



# Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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Jesus Loves You

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## The Most Important Thing in My Life

♪ The most important thing in my life  
Is to know(love) You more X2  
I want to know(love) You more X2  
The most important thing in my life  
Is to know(love) You more

### Responsive Reading: **Psalm 34:9-15**

- 9 Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
- 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

### Praise

#### ✠ 有福的確據 **Blessed Assurance**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain:

\*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;\* x2

### Special Music

#### ✠ 頌讚主聖名組曲 **Bless the Lord**

##### Stand up and bless the Lord

- ♪ Stand up and bless the Lord  
Ye people of His choice;  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God  
With heart and soul and voice.
- ♪ Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear His holy Name,  
And laud and magnify?

##### Stand up

- ♪ (Stand up and bless the Lord your God  
From everlasting to everlasting; ) \*4
  - ♪ (And blessed be Your glorious name, O Lord,  
which is exalted above all blessing and praise.  
And blessed be Your glorious name, O Lord,  
which is exalted which is exalted ) \*2
- Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

✧ Prelude	.....	Choir
✧ Invocation	.....	Presider
✧ Praise	.....	Congregation
✧ Responsive Reading	.....	Congregation
✧ Prayer	.....	Presider
✧ Special Music	.....	Choir
✧ Scripture Reading	.....	Presider
✧ Message	.....	Pastor
✧ Responsive Hymn	.....	Presider
✧ Offertory	.....	Pastor
✧ Holy Communion	.....	Pastor
✧ Announcement	.....	Presider
✧ The Lord's Prayer	.....	Congregation
✧ Doxology	.....	Congregation
✧ Benediction	.....	Pastor
✧ Postlude	.....	Congregation

### ✧Prelude

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



#### ✠ 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

#### ✠ 祢配得至聖尊榮

##### **Jesus Shall Take The Highest Honor**

- ♪ Jesus shall take the highest honor  
Jesus shall take the highest praise  
Let all earth join heaven in Exalting His name  
Which is above all other names
- ♪ Let's bow the knee in humble adoration  
For at His name every knee must bow  
Let every tongue confess He is Christ  
God's only Son Sovereign Lord,  
we give You Glory now

Chorus:

- ♪ (For all honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You! Belongs to You! ) \*2  
Lord Jesus Christ, son of the Living God

#### ✠ 最大的事

♪ [Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
Who reigns forevermore.]  
♪ Father in heaven, how we love You;  
We lift Your name in all the earth.  
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,  
As Your people declare Your mighty works.  
♪ [ ] \*2, Who reigns forevermore.  
♪ Stand up and bless, Bless the Lord.

### 🔗Scripture Reading:

#### 2 Corinthians 5:16

From this time on we don't think of anyone as the world thinks of people. It is true that in the past we thought of Christ as the world thinks. But we don't think that way now.

### Sermon: Embracing New Values in Life

- Pastor Dong

New Values - 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:17 When anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new

Life can be much harder than you imagine! But if you believe in the Lord Jesus, the supreme ruler and the only true God, and then live according to the values He gives you, you will enjoy the happiness of heaven!

#### I. Old Values

1. Social Status
2. Academic Status
3. Achievements
4. Appearance - Isaiah 53:2
5. Blessings

Isaiah 53:2 He was always close to the Lord. He grew up like a young plant, like a root growing in dry ground. There was nothing special or impressive about the way he looked, nothing we could see that would cause us to like him.

**10** But the LORD was pleased with this humble servant who suffered such pain. Even after giving himself as an offering for sin, he will see his descendants and enjoy a long life. He will succeed in doing what the LORD wanted.

Jesus coming into the world was like a nuclear bomb, destroying all erroneous, harmful, materialistic, and unfair values!

#### II. New Values - 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 2 Corinthians 5:13-20



##### 1. Love God - John 10:18; Philippians 2:6-11

John 10:18 No one takes my life away from me. I give my own life freely. I have the right to give my

Philippians 2:6-11 He was like God in every way, but he did not think that his being equal with God was something to use for his own benefit.

**7** Instead, he gave up everything, even his place with God. He accepted the role of a servant, appearing in human form.

During his life as a man,

**8** he humbled himself by being fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death—death on a cross.

**9** So God raised him up to the most important place and gave him the name that is greater than any other name.

**10** God did this so that every person will bow down to honor the name of Jesus. Everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow.

**11** They will all confess, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” and this will bring glory to God the Father.

life, and I have the right to get it back again. This is what the Father told me.”

- Glory to God by sacrificing everything, solely considering God's will!
- Humble oneself to honor God: Let go of everything to honor God!

"Sacrifice oneself": To give, to offer! Breaking the alabaster jar - Mark 14:5-6,9

Mark 14:5-6, 9 It was worth a full year's pay. It could have been sold and the money given to those who are poor.” And they told the woman what a bad thing she had done.

**6** Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you giving her such trouble? She did **a very good thing** for me.

**9** The Good News will be told to people all over the world. And I can assure you that everywhere the Good News is told, the story of what this woman did will also be told, and people will remember her.”

"Humble oneself": Letting go of oneself! Listening to Jesus - Luke 10:38-42

Luke 10:38-42 While Jesus and his followers were traveling, he went into a town, and a woman named Martha let him stay at her house.

**39** She had a sister named Mary. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him teach.

**40** But her sister Martha was busy doing all the work that had to be done. Martha went in and said, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

**41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are getting worried and upset about too many things.

**42** Only one thing is important. Mary has made the right choice, and it will never be taken away from her.”

##### 2. Love People - Ephesians 2:13-16

**Ephesians 2:13-16** Yes, at one time you were far away from God, but now in Christ Jesus, you are brought near to him. You are brought near to God through the blood sacrifice of Christ.

**14** Christ is the reason we are now at peace. He made us Jews and you who are not Jews one people. We were separated by a wall of hate that stood between us, but Christ broke down that wall. By giving his own body,

**15** Christ ended the law with its many commands and rules. His purpose was to make the two groups become one in him. By doing this he would make peace.

**16** Through the cross Christ ended the hate between the two groups. And after they became one body, he wanted to bring them both back to God. He did this with his death on the cross.

- Do everything possible to reconcile people with God and with each other!
- Do everything possible to benefit people, sacrificing oneself if necessary!

### 3. **Eternal Life - John 3:16; Luke 9:25; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 20:10**

**John 3:16** Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life.

**Luke 9:25** It is worth nothing for you to have the whole world if you yourself are destroyed or lost.

This destruction is not death, but eternal punishment - **Revelation 21:8, 20:10**

### **Revelation 21:8, 20:10**

**21:8** But those who are cowards, those who refuse to believe, those who do terrible things, those who kill, those who sin sexually, those who do evil magic, those who worship idols, and those who tell lies—they will all have a place in the lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

**20:10** And he (the one who tricked these people) was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur with the beast and the false prophet. There they would be **tortured day and night forever and ever.**

### 4. **Kingdom of Heaven - Heavenly thrones, crowns!** - **Revelation 21:1-5,10-21,23,27; Revelation 22:1-5; Luke 13:24; Matthew 19:28; 2 Timothy 4:7-8**



**John 3:5** Jesus answered, “Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God’s kingdom.

**Luke 13:24** “The door to heaven is narrow. Try hard to enter it. Many people will want to enter there, but they will not be able to go in.

**Matthew 19:28** Jesus said to them, “When the time of the new world comes, the Son of Man will sit on his great and glorious throne. And I can promise that you who followed me will sit on twelve thrones, and you will judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully.

**8** Now, a prize is waiting for me—the crown that will show I am right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give it to me on that Day. Yes, he will give it to me and to everyone else who is eagerly looking forward to his coming.

Clearly, in God's eyes, these crowns, thrones, and rewards are the most valuable!

### III. **Blessings of New Values ~**

#### 1. **Becoming a completely new self - A top-notch, entirely new self - 2 Corinthians 5:17**

(1) Not accused, filled with glory - **2 Corinthians 5:12**

**2 Corinthians 5:12** We are not trying to prove ourselves to you again. But we are telling you about ourselves. We are giving you reasons to be proud of us. Then you will have an answer for those who are proud about what can be seen. They don’t care about what is in a person’s heart.

(2) This also enables him to experience: wonderful surprises every day - **2 Corinthians 4:7-18**



#### 2. **Seeing everything as rubbish, enjoying the precious Jesus - Philippians 3:8**

**Philippians 3:8** Not only these things, but now I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Christ, I lost all these things, and now I know that they are all worthless trash. All I want now is Christ.

#### 3. **Walking with God - Psalms 23**

**Psalms 23** The Lord is my shepherd. I will always have everything I need.

**2** He gives me green pastures to lie in. He leads me by calm pools of water.

**3** He restores my strength. He leads me on right paths to show that he is good.

4 Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave, I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me. Your rod and staff [d] comfort me.

5 You prepared a meal for me in front of my enemies. You welcomed me as an honored guest. My cup is full and spilling over.

6 Your goodness and mercy will be with me all my life, and I will live in the Lord's house a long, long time.

4. The beauty of love and being loved, the happiness and satisfaction of loving and being loved - **Luke 19:2,5-9; 2 Corinthians 5:13-20**



Dear brothers and sisters, facing our lives with the values of Jesus will make us **see ourselves as completely new, see everything as rubbish**, walk with God, and live out the beauty of love and being loved.

Values determine you:

Love God or Love the world, Love yourself  
Sanctification or Secularization Satisfaction or  
Emptiness True Piety or False Piety

Saints! Rise up and pursue, live out the kingdom values that God has already placed in your heart, revealed to you, and constantly reminded by the Holy Spirit!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 我用主的愛真誠來愛你

**I Love You With The Lord's Sincere Love**

♪ I love You with the Lord's sincere love X2

For I see the king in Your beauty

I love You with the Lord's sincere love

### ☞ Announcement

1. The "The Exhibition of Musical Props in Cross Village" seminar will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 6:30 PM in the B1 Auditorium. The theme is "Navigating the Personalized Service Era - Frontline, Logistics, and Strategic Positions". Social youth are warmly invited to attend.
2. "Props Exhibition from Stone Village" will be held every Saturday in February from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sundays from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Friendship Corner on the first floor. Visitors are welcome. Please refrain from touching the exhibits.
3. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Psalms 145 to 147. Please refer to the Unity Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to access the Bible keys and read the Bible attentively.

### ☞ 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!***