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☞ **Prelude**

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

† 從太陽出來之地 **From the rising the sun**

♪ *From the rising of the sun
To the going down of the same
The Lord 's name is to be praised* x2
♪ Praise ye the Lord
Praise Him all ye servants of the Lord
Praise the Name of the Lord
Blessed be the Name of the Lord
From this time forth. And forevermore

† 主祢崇高 **Be Exalted**

♪ Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You.
I will praise You with all of my soul.
Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You.
Lift up my hands, to Your ho-ly place.
♪ Be e-xal-ted a-bove all hea-vens.
For You've done great things for all Your peo-ple.
Let Your glo-ry be a-bove the earth.
All that I am, ne-ver ceases to re-joyce in You.

† 超乎所求 **More than Enough**

♪ Jehovah Jireh, My Provider,
You are more than enough for me.
Jehovah Raepha, You're my healer,
By your stripes I've been set free.

Jehovah Shammah, You are with me,
To Supply All My Needs.

♪ You are more than enough,
More than enough,
You are more than enough for me.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 126**

- 1 It will be like a dream when the Lord comes back with the captives of Zion.
- 2 We will laugh and sing happy songs! Then the other nations will say, "The Lord did a great thing for Zion!"
- 3 Yes, we will be happy because the Lord did a great thing for us.
- 4 So, Lord, bring back the good times, like a desert stream filled again with flowing water.
- 5 Then those who were sad when they planted will be happy when they gather the harvest!
- 6 Those who cried as they carried the seeds will be happy when they bring in the crops!

☞ **Praise**

† 祢信實何廣大 **Great is Thy faithfulness**
♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.
♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain:

♪ Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

☞ **Special Music**

† 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 (chorus)

☞ **Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 24:42 " Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

2 Peter 1:

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ...

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble,

11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

☞ **Sermon: Alertness (Part 7) – Mutual Affection**
– Pastor Tung

From the parable of the prodigal son, we see the truth of the heart loving the brother:

I. Loving a brother is a key factor of your fate over worries, happiness, troubles, and blessings.

【Luk 15:

28 “The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in.

29 But he said to his father, ‘Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you. I have always done what you told me to do, and you never gave me even a young goat for a party with my friends.

30 But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on prostitutes, and you kill the best calf for him!’]

1. Becoming one trapped in hatred and hurting people vs. being a bright blessing who comforts and heals people.
2. Being a person who feels unhappy and agonized while he is actually bathed in bliss vs. one who enjoys all blessings and happiness bestowed on him.
3. Being one who lives in past resentment and grudge vs. being magnanimous, open minded, and full of gratitude.
4. Being ruthless vs. being affectionate and righteous.
5. Having the idiosyncrasy of demolishing, breaking up, and unwillingness to reconcile.
6. Being toilsome but restless vs. enjoy your toiling.

II. Four actions demonstrating your love for a brother

1. **Forgiveness** ~ immediate acceptance as soon as your brother turns around

【Luk 15:

31 “His father said to him, ‘Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.’” ...

12The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me now the part of your property that I am

supposed to receive someday.’ So the father divided his wealth between his two sons.

13 “A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. ... 29-30]

2. **Cherish** ~ focus on your brother with love
【Luk 15:32

But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.’”]

3. **To please the heavenly Father** ~ this should be your first priority!

4. **Rejoice in acceptance and receive with the best gifts.**

【Luk 15:

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet.

23 And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat.

24 My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to have a party.]

III. The key to loving a brother is to see the richness God has given me. 【Luk 15:31】

The key to loving a brother is to see and perceive the richness our heavenly Father has given us!

IV. There are two keys to feeling and perceiving God's love

【Luk 15:

18 I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.’]

How can I deeply see, receive, and perceive the Father's love for me?

1. **Put away self-righteousness and count favors from the Lord**

Our ignorance and indifference to love originates from self-righteousness!

"Convince yourself that everything is grace and count God's grace" makes us deeply aware of Jesus' love!

The trump card to avoid self-righteousness is: "To know that you are unworthy, and humble yourself in facing the Lord, and consider that everything is grace."

2. Choose to love God and love people!

【Luk 19:26】 The king said, ‘People who use what they have will get more. But those who do not use what they have will have everything taken away from them.

1Jn 3:18 My children, our love should not be only words and talk. No, our love must be real. We must show our love by the things we do.

Rom 13:8 You should owe nothing to anyone, except that you will always owe love to each other. The person who loves others has done all that the law commands.】

The more you love, the more love you will have! If you have something for people, there will be something for you!

【Luk 19:26】 Only through loving others can you perceive love! Love is the only remedy for restoring the perception of love! Out speak your love for others, and give your love for others concretely and honestly, and always consider that you owe love to each other.

While it is not too late, love your families and brothers, and hold your families and brothers tightly!

Conclusion: Consider it our responsibility to love others, but never consider others owe us any love! It's easy to ask others, criticize others, and instruct others on how to love! People who complain about others are many, but few who show gratitude! People who criticize others are many, but only a few know how humble they really are! Refrain from being lenient with yourself but strict with others! It's easy to find a thorn in someone else's eye, but it's hard to see a beam in your own eye! The thorns in the eyes of others are easy to see, but the beams in your own eyes are difficult to see!

Loving God and mindful of God is the key to my deep sensation that He cares about me and loves me!

My love for God and people enables me to deeply perceive that God cares about me and loves me! Once so, it becomes easier and more motivated to love others! Then we enter the benign cycle of loving our brothers!

Q: How can we incessantly love when we are betrayed and hurt? With those who are unrepentant, just wait with patience! Pray for him in love, wait for him to repent, and don't rush for embracing him!

First, put away self-righteousness and count favors from the Lord.

Secondly, the shortest track to perceiving love is through loving others!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 活出愛 **Live out Love**

♪ Born from above true love has come
Awesome love for all men
Mind can't tell hands can't touch
Yet you can see
For there is you and there is me
We would give from our heart
Living out this awesome love from within
♪ This love from Christ gripped me tight
I am Yours this I prayed
Make me Lord, a blessing to the world
This love from Christ lit my heart
Burning so bright you can feel
My dear friend now let's live out this true love

☞ Announcement

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series this week is " Saying goodbye to the laid-back life— Brother Jack Sung's Life Story" (Part 2). Please invite your non-believing friends and family to watch it.
2. The Humanities and Arts Center is going to host the "Watercolor Sketch Class Teacher-Student Exhibition." The artworks will be displayed at the Friendship Corner on the first floor of the church every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and every Sunday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in June. Brothers and sisters are welcome to come and appreciate the artworks and provide support and encouragement.
3. The THFC Humanities and Arts Center will be hosting the "New Voice Generation: Youth Hymns Creation Presentation" on 8th July (Saturday) from 14:00 to 15:30. The event will take place on the fourth floor. Brothers and sisters are warmly invited to participate, and we encourage everyone to invite new friends to join us. Together, let's witness the glory of God through the praise!
4. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Psalm 37-39**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.

☞ 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!*