



☞ **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:



☞ **偉大奇妙神 Ah, Lord God**

♪ (Ah, Lord God Thou hast made the heavens) and the earth by Thy great power
() and the earth by Thine outstretched arm
♪ Nothing is too difficult for Thee x2
O great and mighty God Great in counsel and mighty indeed
Nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing,
Nothing is too difficult for Thee

☞ **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

☞ **願諸天歡呼歌唱**

Lift Up Your Voice Singing Praises Onto Him

♪ May all heavens give Him praises, declare the glory of our Lord,
May all creations upon the earth, exalt His holy name,
all the mountains and seas give praises and hail,
His great power and wonderful works,
all the nations and countries lift up voice unto mercy and righteous God,
the Creator of mine gave me precious life,
His name is exalted, more better than all,
the Almighty King will come down in glory,
praise Him forever more.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 66:1-5, 8, 15, 20**

- 1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth!.
- 2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
- 4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." Selah.
- 5 Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf !
- 8 Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;
- 15 I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. Selah
- 20 Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

☞ **Praise**

☞ **讚美全能神 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
♪ (Praise to the Lord) the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration
♪ () who over all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth
♪ () who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee
♪ () O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

☞ **Special Music**

☞ **我要歌唱組曲 I'm Gonna Sing Medley**

I'm Gonna Sing

♪ {I'm gonna sing just as long as it takes for a song to make sad. Heavy spirits free
I'm gonna keep making music that carries the secret that Jesus is liberty
I'm gonna turn off the sounds that would drag people down to the pit of despondency
I'll sing the sweet happy tune, He is coming soon for His children like You and me }

Since I Have Been Redeemed

♪ I have a song I love to sing,
(Since I have been redeemed,)
Of my Redeemer, Savior King, () *3
[() I will glory in the Savior's Name.] *2

Oh How I Love Jesus

♪ There is a Name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest Name on earth.
I have a song that Jesus gave me,
It was sent from heaven above;
There never was a sweeter melody,
(Oh, how I love Jesus,) x3
Because He first loved me!(x2)

I'm Gonna Sing { }

In my Heart There Rings a Melody

♪ [There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
(In my heart there rings a melody;)
There rings a melody of love!] ()
In my heart there rings a melody, ()

My Savior's Love

♪ My Savior's Love
(How marvelous! How wonderful!)
And my song shall ever be:
() Is my Savior's love for me!

I'm Gonna Sing { }

When we all get to Heaven

♪ When we all see Jesus

(we'll sing and shout) *3 the victory!

🔗Scripture Reading:

Nehemiah 1:3-4, 11 (NIV)

3 They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in **great trouble** and disgrace. **The wall** of Jerusalem is broken down, and its **gates** have been burned with fire.”

4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and **fasted and prayed before** the God of heaven.

11 Lord, let your ear be attentive to the **prayer** of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him **favor** in the presence of this man.” I was **cupbearer to the king**.

Sermon: Proving the Path to Rebuilding the City Wall, Returning to Peace

- Pastor Hsu

Nehemiah 4:1-3 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews,

2 and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”

3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!”

Nehemiah 4:8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

Nehemiah 6:2,4-6 Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.” But they were scheming to harm me;

4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

5 Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter

6 in which was written: “It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king

Nehemiah 4:10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

Nehemiah 4:12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”

Nehemiah 5:7 I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are charging your own people interest!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them

Nehemiah 6:18-19 For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shekaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah.

19 Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.

13:4-5, 28 Before this, Eliashib the priest had been put in charge of the storerooms of the house of our God. He was closely associated with Tobiah,

5 and he had provided him with a large room formerly used to store the grain offerings and incense and temple articles, and also the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil prescribed for the Levites, musicians and gatekeepers, as well as the contributions for the priests.

28 One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I drove him away from me.

I. Internal and External Attacks

1. External Threats Lurking

- **Mockery and Disdain:** **Nehemiah 4:1-3** depicts enemies mocking the weakness of the people of Judah: “Can they accomplish anything in a day?”
- **Direct Assault:** **Nehemiah 4:8** reveals enemies conspiring to attack, causing turmoil within the city.
- **Slandering Threats:** **Nehemiah 6:2,4-6** portrays enemies using schemes and deceitful letters to lure Nehemiah away from his construction work.

2. Internal Turmoil

- **Negative Discouragement:** **Nehemiah 4:10** describes how the abundance of rubble and exhaustion among the people of Judah led them to believe completing the wall was impossible.
- **Fear and Anxiety:** **Nehemiah 4:12** recounts how the people of Judah repeatedly expressed their fear of further attacks and urged for protection instead of continuing the wall's construction.
- **Greed and Exploitation:** **Nehemiah 5:7** exposes how noble officials took advantage of the people's distress, practicing usury, seizing land, and enslaving others for their own gain.
- **Double-sided Assault:** **Nehemiah 6:18-19, 13:4-5, 28** depict alliances and marriages with external enemies, showcasing internal betrayal and external threats.

Through the grace of the Lord, Nehemiah spent 52 days rebuilding the wall that had been collapsed for 140 years! Likewise, we must rely on the Lord

to rebuild the walls of our hearts, families, and churches!

Nehemiah 1:3 They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

Nehemiah 2:5 and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

Nehemiah 2:13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

Nehemiah 6:3 so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”

Nehemiah 6:11 But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”

Nehemiah 4:14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Nehemiah 4:16 From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah

Nehemiah 4:23 Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water

Nehemiah 5:10,14 I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest!

14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor.

II. Rebuilding the City Wall

1. Choose the Battlefield Wisely

Nehemiah 1:3: Upon hearing about the distress and disgrace of his fellow countrymen, Nehemiah realizes the critical issue lies in the destruction of the city wall and gates.

Nehemiah 2:5: Nehemiah responds decisively to the king, expressing his desire to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city.

Nehemiah 2:13: Upon arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah personally inspects the city wall at night and begins to initiate the

construction project. When faced with complex issues, it's crucial to discern carefully and choose the core battleground wisely!

2. Focus on Building

Nehemiah 6:3: Nehemiah rejects the accusations and invitations of the enemy five times, staying focused on the task of building.

Nehemiah 6:11: He refuses to succumb to the threats of false prophets, bravely standing his ground and remaining even more dedicated to his work.

Nehemiah 4:14: Confronted with enemy threats, they refuse to halt construction. Instead, each person works while also standing guard.

Satan, through attacks and temptations, lures people into pursuing worldly desires, hindering their ability to know God. We must be cautious!

3. Servant Leadership

Nehemiah 4:16: Nehemiah and his servants worked half the time and stood guard the other half.

Nehemiah 4:23: They slept without removing their clothes, and even while fetching water, they kept their weapons close, ready at all times.

Nehemiah 5:10,14: Nehemiah lent money to the people without interest, refused the governor's salary, and provided for the people's needs.

He led by example, standing at the forefront, sacrificing and serving, encouraging others to rebuild the city wall! We too must rebuild the walls of truth, love, and the gospel!

Nehemiah 1:4-5 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

5 Then I said: “Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments **Nehemiah 2:4** The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, **Nehemiah 4:4,9** Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity.

9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

Nehemiah 9:3 They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.

Nehemiah 13:14, 22, 31 Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services.

22 Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love.

31 I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me with favor, my God.

Nehemiah 1:1-2, 11 The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa,

2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

11 Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

III. Motivation for Building

1. Prayer

Nehemiah 1:4-5: Upon hearing the news, he sat down, wept, fasted, and prayed, pleading for God's forgiveness and mercy.

Nehemiah 2:4: In a crucial moment, he continued to pray, responding clearly to the king's request to return and rebuild the city.

Nehemiah 4:4,9: When enemies mocked and attacked, he didn't retaliate but turned to God in prayer.

Nehemiah 9:3: After the completion of the construction, they gathered the people to fast, pray, listen to the law, and confess and repent of their sins!

Because of prayer, they gained the motivation for building, the wisdom for choosing, and the dedication to complete God's work.

2. Love for God

Nehemiah 13:14, 22, 31: "Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for His service."

His primary concern was not how others saw him but whether God approved of him!

Nehemiah 1:1-2, 11: Despite living in the palace, holding a high-ranking position, and enjoying a luxurious life, his heart was concerned for the people of Judah. He didn't pray for God to send someone else but took it upon himself to fulfill God's work.

Loving God transcends comfort, personal safety, and individual concerns, prioritizing the completion of God's work!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 獻上自己為祭 Offer Myself as a Sacrifice

♪ I offer up my life, one living sacrifice
Spirit fire burn bright in me.

Pour down Your sweet anointing
Marching where You may lead,
Jesus, Your praise we sing
Living to shine Your glory,
fighting to serve our King

♪ Raise the house of the King,
lift your voice with me and sing
We'll stand against the foe,
and the captives we'll free

Our lives upon the altar, our step will never falter
The glory of Your kingdom is come

♪ (Revival's fire, Spirit desire), kindle within my soul
() consuming my life, my all

☞ Announcement

1. "Melodies of Love - Hymn Concert" will be held on Sunday, June 23rd at 8:30 AM and 10:40 AM in the Main Hall on the fourth floor. There will be touching life stories, choir singing, and orchestral performances. Everyone is welcome to invite friends and family.

2. "Workplace Stories Across the Straits - Career and Life Sharing by Sister Shufen You" will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 6:30 PM in the Yuncai Hall on the first floor. Young professionals are encouraged to join and bring friends.

3. "University Fresh Experience" will be held on Friday, June 28th at 9:00 AM at National Taiwan University, National Chengchi University, and Shih Hsin University. Activities include campus tours, nearby food guide, and sharing of living experiences. Incoming college freshmen are welcome to join and invite friends.

4. "Children's Gospel Camp - Shaping Life and Character" will be held from Wednesday, July 17th to Friday, July 19th. There will be Bible dramas, body movements, character teaching, truth education, and fun games. Students entering grades 1 through 6 are invited to join and bring friends.

5. This week's Bible reading plan: Ecclesiastes chapter 12 to Song of Solomon chapter 2. Please visit the Unity Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch "Key to the Bible" and "The Bible in Depth."

Today, our worship service together is coming to an end. Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!