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☞ **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:



☞ **因祢的慈愛比生命更好 Thy Loving Kindness**

♪ Thy loving kindness is better than life x2
My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee
Thy loving kindness is better than life

☞ **耶和華我的磐石 Jehovah You are My Rock**

♪ Jehovah you are my rock
You're worthy to be praised
You have trained my hands for battle
You have trained my fingers for war
♪ Jehovah you are my rock
You're worthy to be praised
You have granted me Your wisdom
So my heart will not be moved
♪ So I will sing to You a new song
Praise Your holy name
You alone are my shelter
You are my strength
♪ So I will play the harp and dance for joy
To praise Your name
You alone are my fortress
You alone are my hope and my rock

☞ **我的力量我的山寨 My Strength, My Fortress**
♪ [Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2] *2
♪ You are my rock, oh Lord. And my fortress
You are the rock for me. And are my shield
♪ Jehovah my Lord, my strength (I love You)x2

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 37:1-7**

- 1 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;
- 2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
- 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
- 6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

☞ **Praise**

☞ **復活頌 Praise of Resurrection**

♪ (Alleluia!*2) Hearts to heaven and voices raise
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen form the dead.
♪ Alleluia, Christ is risen! death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil,
in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried:
now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.
♪ (Alleluia!*2) Come and lift your hearts on high
(Alleluia!*2) Let your anthems fill the sky.
Alleluia to the Father, alleluia to the Son,
Alleluia to the Spirit,
praise the blessed Three in One

☞ **Special Music**

☞ **讚美感恩之歌 Hymn of Grateful Praise**

♪ All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
all things wise and all things wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Mountains that rise in that rise in majesty,
Rivers racing to the sea,
all things created by God's hand.
♪ All heaven and earth at Gods' command!
Lord of all to thee we raise this, our grateful hymn,
Our grateful hymn our grateful hymn of praise.
♪ (Praise God from whom all blessings flow) *2
(Praise Him, all creatures here below) *2

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Praise God from whom all blessings. (Holy *3)

Holy are you Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

(Holy *3) there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love and purity.

♪ For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the sky

For every day, and every night, the sun and moon,

and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise this,

[(our grateful hymn) *3 of praise.] *2

🔗 Scripture Reading:

Acts 8:39

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away; the official never saw him again. The official continued on his way home. He was very happy.

Sermon: The Joyful Journey of Life

- Pastor Dong

From the testimony of the Ethiopian eunuch who believed in Jesus, we see a path of life that can be filled with immense joy! Life is short, how can we walk on the joyful path of life?

I. Life's journey is difficult and unpredictable.

1. Spiritual mentors may leave suddenly.
2. The journey home remains arduous and dangerous.
3. Returning to one's work duties is necessary.
4. Physical shortcomings may still exist.
5. Many aspects of the Bible and faith may still be unclear.

Through the faith of salvation, he ascends from this life to eternal life, surrounded by blessings, peace, and love!

How can we obtain this joy and embark on this joyful and happy path of life?

II. Longing for God and following Him is key.-

Luke 10:21; Acts 8:27-31

Luke 10:21 Then the Holy Spirit made Jesus feel very happy. Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. I am thankful that you have hidden these things from those who are so wise and so smart. But you have shown them to people who are like little children. Yes, Father, you did this because it's what you really wanted to do.

Acts 8:27-31 So Philip got ready and went. On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia. He was a eunuch and an important official in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians. He was responsible for taking

care of all her money. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship.

28 Now he was on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah the prophet.

29 The Spirit said to Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

30 So he went toward the chariot, and he heard the man reading from Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 The man answered, "How can I understand? I need someone to explain it to me." Then he invited Philip to climb in and sit with him.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who eagerly read the Bible, desire to know God, and fear Him, are deeply cared for and highly esteemed by God!

III. Seizing opportunities actively:

1. Seize the opportunity to immediately accept faith!

Acts 8:37 Then the official ordered the chariot to stop. Both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

2. Opportunities are given to those who thirst and fear God.

How can you have a heart that longs for God?

Psalm 63:6 reveals: Deeply contemplate, remember, and count God's love and grace towards you!

Psalm 63:1, 3, 5 (A song of David written when he was in the desert of Judah.)

1 God, you are my God. I am searching so hard to find you. Body and soul, I thirst for you in this dry and weary land without water.

3 Your faithful love is better than life, so my lips praise you.

5 When I sit down to satisfy my hunger, my joyful lips hunger to praise you!

Deeply think, remember what about God?

- (1) How God helped him (Psalm 63:7)

Psalm 63:7 That is because you are the one who helps me. It makes me happy to be under your protection!

- (2) How God supported him (Psalm 63:8)

Psalm 63:8 I stay close to you, and you hold me with your powerful arm.

- (3) How God made him rejoice and leap for joy (Psalm 63:9)

Psalm 63:9 Those who are trying to kill me will be destroyed. They will go down to their graves.

3. Guard against the corruption of power - Acts 8:27

Acts 8:27 So Philip got ready and went. On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia. He was a eunuch and an **important official** in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians. He was responsible for taking care of all her money. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship.

Continuously, with your heart, count how much God loves you, think about it, embrace God, your heart will be filled with love, gratitude, and naturally long for Him. You'll want to know Him more, draw closer to Him; your heart will surely find joy and joyfully walk the path of life!

Seize the opportunity to believe in Jesus, continually pursue a deeper longing for Jesus. Your life will surely find satisfying joy; your life's journey will be a joyful one!

☞ Responsive Hymn

☞ 從早晨到夜晚 **Morning to Night**

♪ Morning I open my eyes.

My Lord I long for your eyes

Counting your goodness for me.

Draw near to You alone

I sing with stars in the sky.

To you my heart opens wide

Bringing my love in a song Worship to you alone

♪ From the morning through the night

From the valley to the heights

Forever, I will lift your name on high

♪ From the morning through the night

Your love for me carries on

♪ Forever, I will follow after you

[I will sing of your love

I will sing of your unending love] *2

☞ Announcement

1. On 3/9 (Saturday) at 2:00 PM, Professor Zhang Wenliang will share his insights at the "Professor Hippo's Kitchen" seminar on the 4th floor. It promises to be fascinating and enjoyable! Feel free to invite your friends and family!

2. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Proverbs chapters 1 to 3. Please visit the Unity Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch "Keys to the Bible" and "The Bible Is Fascinating."

3. Friendly reminders:
The church is a sacred place for worshipping God.
Let's show respect for the order of worship:

(1) Please refrain from eating, chewing gum, smoking, making noise, using your phone, putting your feet up, or moving around unnecessarily. Only drink water if necessary due to health reasons.

(2) Please avoid any commercial activities such as borrowing, selling, MLM, investment advice, or political propaganda.

(3) Please steer clear of any ambiguous interactions between individuals of the opposite or same sex, or any private matchmaking for marriage. Let's interact in the light and build God's house together with unity.

☞ 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!