ♪ Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty a scribe, and (crown Him!\*3)  
To Him all majesty a scribe, and crown Him  
Lord of all, crown Him Lord of all
- ♪ [Praise the power of His name,  
and crown Him Lord (Crown Him Lord of all) \*2 ]  
Praise the power of His name,  
and crown Him Lord ]
- ♪ O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may  
fall!  
We'll join the ever lasting song, and crown Him!  
(crown Him!\*3)  
We'll join the ever lasting song, and crown Him!  
(Crown Him Lord of all) \*3
- ♪ [ ] \*3 (Praise the power of His name,  
and crown Him Lord) \*3

### Scripture Reading:

#### Luke 8:15

But the seed on **good soil** stands for those with a **noble and good heart**, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

### Sermon: The Key to Happiness - A Wonderful Heart

---Pastor Hsu

Is my heart full of beauty or garbage? Am I surrounded by good friends or bad friends? Is my marriage full of happiness or quarrel? Is the road forward wide or narrow? Do I bring sunshine or dark clouds to people?

#### Proverbs 4:23

[Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.]

The fruit of a lifetime is produced by the heart, and the heart soil we have determines the crop!

### I. Discard the three hearts

#### 1. Disobedient heart

##### Luke 8:5

[A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.]

#### Luke 8:12

[Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.]

The soil by the road, the devil took away the word and took away all the goods!

#### Ps. 78:8

[They would not be like their ancestors— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.]

#### Ephesians 2:2

[in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.]

"**Rebellion**" – stubborn rebellion, dishonesty in heart, evil spirits enchanted, refusal to obey, falling into punishment; The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness.

#### 2 Peter 3:3

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

#### Matthew 27:39

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads

#### Matthew 27:44

In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

"**Scoffing**" —mocking against God, denying the return of Jesus, denying the end times; Passers-by and robbers mock Jesus.

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie

Is disobedience terrible? God gives people heart of delusion and falls into decay.

#### 2. Rocky heart

##### Luke 8:6

Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

##### Luke 8:13

Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

Rock - Temporarily believe that without a foundation, when there is a trial, it will dry up, and it will leave the path of truth. The rock is a shallow stone ground of hard soil, and there is no room for the beautiful words from God to take root.

### **Ezek. 11:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> “They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols.

<sup>19</sup> I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

### **Ezek. 36:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

### **Mark 3:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

"Rocky heart ", "hardness" - Jesus accuses people for heart of stone and showing no mercy; Pharaoh chose hardness and rejected God.

### **Heb. 3:13**

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Why do people rigid? Deceived by sin, lust, pride, and other sins!

## **3. Greedy heart**

### **Luke 8:7**

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

### **Luke 8:14**

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

The land of thorns – full of thoughts, money, feasts,

and cannot bear good fruit.

### **1 Tim. 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.

### **1 Tim. 6:6**

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

"Greed"—eager for money, greedy for play, gluttony for eating, gluttony for sleeping, greed, and always searching for more and sorrow sparing; What are the manifestations of greed? Compare! Satan arouses people's greed and accuses them of being losers!

What is a wonderful heart? Listen humbly, be soft and obedient, be grateful and content.

## **II. To have a wonderful heart**

### **Ephesians 5:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

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### **1. Heart exchange surgery**

Can people change themselves? How long has it been since my inner filter was changed?

What was in darkness is now light in the Lord, bearing good fruit—goodness, righteousness, honesty. God will remove our hearts of stone, remove the hard darkness, and give us flesh, new hearts, and new spirits!

If the heart is right, it will bring beauty and happiness!

### **2. Hold on to the truth**

#### **Luke 8:15**

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

### 1 Peter 1:22

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

What is a good heart? Be able to obey the truth, receive the truth, and hold on to it. Truth leads us into Christ, cleansing our hearts and helping us to gain the new hearts!

To persevere is to grasp, persevere, possess, and remember God's Word!

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

We need walls in our hearts, and truth like walls to ward off enemies!

### Psalm 19:12-13

12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

### 3. Prayer patrol

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, the first thing he did was to look closely at the walls; You and I need to know the heart, do you build a wall of truth? Action - Pray for God's Inquiry;

### Ps. 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

When weak and sinful, pray to God in confession.

### Acts 5:31

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Pray for our families and ask the Lord for repentance and forgiveness.

A wonderful heart can be a hundred times stronger,

**Listen and understand the Word, be soft and understand the love of the Lord, be thankful, content, and joyful!**

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 與主同行 Walking with The Lord

♪ I want to follow the clouds floating  
Enjoy the beauty of the universe.  
I want to fly with the birds soaring  
Enjoy the leisure in the wind

♪ I want to sing with the piano  
Praise God for the great creation  
I want to dance with the butterflies,  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord joyfully  
♪ Walking with the Lord, my eyes see wonder  
Walking with the Lord, my heart won't annoy  
Oh, Lord, I want to sing wholeheartedly  
Promote the love and glory of You  
♪ Walking with the Lord, my eyes see wonder  
Walking with the Lord, my heart won't annoy  
Oh, Lord, I joyfully sing because of You  
All my lifetime, praise and praise

### ☞ Announcement

1. The Beautiful Life Lecture Series of this week is themed " Let GO- Testimony of Brother Chen". 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 2023 Sunday Flower Offering Form has been printed, if you'd like to donate, please fill in your full name in block letters at the reception table for NTD. 300 each. please register as soon as possible for our helpers in church to work together.
3. The radio program "Clear Hearts – Psalm" was broadcast from 11/24 (Thursday) and was delivered by Pastor Hsu. Brothers and sisters are welcome to listen to and learn through Radio or the Internet.
4. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Esther 2-4**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.

### ☞ 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!*