



# Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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Jesus Loves You  
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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:



## † 在主愛裡 **In God's Love**

🎵 I worship You cause You first love me  
only worship You  
I often worship Lord, my God only worship You  
🎵 [God's love God's love Be with Him in His love]x2

## † 向耶和華歌唱 **Sing to the Jehovah**

🎵 Shall not be afraid, chosen people  
But lift up your head-s high  
Clouds, fire surround thee alone  
You have God to trust in  
Brave soldiers fight for the Lord  
Raise your hands to proclaim  
The river ceased; the sea is dry  
God's mighty power is displayed  
🎵 \*I will sing to Jehovah, yeh,  
my salvation and my portion\*  
He is God Almighty, eternal God,  
All breaths coming from Him  
🎵 \*\*He delivers us from Satan  
and be king to forevermore

## † 祢是何等榮美 **Lord Of Heaven And Earth**

🎵 Jesus, You are the prince of peace

Jesus, my hope eternally  
Every breath I take, I worship Jesus,  
my King, I worship You

🎵 Lord of heaven and earth,  
all creations bow down and worship You  
There is no one compares with You  
Jesus, I worship You

## 🎵**Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:49-56**

- 49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.  
50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.  
51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law.  
52 I remember, Lord, your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them.  
53 Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken your law.  
54 Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.  
55 In the night, Lord, I remember your name, that I may keep your law.  
56 This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.

## 🎵**Praise**

### † 頌讚主聖名 **Blessed be the Name**

🎵 All praise to Him Who reigns above  
In majesty supreme,  
Who gave His Son for man to die,  
That He might man redeem!  
🎵 His Name above all names shall stand,  
Exalted more and more,  
At God the Father's own right hand,  
Where angel hosts adore.  
🎵 His Name shall be the Counselor,  
The mighty Prince of Peace,  
Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror,  
Whose reign shall never cease.

Refrain

🎵[(Blessed be the Name!) \*3 of the Lord!] \*2

## 🎵**Special Music**

### † 讚美的樂器 **Instruments of Praise**

🎵 Surely the Lord is in this place x2  
Lord we gather by Your grace to worship You  
To worship You as instruments of praise  
🎵 Our Lord our lord how majestic is Your name  
Ruler of earth and sky and sea  
Creator of all things  
to You we gladly sing our praises  
🎵 You are our savior and redeemer  
You are the perfect sacrifice sacrifice  
Lamb spotless lamb and we sing to You  
the great I AM  
🎵 Holy holy is Your name  
All creation joins to proclaim that  
You alone are worthy of our praise  
worthy of our praise  
Ways through all our Lord

Lead and guide us in Your ways in Your ways  
♪ Through all our days  
May we be Your instruments (of praise \*3)  
Instruments of praise

🔗 **Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 12:5, 29:11, 26:15**  
12:5 If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?

29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

26:15 Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.

🔗 **Sermon: Overcoming Life's Crises** - Pastor Hsu

Why is my life so hard? Will tomorrow be better?

### **I. Greater Challenges, Stronger Shoulders:** **Jeremiah 12:5; 2 Peter 1:10-11**

**Jeremiah 12:5** If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?

**2 Peter 1:10-11** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah saw wicked people living in peace and success. He wondered, "Where is God? Where is justice? How long will this suffering last?"

It seemed like God didn't comfort him but instead warned that even greater challenges were coming.

Jeremiah had to take on heavier responsibilities. God was training him by allowing him to face great difficulties.

God has a bigger plan for you and me!

While we often hope for a smooth and peaceful life, God calls us to join His Kingdom work and face challenges without fear.  
Are we willing to let go of our comfort and step out of our safe zone to boldly take on God's mission for us?

We need to actively and diligently prepare ourselves to fully enter God's Kingdom by:

- **Growing in knowledge and understanding of how to love others**
- **Gaining wisdom and insight from God's truth**

### **II. Eternal Glory and Peaceful Hope: Jeremiah 29:11; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 1:28-29**

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

**2 Corinthians 4:17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**Philippians 1:28-29** Without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

From a human perspective, being exiled to a foreign land seemed like a disaster. The exiled people couldn't return home and appeared to have lost everything.

In contrast, those who stayed in Jerusalem seemed more fortunate.

But God made a surprising promise — the future hope wasn't for those who stayed but for those who were exiled!

God preserved the sacred temple vessels, protected the lives of His chosen people, and kept their faith alive in foreign lands.

As God's people, we need to see life from an eternal perspective.

**It's better to lose temporary comforts if it means gaining eternal life!**

Through challenges, we receive God's holiness, peace, and protection.

The Bible reminds us: *Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all (2 Corinthians 4:17)*. What we endure today is small compared to the amazing eternal glory God has prepared for us!

### **III. Courage Grows Stronger: Victory Through Faith: Jeremiah 26:20-23, 15; 1 Peter 1:7; Hebrews 11:34**

**Jeremiah 26:20-23, 15** Now Uriah son of Shemaiah from Kiriath Jearim was another man who prophesied in the name of the LORD; he prophesied the same things against this city and this land as Jeremiah did.

**21** When King Jehoiakim and all his officials and officers heard his words, the king was determined to put him to death. But Uriah heard of it and fled in fear to Egypt.

**22** King Jehoiakim, however, sent Elnathan son of Achbor to Egypt, and Elnathan brought Uriah back to King Jehoiakim, who had him struck down with a sword and his body thrown into the burial place of the common people.

**23** But Jeremiah had been rescued from the hands of the king of Judah.

**15** As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right.

**1 Peter 1:7** These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

**Hebrews 11:34** quenched the fury of the flames and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Jeremiah boldly delivered God's message, warning that the nation would be destroyed and exiled.

The king was furious, and the priests arrested Jeremiah and threw him into prison.

During that same time, another prophet, Uriah, received the same message from God and faced the same pressure. But unlike Jeremiah, Uriah chose fear—he ran away but was captured and killed.

Jeremiah, however, chose to be brave and stand firmly on God's side. God protected him because of his courage and faith.

Thoughts: Why was Jeremiah able to be brave and victorious?

**He deeply understood God's calling! He constantly heard from God and encountered God!**

He didn't give up on coming before God, and because of this, he was able to stand with God!

This is the key to victory! It is through unceasing cries, being filled with truth, that we are supported!

Difficulties are meant to train our faith. Battles reveal our courage. As we practice bravery and strength, we experience that God is our strength and hope! This strengthens and encourages us, enabling us to respond courageously to the Lord!

## ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 主我跟你走 **Lord, I Walk With You**

♪ Lord, You walk with me, everywhere You lead  
To the end of Earth, You'll never leave  
Lord, I walk With You, where You send me to,  
Through the valley I will stay with You

♪ Lord open my eyes, let my faith arise,  
See the angles standing by my side,  
Come and shape my heart. Set my life apart,  
Plant your every word deep in my heart.

♪ For You are king of all kings, You are my Lord  
'cause You are with me I have nothing to fear  
For You have conquered all death, Victorious  
King.  
And I will walk wherever You may lead.

## ☞ Announcement

1. Next Sunday is our Annual Thanksgiving Celebration "**Creative Arts Sunday.**" It will be held at 10:00 AM at the Taipei Silicon Valley International Conference Center, B2. We warmly invite all brothers and sisters to join us as we reflect and give thanks for God's amazing work at Harmony Church.
2. This week's Bible reading plan is Jeremiah chapters 31 to 33. Please visit the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *The Logos Gateway* and *Bible Vision*. You are also welcome to listen to Pastor Xu's program "A Clear Mind—Proverbs" on Good News Radio.

## ☞ 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 heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## ☞ Benediction

*Today's worship concludes here for now. Brothers and sisters, please feel free to communicate with one another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.*