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Prelude

Solution: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, testimony, and more information, please scan:

† 興起歡唱 Arise And Sing

- Arise and sing Ye children of Zion
 For the Lord has delivered Thee (2X)
- \square Open your hearts and rejoice before Him (3X) For the King is your God

🕆 獻上讚美祭 Sacrifice Of Praise

- ☐ [(Praise His holy name) *2
 Praise the name above all names
 Faithful to the end. Mercy never fails
 Your love endures forevermore]
- This is our sacrifice of praise.
 We are one in Your great love all generations will come shout for joy Counting our blessings and Your grace. We will enter in Your gates

† 宣告袮為王 Proclaim You are King

- ☐ Though shake the heavens and earth Shake the sea and the dry land Your faithfulness forever. Your love reaches to the sky

Solution Responsive Reading: <u>Psalms 139:13-18, 23-24</u>

- 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- **18** Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
- 23 I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- **24** I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Praise

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- □ All hail the power of Jesus' name Let angels prostrate fall [Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all]x2
- ☐ Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball [to Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all]x2
- □ O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all [We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all] x2

∞Special Music

† 信心的旅程 The Journey of Faith

- or when our footsteps roam. He heart will find us. His grace will lead us home. Across the mountains high or through the valleys deep. {He leads us onward. His love is all we need. Till we reach the Promised Land, we will trust his guiding hand. We'll live in hope and walk by faith.} The road is rising up before us. We all are part of God's glorious plan. His grace has given us a future. Now we are bound for the Promised Land. And though the road ahead is long and winding, the cross goes on before us as our guide. We know the journey is not over,

(for there are mountains left to climb.)*2

Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

Sermon: A Beautiful New Life — New Wine in New Wineskins - Pastor Dong In this series of events, Jesus gives us an important golden rule:

New wine must be put into new wineskins. Only then can your life truly enjoy God's salvation and live out the good purpose God created you for! This means you can live a life that is truly beautiful—full of purpose, light, value, and joy. Such a life brings glory to God, helps others, and also allows you to enjoy being filled with His grace, blessings, and glory!

Matthew 9:1–8

- 1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.
- 2 Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."
- 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"
- **4** Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?
- 5 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?
- 6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home."
- 7 Then the man got up and went home.
- **8** When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

<u>John 3:34</u> For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

<u>Isaiah 61:1</u> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

I. New Wine – Jesus Christ Is the Savior (Matthew 9:1–8, John 3:34, Isaiah 61:1)

New Wine: Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. He has the authority to forgive sins and the power to heal.

He came to bring salvation and healing through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Matthew 9:4, 32–34 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?

32 While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus.

33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."34 But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

Old Wineskins:

Hearts that don't understand who God is and are filled with evil thoughts. (Matthew 9:4, 9:32–34)

New Wineskins:

Hearts that understand who God is and are filled with goodness.

Matthew 9:9–13 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

- 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.
- 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
- 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

II. New Wine – Mercy and Love for Sinners (Matthew 9:9–13)

New Wine: Jesus shows mercy. He treasures and cares for sinners.

He says, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

New Wineskins: A heart full of mercy and love for others.

Old Wineskins: A self-righteous heart that only hates and judges sinners, with no care or compassion for them.

Matthew 9:14–15 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

III. New Wine – A True Love Relationship with God (Matthew 9:14–15)

New Wine: A true love for God, with real and personal interaction with Him.

New Wineskins: A heart that truly loves God. Loving God with all your heart and having a real relationship with Him!

Old Wineskins: A heart that pretends to love God. Worshiping in a mechanical way, with no real feelings toward God—using fake religion to gain attention and pride.

Matthew 9:16-17 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

17 Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 9:12–13 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

(Matthew 9:16–17) shows us this warning:

Putting new wine into old wineskins brings serious and terrible consequences!

The only solution is in Matthew 9:17b:

Put new wine into new wineskins.

The blessings that come when new wine is put into new wineskins are amazing:

- 1. Sinners receive Jesus' love and glory. (Matthew 9:12–13)
- 2. We gain Jesus' heart of mercy, compassion, and love for others.

We live a real, joyful life that is full of true interaction with God. A life that is honest, alive, and close to Him every day!

Matthew 9:18, 20–22 While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

- **20** Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.
- 21 She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."
- 22 Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

- Mark 4:23–25 "If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear."
- 24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.
- 25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

Matthew 9:30–31, 37–38; 10:1 and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."

- **31** But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.
- **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
- **38** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
- <u>10:1</u> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.
- 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

Q1: How can I have a new wineskin?

A: When we humbly open our hearts to know Jesus and choose to believe and accept Him and the faith He teaches, our hearts become new wineskins!

Q2: How can new wine be poured into the new wineskin?

A: By fully believing in Jesus with all your heart! (Matthew 9:18, 20–22)

Q3: How can we receive more and more new wine into the new wineskin?

A: By eagerly listening to God's word with a hungry and thirsty heart! (Mark 4:23–25)

Q4: Can this new wineskin stay new forever?

A: Yes—by obeying what Jesus says!

Do whatever God tells you to do. (Matthew 9:30–31, 37–38; 10:1)

A wineskin that can always hold new wine is a heart that completely obeys Jesus.

Lifelong focus:

- **1.** Do not be self-righteous. Love God truly, and show mercy to others.
- **2.** Have complete faith, a hungry heart to listen, and a loyal heart to live out God's word.

∞Responsive Hymn

↑ 信靠三一真神 Trusting the Triune God

□ O Father, Lord, please open my eyes,
 To see Your power that never dies.
 O Christ, I pray, renew my soul,
 And teach me love that makes me whole.
 O Spirit, shine Your truth in me,
 And fill my heart so I may see.
 O Holy God, please cleanse my heart,
 To share the gospel and do my part.

% Offertory

↑ 開我的眼 使我看見 Open My Eyes, That I May See

- □ Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- □ Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear, and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- □ Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Solution Announcement

- 1. This afternoon at 3:00 PM, the wedding ceremony of Brother Dong Dao and Pastor Lin Pinyu will be held in the main sanctuary on the 4th floor. All brothers and sisters are warmly invited to join, give your blessings, and celebrate God's grace together.
- 2. Our church will hold the Summer Bible Camp from August 4 to August 6. The theme is "The Glory and Humility of God's Servant The Book of Isaiah." All brothers and sisters from high school and above are welcome to register and dive deeper into God's Word.
- 3. This week's Bible reading schedule is Ezekiel chapters 43 to 45.
 Please visit the Harmony Church website
 (http://www.ctfhc.org) to watch "the Bible Gateway" and "Bible: A Closer Look."
 You can also listen to Pastor Hsu's radio program

A Sober Heart – The Gospel of Mark on Good News Radio.

➣ Holy Communion

Solution Baptism

∞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.

Solution 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!