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☞**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:



☞得救的人讚美主

Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

☞抬起我的頭神/叫我抬起頭的神

The Lifter of My Head

♪ Lord, You are my solid rock I shall not be moved
with You as my provider who is there to fear
♪ Lord, You are my shepherd I shall not want
with You as my banner There will be victory
♪ For You are my shield and my defender
Glory of my life and You are the lifter of my head
♪ Weeping may remain at night
But at dawn we will rejoice
You're my solid rock Lord, You are my help

☞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

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15, 23**

- 1** The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- 2** From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
- 5** Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
- 6** And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.
- 14** "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
- 15** and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
- 23** Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

☞Praise

☞谷中百合花 **The Lily of The Valley**

♪ I have found a friend in Jesus,
He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort,
in trouble He's my stay;
He tells me every care on Him to roll.
♪ He all my grief has taken,
and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart and now He keeps me by His power.
Though all the world forsake me,
and Satan tempt me sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
♪ He will never, never leave me,
nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
From His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory to see His blessed face,
Where the rivers of delight shall ever roll.

Refrain

♪ He's the Lily of the Valley,
the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

☞**Special Music**

☞至高的主 **Lord Most High**

♪ From the ends of the earth x2
 from the depths of the sea x2
 from the height of the heavens x2
 Your name be praised.

♪ From the hearts of the weak x2
 from the shouts of the strong x2
 from the lips of all people x2
 this song we raise, Lord!

♪ *Throughout the endless ages,
 You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High
 Exalted in every nation,
 Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High
 be magnified!*

♪ His glorious name shall be called Wonderful.
 His name is wonderful.
 His matchless name shall be called Counselor
 the mighty Counselor, the mighty God,
 the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace
 through all eternity, eternity!

♪ ** x2
 Wonderful Counselor, (Magnified! x2)
 He is the mighty God, the everlasting Father
 Lord Most High!

🔗 Scripture Reading:

John 16:20-22

20 The truth is, you will cry and be sad, but the world will be happy. You will be sad, but then your sadness will change to happiness.

21 “When a woman gives birth to a baby, she has pain, because her time has come. But when her baby is born, she forgets the pain. She forgets because she is so happy that a child has been born into the world.

22 It is the same with you. Now you are sad, but I will see you again, and you will be happy. You will have a joy that no one can take away.

Sermon: Finding Joy in Meeting God - Overcoming Pain, Turning Sorrow into Happiness - Pastor Dong

Life is filled with many hardships, and many people realize: life is more bitter than sweet!

God has prepared a joy for us: the joy of turning sorrow into happiness, and this joy cannot be taken away by anyone!

The key to experiencing this joy is: **meeting the resurrected Jesus**

1 John 5:19 We know that we belong to God, but the Evil One controls the whole world.

Hebrews 11:35-38 There were women who lost loved ones but got them back when they were raised from death. Others were tortured but refused to accept their freedom. They did this so that they could be raised from death to a better life.

36 Some were laughed at and beaten. Others were tied up and put in prison.

37 They were killed with stones. They were cut in half. They were killed with swords. The only clothes some of them had were sheepskins or goatskins. They were poor, persecuted, and treated badly by others.

38 The world was not good enough for these great people. They had to wander in deserts and mountains, living in caves and holes in the ground.

1 Samuel 2:29-30, 3:1, 9-10, 15:19-23

29 So why don't you respect these gifts and sacrifices? You honor your sons more than me. You become fat eating the best parts of the meat that the Israelites bring to me.'

30 “The Lord, the God of Israel, promised that your father's family would serve him forever. But now the Lord says, ‘That will never be! I will honor people who honor me, but bad things will happen to those who refuse to respect me.

3:1 The boy Samuel was Eli's helper and served the Lord with him. At that time the Lord did not speak directly to people very often. There were very few visions.

3:9-10 Eli told Samuel, “Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, ‘Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening.’”

So Samuel went back to bed.

10 The Lord came and stood there. He called as he did before, saying, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel said, “Speak. I am your servant, and I am listening.”

15:19-23 So why didn't you listen to the LORD? You did what the LORD said is wrong because you wanted to keep what you took in battle.”

20 Saul said, “But I did obey the Lord! I went where the Lord sent me. I destroyed all the Amalekites. I brought back only one—their king Agag.

21 And the soldiers took the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God at Gilgal.”

22 But Samuel answered, “Which pleases the Lord more: burnt offerings and sacrifices or obeying his commands? It is better to obey the Lord than to offer sacrifices to him. It is better to listen to him than to offer the fat from rams.

23 Refusing to obey is as bad as the sin of sorcery. Being stubborn and doing what you want is like the sin of worshiping idols. You refused to obey the Lord's command, so he now refuses to accept you as king.”

I. Revering God –

Samuel, David vs. Priest Eli, King Saul

1 Samuel 2:29-30, 3:1, 9-10, 15:19-23

Who meets God?

Samuel vs. Priest Eli, David vs. King Saul

Revering God is more than respecting people, it's wholeheartedly obeying God!

Numbers 12:3 (Moses was a very humble man. He was more humble than any other man on earth.)

1-8 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses. They criticized him because he married an Ethiopian[a] woman.

2 They said to themselves, “Moses is not the only one the Lord has used to speak to the people. He has also spoken through us!” The Lord heard this.

3 (Moses was a very humble man. He was more humble than any other man on earth.)

4 So suddenly, the Lord came and spoke to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. He said, “You three, come to the Meeting Tent, now!” So Moses, Aaron, and Miriam went to the Tent.

5 The Lord came down in the tall cloud and stood at the entrance to the Tent. He called out, “Aaron and Miriam!” They went to him.

6 God said, “Listen to me! You will have prophets. I, the Lord, will let them learn about me through visions. I will speak to them in dreams.

7 But Moses is not like that. He is my faithful servant—I trust him with everyone in my house.

8 When I speak to him, I talk face to face with him. I don’t use stories with hidden meanings—I show him clearly what I want him to know. And Moses can look at the very image of the Lord. So why were you brave enough to speak against my servant Moses?”

James 4:6-11 But the kindness God shows is greater. As the Scripture says, “God is against the proud, but he is kind to the humble.”

7 So give yourselves to God. Stand against the devil, and he will run away from you.

8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. You are sinners, so clean sin out of your lives. You are trying to follow God and the world at the same time. Make your thinking pure.

9 Be sad, be sorry, and cry! Change your laughter into crying. Change your joy into sadness.

10 Be humble before the Lord, and he will make you great.

You Are Not the Judge

11 Brothers and sisters, don’t say anything against each other. If you criticize your brother or sister in Christ or judge them, you are criticizing and judging the law they follow. And when you are judging the law, you are not a follower of the law. You have become a judge.

II. Humility - Moses

Numbers 12:3, 1-8; James 4:6-11

James 4:6-11 - Humility: **Rejecting pride, humbling oneself before the Lord, drawing near to God.**

"Numbers 12:3 Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth."

Numbers 12:3, 1-8 - Humility: **Lowering oneself, not striving for greatness!**

John 21:7-8 The follower Jesus loved very much said to Peter, “That man is the Lord!” When Peter heard him say it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself. (He had taken his clothes off to work.) Then he jumped into the water.

8 The other followers went to shore in the boat. They pulled the net full of fish. They were not very far from shore, only about 100 yards.

15-19 When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these other men love me?” Peter answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Then Jesus said to him, “Take care of my lambs.”

16 Again Jesus said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Then Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

17 A third time Jesus said, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad because Jesus asked him three times, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you!” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.

18 The truth is, when you were young, you tied your own belt and went where you wanted. But when you are old, you will put out your hands, and someone else will tie your belt. They will lead you where you don’t want to go.”

19 (Jesus said this to show how Peter would die to give glory to God.) Then he said to Peter, “Follow me!”

III. Loving God - Peter **John 21:7-8, 15-19**

Who is someone who loves Jesus?

Someone who continually **sacrifices everything to follow the Lord, serve the Lord, and love the Lord's sheep!**

Matthew 5:8 Great blessings belong to those whose thoughts are pure. They will be with God.

Psalm 51:10 God, create a pure heart in me, and make my spirit strong again.

Acts 5:30-31 You killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God, the same God our fathers had, raised Jesus up from death.

31 Jesus is the one God honored by giving him a place at his right side. He made him our Leader and Savior. God did this to give all the people of Israel the opportunity to change and turn to God to have their sins forgiven.

Mark 10:46-52 Then they came to the town of Jericho. When Jesus left there with his followers, a large crowd was with them. A blind man named Bartimaeus (meaning “son of Timaeus”) was sitting by the road. He was always begging for money.

47 He heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking by. So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, please help me!"

48 Many people criticized the blind man and told him to be quiet. But he shouted more and more, "Son of David, please help me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man and said, "You can be happy now. Stand up! Jesus is calling you."

50 The blind man stood up quickly. He left his coat there and went to Jesus.

51 Jesus asked the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" He answered, "Teacher, I want to see again."

52 Jesus said, "Go. You are healed because you believed." Immediately the man was able to see again. He followed Jesus down the road.

IV. Seeking God - Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

Following Bartimaeus's example of earnestly crying out, persisting without giving up!

Persistently calling out to Jesus without losing heart is the key to **meeting Jesus!!**

Follow the secret to meeting Him, and He will meet you, granting you the joy of turning sorrow into happiness, **traversing pain, and experiencing a joy that no one can take away!**

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 遇見祢 **Here in Your Presence**

♪ When I meet you, you make me sing at night,
beyond everything, see you're with me
my heart is glad and my tongue rejoice
my body will rest secure

♪ you are my treasure, my deepest joy,
relying on you with whole my heart, I won't
shacked

you are with me, you love me till end,
glad to have you in this life.

there is a joy in your life,

♪ you will fill me with joy In your presence
With eternal pleasures at your right hand
The boundary for me is in pleasant place
Surely I have a delightful inheritance

♪ you will fill me with joy In your presence
With eternal pleasures at your right hand
You are my Lord,
Here with you, I have meet happen

☞ Offertory

☞ Holy Communion

☞ Baptism

☞ Announcement

1. The "Insights into Professions" seminar will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 6:30 PM in the B1 Hall. The theme is "Solving Complex Issues: Managing, Understanding, Resolving, and Empathizing." Lawyers, social workers, and biotechnology researchers will share their successful work experiences. Socially engaged youth are warmly invited to attend.

2. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Proverbs chapters 22 to 24. Please visit the Unified Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch "The Key to the Bible" and "The Bible Is Great to Read."

☞ 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!