



🌀 **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:



✚ **至於我 As for Me**

♪ As for me I will behold Your face in righteousness
I will be satisfied when I awake to see You
I want to be You be You Lord
As for me only behold Your face

✚ **高聲唱哈利路亞 Come let us Sing**

♪ Jesus You are worthy of my praise
I will sing always of Your wonderful works
Your living power has transformed my days
Jesus Christ you are the Lord
♪ Come let us sing Hallelujah
Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
Let everyone testify the power of Your life
Come let us sing Hallelujah
Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
Let all the people bow down
And all the tongues proclaim. Jesus is alive

✚ **如鹿渴慕 As the Deer**

♪ As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart desire
And I long to worship thee
♪ You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart desire.
And I long to worship thee

🌀 **Responsive Reading: Psalm 98:1-9**

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done wonderful things! His right hand and holy arm have brought Him victory.
- 2 The Lord has made His salvation known; He has shown His righteousness to the nations.
- 3 He has remembered His love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth; burst into jubilant song with music!
- 5 Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing!
- 6 With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the Lord, the King!
- 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it!
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.

9 before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity

🌀 **Praise**

✚ **這是天父世界 This is my Father's world**
 ♪ (This is my Father's world),
 and to my listening ears all nature sings,
 and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 () I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
 of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
 ♪ () the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
 the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
 () he shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
 he speaks to me everywhere.
 ♪ () O let me never forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 () why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
 God reigns; let the earth be glad!

🌀 **Special Music**

✚ **主是我牧者 The Lord is My Shepherd**
 ♪ [The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 Trusting in the Lord's grace and love,
 Experiencing His protection and provision,
 He leads me on paths of righteousness—
 The Lord is my shepherd.
 ♪ Oh, what joy and satisfaction!
 I will dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life,
 Forever and ever, never departing—
 In the flock of the great Shepherd, I find happiness.
 See, He is the Lord, He is God,
 The Good Shepherd—He is God,
 The Father who created us with His own hands.
 We are His people, the sheep of His pasture;
 He will care for us day and night.
 Come, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise,
 Bless the Lord's name, for He is truly good.
 His love endures forever,
 The Lord's faithfulness to all generations,
 Unchanging through the ages, unchanging through the ages.
 ♪ [] He is my shepherd forever and ever.

🌀 **Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:11-15 (NIV)**

- 11 Children, come and listen to me! I will teach you how to respect the Lord.
- 12 Do you want to live a good, long life and enjoy happiness?
- 13 Then don't speak evil or tell lies.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and work hard to maintain it.
- 15 The Lord watches over good people; He hears their cries for help.

People who fear God have deep respect and honor for Him. They are also very afraid of offending Him.

I. Fearing God Means Showing Him the Greatest Respect.

Fearing God is having an attitude of deep respect, awe, and love for Him.

A heart that fears God respects Him more than it fears Him. This respect is filled with admiration and love!

Examples:

- Abraham ([Genesis 18:1-8](#))

Genesis 18:1-8 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.

4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.

5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.

8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them.

While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

- David ([1 Chronicles 22:13; 29:2-3,14](#))

1 Chronicles 22:13; 29:2-3,14

22:13 Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the Lord gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

29:2-3 With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

3 Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple:

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?"

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

II. Fearing God Leads to Endless Blessings.

1. Having the Right Attitude in Life

Living a life that is right and blessed by God.

- Joseph ([Genesis 39:9; 50:18-21](#))

Genesis 39:9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

50:18-21 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

- The midwives of Egypt ([Exodus 1:15-17,21](#))

Exodus 1:15-17 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,

16 "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live."

17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

- King Hezekiah ([2 Chronicles 32:1](#))

2 Chronicles 32:1 After all that Hezekiah had so faithfully done, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, thinking to conquer them for himself.

2. Happiness ([Psalm 112:1](#))

Psalm 112:1 Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

3. Favor ([Psalm 31:19](#))

Psalm 31:19 How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.

4. Lacking Nothing ([Psalm 34:9](#))

Psalm 34:9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

5. Protection (**Psalm 33:18-19**)

Psalm 33:18-19 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

6. Receiving God's Love and Care (**Psalm 103:17**)

Psalm 103:17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

7. Having Your Wishes Fulfilled (**Psalm 145:19**)

Psalm 145:19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

III. Fearing God Means Living in Three Ways

1. Sacrifice: Showing deep love for God (**Deuteronomy 14:22-23; Genesis 18:1-8**)

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.

23 Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.

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1 Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

2. Holiness: Staying away from sin (**Job 1:1; Psalm 34:11-14**)

Job 1:1 In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Psalm 34:11-1 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.

3. Loyalty: Making God your only priority (**2 Kings 17:32-33**)

2 Kings 17:32-33 They worshiped the Lord, but they also appointed all sorts of their own people to officiate for them as priests in the shrines at the high places.

33 They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

Job 1:9-11 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.

10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.

11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

Job 1:20-21 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship **21** and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord

has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Job 2:3-10 Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.”

4 “Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life.

5 But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

6 The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.”

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.

8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

9 His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!”

10 He replied, “You are talking like a foolish[b] woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”

People who fear God let go of their old ways,
renew their minds, and live as new people!

They live with love, holiness, and unwavering
loyalty—loving God and others, staying away
from sin, and being fully devoted to God!

They show God’s love, truth, holiness, justice,
and honesty in everything they do, honoring God
with true devotion.

Conclusion: **Psalm 34:11-15**

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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;

My life’s focus and actions are to love God and others,
stay away from sin, and be fully devoted to God!

In my daily life, I will work hard to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I will control my tongue, avoid speaking evil or telling lies, turn away from evil, do good, and seek peace with all my heart (Psalm 34:13-14).

I will honor God, and He will answer my prayers!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 我站立敬畏你 I Stand in Awe of You

♪ How can I describe Your beauty?

Words cannot express,

Too marvelous for me to understand,

I've never heard anything like it.

Who can comprehend Your boundless wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of Your love?

How can I describe Your beauty?

O Glorious King, You reign today.

(I stand in awe before You,)*2

Holy God, worthy of all praise,

I stand in awe of You.

☞ Announcement

1. **"Love Can Create Miracles" Music Concert** will take place on Sunday, 8/25, at 8:30 AM and 10:40 AM in the Main Hall on the 4th floor. The event will feature inspiring life stories, choir performances, and messages about God's power. You're welcome to invite your friends and family to join.

2. **"Sustainable Fun: Solar Car DIY"** will be held on Sunday, 8/25, at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM in the Hope Rooms on the 3rd and 5th floors. Kids will get to build their own solar-powered cars. Children ages 3 to 5th grade who can participate independently are invited to join, so feel free to spread the word!

3. **"I Want to Know Your Heart" Parent-Child Forum** will take place on Saturday, 8/24, at 2:00 PM in the Main Hall on the 4th floor. The forum will include skits, group discussions, experience sharing, and teachings to help build loving, God-centered parent-child relationships. Parents and students from middle school and up are welcome to sign up at <http://thfc.pse.is/240824> or by scanning the QR code.

4. This week’s Bible reading schedule covers **Isaiah chapters 22 to 24**. You can visit the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch the "Bible Key" and "Bible Stories" programs. Also, feel free to listen online to Pastor Xu's radio program "Awakened Heart—The Book of Ezra" on Good News Radio.

☞ The Lord’s Prayer

☞ Doxology

☞ Benediction

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