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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

† 這是耶和華所定日子 **This is the Day**

♪ [For this is the Day the Lord has made
All the people sing and shout Your praise
The enemy has been defeated
For Your glory we shout for victory] x2
♪ You're my strength, my God my King
In You my hope is found
You are the author of my song
You are my saving grace
♪ We'll march through the nations
Sharing good news, lifting Your mighty name
We raise a banner of victory
Give thanks to You, my God and King!

† 世界之光 **Light of the World**

♪ Jesus, the Hope of the world
The Bright morning star,
That shines through the darkness.
Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.
To You, all honor and praise, forevermore.
♪ All the nations worship the Lord,
In the light of Your grace,
We will lift up the name of Christ,
♪ All the heavens shout out your praise
[Glory, honor and praise.]x3
Light of the world. Glory, honor and praise.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 119**

97. Oh, how I love your teachings! I talk about them all the time.
98. Your commands are always with me, and they make me wiser than my enemies.
99. I am wiser than all my teachers, because I study your rules.
100. I understand more than those who are older, because I obey your instructions.
101. I have avoided every path that leads to evil so that I could obey your word.
102. You are my teacher, so I will always do whatever you decide.
103. Your words are so sweet to me, like the taste of honey!
104. I gain understanding from your instructions, so I hate anything that leads people the wrong way.

☞ **Praise**

† 主活著 **He Lives!**

♪ I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near. (*)
♪ In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that He is leading Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing Will come at last (*)
♪ Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind (*)
(*) **Refrain:**
♪ He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

☞ **Special Music**

† 神愛世人 **For God So Loved The World**

♪ For God so loved the world,
He gave His priceless pearl.
For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.

Love came that none should die.
Christ came, a sacrifice,
that who so ever believeth in Him,
(would have eternal life)*2

♪ For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.
For God so loved the world.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn
the world,

but (that the world through Him might live)*3
(For God so loved the world)*2

♪ For God so loved the world
He gave His priceless pearl.
For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.
Love came that none should die. Christ came,
a sacrifice, that who so ever believeth in Him,
(would have eternal life)*2
For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.
(For God so loved the world)*2

☞Scripture Reading:

Matthew 20

1 "God's kingdom is like a man who owned some land. One morning, the man went out very early to hire some people to **work in his vineyard**. ...

11 When they got their silver coin, they **complained** to the man who owned the land.

12 They said, 'Those people were hired last and worked only one hour. But you paid them **the same** as us. And we worked hard **all day** in the hot sun.'

13 "But the man who owned the field said to one of them, 'Friend, I am being fair with you. You agreed to work for one silver coin. Right?'

14 So take your pay and **go**. I want to give the man who was hired last the same pay I gave you.

15 I can **do what I want** with **my own money**. Why would you be **jealous** because I am generous?'

16 "So those who are **last** now will be **first** in the future. And those who are **first** now will be **last** in the future."

☞Sermon: Why Is The World So Unfair?

---Pastor Hsu

Do I feel I'm being treated unfairly—be it in your workplace, in your household, or in regard to your health or faith?

I. It appears really unfair!

The heavenly kingdom is like the role of the owner of the vineyard who hires worker to work for him according to an agreed condition. He recruits workers at five different times of the day. At the end of the day all workers were given the same wage, so those who were hired first early in the morning felt unpleasant and made a protest against the owner!

1. Self-pity **【Mat 20:11-12】**

Those hired earliest in the morning reiterated their hardworking under the sun for 12 hours, yet they received the same amount of wage as

those workers who worked for much shorter time; it appeared really unfair!

People tend to amplify "my" hardship, selfless efforts, and sacrifices, but I am not awarded with what "I deserve"! Job, a blameless and upright man, suffered but never turned away from God; Elijah's looking to God when faced with adversity,

2. Jealousy **【Mat 20:12, 15】**

They got green-eyed because of their jealousy, when they compared their hardworking against others' profit within reach they sensed relative deprivation and that sensation set off their angry complaint!

Sin brings jealousy: Cain killed his younger brother Abel, Saul's attempt to kill David, Peter asked Jesus regarding Judas "Lord, what about him?",

3. Turning away from blessings **【Mat 20:14, 16】**

To those workers who grumbled: take your pay and go, and do not come back tomorrow; those who are first now will be last in the future. Self-pity and comparison leads to the collapse of interpersonal relationships — breakup of household, marriage, workplace morale, partisanship formation in the church, separation from happiness, blessings, and God! How terrible the outcome is!

II. It really is grace!

1. The Lord reins

Mat 20:13-15

Job 41:11 I owe nothing to anyone. Everything under heaven belongs to me.

Job 42: ⁵In the past I heard about you, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶And I am ashamed of myself. I am so sorry. As I sit in the dust and ashes, I promise to change my heart and my life."

Rom 11: ³⁵"Who has ever given God anything? God owes nothing to anyone." ³⁶Yes, God made all things. And everything continues through him and for him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Gen 50: ¹⁹Then Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. I am not God! I have no right to punish you. ²⁰It is true that you planned to do something bad to me. But really, God was planning good things. God's plan was to use me to save the lives of many people. And that is what happened.

The owner can do whatever he likes with what he owned and no one has the right to dispute. Was not the worker with complaint paid what he

agreed to? The key issue is: am I in the position of telling the owner how much I should be paid or I simply put my faith in having been given the best for me according to the Lord's kindness, grace, and almighty wisdom?

God the Lord helped Job by instructing him to look at the natural phenomena, powerful animals (the behemoth and Leviathan for example), and Lord's almighty sovereignty! The Lord made Job understand that he had talked about things he did not understand and things too amazing for him to know! Job finally could see the glory of the Lord with his own eyes!

The Lord will not inflict us with sufferings more than we can bear — be it in our finance, work, assignments, health, or household. Anything happens on us is considered beneficial to us according to the Lord's kind wisdom, do I accept the Lord's discipline? Joseph

Let it go: Jesus is holding the steering wheel, let Jesus show me how I should glorify Him!

2. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed

Mat 20:1, 16

2Co 5:10 We must all stand before Christ to be judged. Everyone will get what they should. They will be paid for whatever they did—good or bad—when they lived in this earthly body.

This is the perspective of the heavenly kingdom where we shall receive our eternal judgement. God the Lord does not judge us by the years of our being a Christian, nor by how much we loved or served Him, we will be judged by the law that makes people free!

We act righteously and live in compliance with His Word not to make the Lord repay us in our worldly living, instead, we live in order to please the Lord for His eternal award! God the Lord lives in eternity and He will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil!

Keep waiting: true righteousness is held in God's hand, in His eternal judgement!

3. We are saved only through grace

Mat 20: ³“About nine o'clock the man went to the marketplace and saw some other people standing there. They were doing nothing. ... ⁵So they went to work in the vineyard. “The man went out again about twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock. Both times he hired some others to work in his vineyard. ⁶About five o'clock the man went to the marketplace again.

He saw some other people standing there. He asked them, ‘Why did you stand here all day doing nothing?’ ⁷“They said, ‘No one gave us a job.’ “The man said to them, ‘Then you can go and work in my vineyard.’

Rom 9:29 It is just as Isaiah said: “The Lord All-Powerful allowed some of our people to live. If he had not done that, we would now be like Sodom, and we would be like Gomorrah.”

Eph 2:8 I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believed. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God.

Admittance into the heavenly kingdom has nothing to do with fairness as all men have sinned, the fairest destination for sinners is eternal torments in the infernal! The Lord treat us with mercy, this is simple grace!

We squander our days in darkness without a set goal, mission, or honor; we are only loafers while we are unemployed without a given purpose, it is by mercy we are called to work in the vineyard!

Those who are first now will be last in the future, because they put too much attention on their interest while omitting grace; those who are last now will be first in the future, because they put attention on grace of the Lord! Everything we have is given to us through the Lord's mercy!

Be grateful for everything: don't consider what I am doing for the Lord, instead, consider what the Lord is doing for me!

When you feel being treated unfairly, remind yourself to let it go, keep waiting, and be grateful!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 當祢找到我 **When You Found Me**

♪ [When You found me at the crossroads of life,
You drew near, embrace me,
held me tightly in Your arms,
All my past, I surrender to You,
You healed me, restored me, I won't let You go.]
♪ In the dark night, when I'm weary,
I still gaze into Your holy face,
I have decided never to back away,
All You do is so beautiful, Your power in my heart,
I will live a life in tight pursuit.

Chorus:

♪ I follow You from mountains to valleys,
I follow You even when thorns surrounds me,
Even when challenges, bring tears & tiredness,
I will encourage myself with no regrets,
♪ Under Your wings I have protection,
Your word brings fortification,

Your promises never waver,
from start to end they never fail,
My future is in You, I won't change,
When You found me.

☞ **Announcement**

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series is " Love Saves Me – The Life Story of Pastor's spouse Chen Xiao-Qing's" (Part 2)". Please invite our relatives and friends to watch.
2. The Harmony Friends Liberal Arts Center will hold "Breaking into the Splendid and Wonderful Nation – Huang Yao-Xian's Photography and Dong Xin's Painting Joint Exhibition" on Mar. 12th -20th in the Cloud Hall on the first floor. Welcome brothers and sisters to the exhibition and listen to the online tour.
3. The Spring season of Happiness GO-GO Courses will start on Mar. 21st (Tuesday). There are going to be 10 new courses. Please invite our relatives and friends to participate together.
4. April 9th is the Sunday Worship Service of the Gospel Hymns "Ode to the Resurrection Heart". May all the brothers and sisters invite the non-believing relatives and friends to attend the spiritual feast. The event would take place at Taipei Silicon Valley International Convention Center B2 (No. 223, Section 3, Bei-Xin Road, Xin-Dian District, New Taipei City). The church will arrange shuttle buses, so brothers and sisters who need to board are encouraged to fill out the journal questionnaire and hand over to the helpers around after the worship service today.
5. The Talent Cultivation Center will hold an 'Encounter God' camp at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 26th, at the Morning Star Hall on the fifth floor. Brothers and sisters are welcome to sign up on-site and participate.
6. This week's unified Bible reading schedule includes **Psalms 1-3**. Please visit the website of the Harmony Friends Church (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch 'The Key to the Bible' and 'The Bible is Good to Read', as well as listen to the Good News Radio program 'Clear-Minded Heart - The Gospel of Matthew'.

☞ **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!