



🎵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:



† 我就是來讚美主

I just came to praise the Lord

♪ I just came to praise the Lord x2,
I'm here to praise the Lord's Holy name.
I am here to praise the Lord.

♪ He entered in my life on the special days,
He entered in my heart,
to give me a brand new way
He is within me, and never forsake me,
I am here to praise the Lord.

† 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

† 生命活水充滿我 **Living Water**

♪ Lead me to Your throne, to my hiding place
Cover me with song of Your joy
Hide me under Your wings
Lord, You're the giver of life
Lord, You're the everlasting light
In Your presence I'm set free
Your holiness shines on me
♪ Fill me Lord. Come, fill me Lord
Here, before Your throne, the living water flows
Cleanse me, make me whole(x2)

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 119:169-176**

169 May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.
170 May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

171 May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

172 May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

173 May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

174 I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

175 Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

176 I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.

🎵Praise

† 讚美耶穌 **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

♪ Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long: (Refrain)

♪ Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.
(Refrain)
(Praise Him!x2) Tell of His excellent greatness.
(Praise Him!x2) Ever in joyful song!

🎵Special Music

† 仁愛君王是我牧者

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

♪ The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
♪ Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
♪ Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
♪ In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
♪ Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
♪ And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

☞ **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV)**

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them **turn to** the Lord, and he will have **mercy** on them, and **to** our God, for he will freely **pardon**.

☞ **Sermon: The First Step to Happiness - Pastor Hsu**

Isaiah 55:1-13

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

I. The Four Joys of Truth:

1. Like Rain After a Long Dry Spell: (Isaiah 55:10-13)

Just as rain nourishes the soil, allowing seeds to sprout and bear fruit, bringing abundance to life; So too, truth nourishes the soil of the heart, allowing faith to sprout and grow, bringing abundance to life!

(Story about the father of missions...)

2. Like an All-You-Can-Eat Meal for Free: (Isaiah 55:1-2)

It's tough for people: when they're young, they don't have money to eat good food, and when they're old, they might not be healthy enough to enjoy it. Even when they spend a lot of money, they might not feel satisfied. They often say they're bored, tired, and life feels dull!

But God's Word is like a super fancy, six-star all-you-can-eat meal, and we've all got a special free pass to enjoy it anytime!

It makes people feel refreshed, satisfied, and happy!

(Story about Pascal...)

3. Like an Amazing Surprise Gift: (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God's thoughts are way higher than our thoughts, so we need to accept His amazing plans that are beyond what we can even imagine.

God's ways are also much better than our ways, so we should let Him guide us in His awesome direction!

(Story about the writer of the song "Amazing Grace"...)

4. Like a Time of Great Honor and Success: (Isaiah 55:3-5)

(1) God Makes a Forever Promise: We get to be part of God's promises, like the promise to Noah, the promise to Abraham, the promise to David, the promise of the cross (Jesus' sacrifice), and the promise of a new heaven and earth!

(2) Ambassadors for the Lord: We become witnesses to all people, but we're not showing off ourselves – we're telling others about Jesus! You and I are like Jesus' representatives here on Earth!

(3) Spiritual Leaders: You and I are like kings and commanders to all people in spiritual ways. We are spiritual leaders who help others know

God, become friends with God, and get honored and lifted up by God. Then, everyone will come to the church!

II. The Key of Truth:

1. Seek the Lord Today: (Isaiah 55:6; John 9:4, 12:35-36; 2 Corinthians 6:2)

ohn 9:4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

12:35-36 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.

36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

2 Corinthians 6:2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

We need to grab the chance to find God while He can be found.
While there's still light, we should believe in that light and become children of the light.

Right now is the time to be accepted by God!

The best day isn't yesterday, and it's not tomorrow – it's today!

The best time to plant a tree was ten years ago.
The next best time is right now!

2. Turn Away from Evil and Come Back to the Lord: (Isaiah 55:7, Haggai 2:9, Ruth 3:10)

Haggai 2:9 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty.'

Ruth 3:10 Boaz said, "The Lord bless you, my daughter. This kindness is greater than the first, because you have not run after younger men, whether rich or poor.

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 hope and a future.

Seeing the sinfulness of my own thoughts and the deviations of my own path; I see a more beautiful blueprint!

We also need to see how much better God's thoughts and ways are. When we truly turn to the Lord, we will be forgiven!

Saying sorry for our sins is the first step to changing.
Being forgiven is the first step to happiness.
Turning back to the Lord is the first step to true happiness!

Because of Jesus, yesterday's crisis is today's turning point, and tomorrow's miracle!

✠ Responsive Hymn

† 就在這裡 **Right Here**

- ♪ Best moment ever, best place ever been,
At this moment, right here and now.
You are the reason, reason that I stay.
Drawing me near, never let go.
- ♪ Right here and now, I will seek Your face.
May Your Spirit, flow upon on me.
like waves and breakers swept over me
may the whole earth filled with Your glory
- ♪ Here and now, I will worship You
With all my heart, lift Your name on high
Here I stand on earth as in heaven.
Better than all with Your presence.
My heart fulfilled.

✠ Announcement

1. The exciting and fun "Storyteller Showdown" will be held this Saturday at 2:00 PM in the B1 Auditorium. It will introduce biblical figures and discuss God's Word in creative ways. Brothers and sisters are welcome to attend and invite their friends and family to join.
2. This week's unified Bible reading schedule is Ezekiel chapters 13 to 15. Please refer to the CTFHC website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch the "Bible Gateway" and "Enjoying the Bible" videos, and to listen to Pastor Hsu's program "Awakened Heart - Isaiah" on Good News Radio. (The QR code for the "Bible Gateway" Line group is on page 4 of the weekly bulletin, pushing out the above content weekly. You are welcome to join.)

✠ 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'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.

☞ This Week's Gatherings

~ Everyone is welcome! Feel free to invite new friends of all ages ~

《Pine & Cypress Fellowship》 (for seniors)

- *Mother's Day Music Concert:*
Tuesday 9:30 AM / 1F Cloud Hall

《Grace Home Fellowship》

(for married couples, single parents)

- *Super Parent Time – Life Lessons Through Movies:* **Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Shine Hall**
- *Happy Moms Group – Life Lessons Through Movies:* **Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Shine Hall**
- *Warm Garden Group – Book Sharing Time:*
Tuesday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall

《Morning Star Fellowship》

(for young working adults)

- *Survival Skills at Work:* **Saturday 2:00 PM / B1 Sanctuary**

《United Youth Academy》

(for high school to grad school students)

- *Talk on Communication Skills:* **Saturday 2:00 PM / 1F Cloud Hall**

《Shine Teen Academy》

(for 6th to 9th grade students)

- *Mother's Day Snack-Making:* **Saturday 10:30 AM / 1F Cloud Hall**
- *Teen Worship Service:* **Sunday 10:30 AM / 6F Shine Hall**

《Hope Seed Academy》

(for preschool to 5th grade)

- *Mother's Day Special Program:*
 - **Sunday 8:30 AM / 3F**
 - **Sunday 10:30 AM / Preschool (5F), Elementary (3F)**

《For Everyone》

- *Beautiful Life Celebration Worship:*
 - **Sunday 8:30 AM / 4F Sanctuary**
 - **Sunday 10:30 AM / B1 Sanctuary**
- *Adult Sunday School:* **Sunday 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM**
- *Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting:* **Monday 7:10 PM / 4F Sanctuary**

