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☞ **Prelude**

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

† 快樂拍手 **O, Clap Your Hands**

♪ (O, clap your hands, all ye people,
Shout to God with voice of triumph;)x2
♪ For great is the Lord,
And greatly to be praised;
In the city of our God,
In the mountain of His holiness.

† 我要全心讚美

My Heart will Praise You Lord

♪ With all my heart I will give thanks
And enter Your court
Offering my praise to You Lord
It's the fruit of my lips
♪ In Your presence free of worries. Joy overflows
Always grateful always praying. My hope is in You
♪ My heart will praise You Lord
I'll dance before Your throne
One day with You is better than a thousand
elsewhere
My heart will praise You, Lord
I'll never stop praising your name.
The righteous will declare your victory

† 願祢降臨 **Let Your Glory Fall**

♪ Longing for You, yearning for You

Humbly I come
Kneel before Your holy place

♪ Longing for You

This is my cry, oh Lord
Every day and night
I'll never cease to seek Your face

♪ Your kingdom come reveal Your heart

I seek Your face Lord; I long to see Your beauty
Your kingdom come, let Your glory fall in this place
Draw me closer, God, to a deeper place with You

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 130**

1 Lord, I am in deep trouble, so I am calling to you for help.
2 My Lord, listen to me. Listen to my cry for help.
3 Lord, if you punished people for all their sins, no one would be left alive.
4 But you forgive people, so they fear and respect you.
5 I am waiting for the Lord to help me. My soul waits for him. I trust what he says.
6 I am waiting for my Lord, like a guard waiting and waiting for the morning to come.
7 Israel, trust in the Lord. The Lord is the one who is faithful and true. He saves us again and again,
8 and he is the one who will save the people of Israel from all their sins.

☞ **Praise**

† 快樂頌 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

♪ Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee.
♪ Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
in the triumph song of life.

☞ **Special Music**

† 耶穌權能聖名 **The Strong Name of Jesus with Take the Name of Jesus with You**

♪ 1. There is only one Lord that we cling to,
There is only one truth that we claim;

There is only one way that we walk in,
There is only power in one name.

- ♪ **2.** Though apart from Him we can do nothing,
By His spirit we can do all things;
Covered by His blood we are made righteous,
Lifting up the name of Christ, our King.
- ♪ And in the strong name of Jesus,
By the blood of the Lamb, We are able to triumph,
We are able to stand. In the power of His Spirit,
By the strength of His hand;
In the strong name of Jesus,
By the precious (blood of the Lamb *2)
(Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven) *2
And in the strong name of Jesus.
By the blood of the Lamb.
(Take the name of Jesus with you.)
(We are able to triumph *2)
(Child of sorrow and of woe)
We are able to stand. In the power of His Spirit.
By the strength of His hand.
(It will joy and comfort give you)
In the strong name of Jesus.
(Take it then, where ever you go.
By the precious blood of the Lamb.
♪ (Take the strong name of Jesus.
Take it then, where ever you go!) *2
Take the name of Jesus!

🔑 **Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 6:8, 18:

8 But Noah **pleased** the Lord.

18 But I will **make an agreement** with you. You, your wife, your sons, and their wives will all **go into the boat**.

Hebrews 11:7: Because **Noah** had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed God and **built a large boat to save his family**. With his faith, Noah judged the people guilty. And because of his faith, Noah became one of those who are made **right** with God.

2 Peter 2:5: And God did not spare the ancient world. He saved only Noah, who told people the truth about God. There were seven others with Noah. They all **lived right**, so God let Noah **preach** to the people of that time. Noah warned them about the things that were coming.

Sermon: Dark Night Dawning (I) - The Ark

by Pastor Hsu

Many people find themselves in darkness, with their hearts filled with despair, and facing external crises. The end times are similar to the days of Noah, with sin abounding, ignorant hearts, impending judgment, and a sense of hopelessness.

Matthew 24:37-39: "As it was during Noah's time, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. In those days

before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving their children to be married, until the day Noah entered the boat. They knew nothing about what was happening until the flood came and destroyed them. It will be the same when the Son of Man comes."

Genesis 6:5-7: "The Lord saw that the human beings on the earth were very wicked and that everything they thought about was evil. He was sorry he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy all human beings that I made on the earth. And I will destroy every animal and everything that crawls on the earth and the birds of the air. I am sorry I have made them.'"

Genesis 6:11-13: "The earth was ruined in God's sight and full of crime. God saw the earth, and it was ruined because all the people on earth lived evil lives. God said to Noah, 'Everyone has filled the earth with anger. So I will destroy them and everything they have made. I will destroy them because the earth is full of people who do violent things.'"

Genesis 6:17: "Look! I will send a great flood to cover the earth. I will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die."

2 Timothy 3:1-2: "Remember this! In the last days there will be many troubles, because people will love only themselves and money. They will be proud and boast about themselves. They will abuse others with insults. They will not obey their parents. They will be ungrateful and against all that is pleasing to God."

2 Peter 3:10: "But the day when the Lord comes again will surprise everyone like the coming of a thief. The sky will disappear with a loud noise. Everything in the sky will be destroyed with fire. And the earth and everything in it will be burned up."

I. Looking to God's Grace

- 1. God's Grace:** Genesis 6:8 "But Noah pleased the Lord."
 - Recognizing the **crisis:**
Genesis 6:13 "So God said to Noah, 'I have decided to destroy all living things, because the earth is full of their evil deeds. I am going to destroy them along with the earth.'"

Genesis 6:13 reveals God's revelation of Noah and the judgment of the flood, allowing us to see the truth.

- Finding the **way out:**

Genesis 6:14 "Make yourself a boat from cypress wood. Make rooms in it and cover it with tar inside and out."

Genesis 6:14 reveals God's instruction for Noah to build the ark, showing us the way out.

- Saving the **whole family**:

Genesis 6:17-18 "I am going to send a great flood to cover the earth. It will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. But I will make my agreement with you. You will go into the boat with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives."

Genesis 6:17-18 shows God saving Noah's entire family. We are the conduits of blessing!

2. God Remembers

- Remembering **Noah**:

Genesis 8:1 "But God remembered Noah and all the wild and tame animals with him in the boat. So God made a wind blow over the earth, and the water went down."

Genesis 8:1 shows that God remembered Noah, causing the waters to recede.

- Remembering **the living creatures**:

Genesis 9:15-16 "I will remember my agreement between me and you and every living thing. The waters will never again become a flood and destroy all living things. This is the sign of the agreement that I am making between me and you and every living creature with you for all future generations."

Genesis 9:15-16 shows that God remembered the covenant He made with Noah and all living creatures. God remembers those who love Him and keep His commandments. He examines people and welcomes those who remember His ways. He does not forget us.

Exodus 20:6: "But I will be kind to people who love me and obey my commands. I will continue to love them for a thousand generations."

Psalms 139:23-24: "God, examine me and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any bad thing in me. Lead me on the road to everlasting life."

Isaiah 64:5: "You are kind to those who do what is right. You help those who do what is right and remember your ways. But you were

angry with us, and we sinned. You turned away from us and let us be punished because of our sins."

Isaiah 49:15-16: "Can a woman forget her baby that nurses at her breast? Can she have no kindness for the child she gave birth to? Even if she could forget her children, I will not forget you. I drew a picture of you on my hand. You are always before my eyes."

3. God's Blessing:

Genesis 9:1 "God blessed Noah and his sons and said, 'Have many children. Fill the earth.'"

Genesis 9:11-13 "I make my agreement with you. Never again will all living things be destroyed by a flood. Never again will a flood destroy the earth.' Then God said, 'This is the sign of the agreement that I am making. I am putting my rainbow in the clouds as proof of the agreement between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and a rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my agreement between me and you and every living thing. The waters will never again become a flood and destroy all living things.'"

God blessed Noah and his family, instructing them to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and rule over all living creatures. He promised never to judge the earth with a flood again, using the rainbow as a sign. God restores the lost blessings for us!

II. Building the Ark

Noah obediently followed God's instructions, waiting for God's permission before leaving the ark

Genesis 6:22 "Noah did everything that God commanded him to do; that's exactly what he did."

Genesis 7:5 "Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him."

Genesis 7:9 "There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God commanded Noah."

Genesis 7:16 "And those that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."

Genesis 8:18 "Noah went out of the boat with his wife, his sons, and their wives."

Noah was a righteous and blameless man, walking with God

Genesis 6:9 "Noah was a good man. He did everything that God commanded him to do."

which means obeying God. Noah's name means "rest" or "peace," indicating deliverance from toil and curse, and receiving true peace

Genesis 5:29 "He named him Noah and said, 'He will comfort us as we work hard and struggle to survive on this land that the Lord has cursed.'"

Noah is a testimony to those who suffer that obedience to God brings salvation

Hebrews 11:7 "Noah had been warned by God about things that he could not yet see. But he had faith and respect for God, so he built a large boat to save his family. With his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong. And he became one of those who are made right with God through faith."

We should strive to build the "spiritual ark," which is the church!

III. Gratitude and Serving God

After Noah left the ark, the first thing he did was to build an altar to God and offer sacrifices. He was generous in his worship, and it pleased God

Genesis 8:20-21 "Noah built an altar for the Lord. He took some of all the clean birds and animals and burned them on the altar. The Lord was pleased with the smell of the sacrifice. He said to himself, 'I will never again curse the ground because of human beings. Their thoughts are evil even when they are young, but I will never again destroy every living thing on the earth as I did this time.'"

As recipients of God's grace, we should continually count His blessings, give thanks to God, and offer ourselves in service to Him. We should not only be concerned about our own matters but also about the things that concern Jesus. Let us follow the examples of Noah, Joshua, and Onesiphorus, serving the Lord together with our entire families

Philippians 2:21 "All the others seem to care only about their own interests and not about the interests of Jesus Christ."

Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

2 Timothy 1:16 "May the Lord show mercy to the family of Onesiphorus. He was often a great help to me. He was not ashamed of me when I was put in prison."

Acts 16:31 "They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all the people in your

house.'"

IV. Preaching the Gospel

Noah's ministry was dedicated to fervently proclaiming righteousness and the way of salvation.

2 Peter 2:5 "God did not spare the ancient world, but he saved Noah, one of eight people, who was a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly."

Jesus had compassion on many people who were like lost sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36-38 "When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were hurt and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to his followers, 'There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. Pray to the Lord, who owns the harvest, that he will send more workers to gather his harvest.'"

We should care about the things that matter to God and participate in the work of the Gospel. We are the "active ark" that shares the goodness of the Gospel with others!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 世界的光 **The Light of the World**

♪ Close to Him, Stay in Him,

He is the true light shining on my heart
the Word had become flesh for me gives eternal life
In Him we see the glory full of grace and truth

♪ Come let us worship Him,

to sing the praise to the Lord savior of mine
Come let us shout for joy

(To declare Jesus Lord Light of the World) *2

☞ 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 3). 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. In the afternoon at 3:00 PM, a wedding thanksgiving service will be held for Brother Tsao Meng-zhe and Sister Lu Qian-ya. We warmly welcome brothers and sisters to attend the ceremony and offer blessings to the newlyweds.
5. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Psalm 40-42**. 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!