



☞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:



† 在祢面前有滿足的喜樂 **Fullness of Joy**

♪ In Thy presence is fullness, is fullness of joy (x3)
At Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

† 生命在於祢 **My life Is In You**

♪ [My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You] x2
♪ I will praise You with all of my life
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life With all of my strength
All of my hope is in You
♪ [] x2 In You, it is in You!

† 耶穌祢醫治 **Jesus You Heal**

♪ Jesus by Your words I am set free
Jesus by Your touch I am complete
Jesus we cry out for Your mercy and grace
Lord I believe the power of Your cross
♪ And so I will declare, You are the savior of all
I believe Jesus that, You heal
I believe in Your name all things are possible
I believe the power of Your cross
♪ And so I will declare, You are the give of life
I believe Your grace overflows
I believe in Your name every victory we claim
I believe the power of Your cross

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:8-13, 21**

- 8** The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10** All you have made will praise you, Lord; your saints will extol you.
- 11** They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
- 12** so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.
- 21** My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

☞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

† 我牧者 我救贖 我恩主

My Shepherd, My Savior, My Gracious Lord

- ♪ You are the light at dawn, the rest in the night,
You are the hope in the middle of the storm.
You are the daily grace, the source and the way,
You are my Shepherd, my Savior, my Lord.
- ♪ You are the strength of the weak,
the guide for the lost,
You are the home for wandering souls.
You bring joy to those who cry,
peace to those who fear,
You are my Shepherd, my Savior, my Lord.
- ♪ Lord, You are worthy, worthy of praise,
You are the music that wakes each day.
Lord, You are holy, faithful, and true,
[I lift my heart to worship You] x2
- ♪ How great is Your love for the world,
You show mercy and grace.
You heal and restore with Your truth,
You are my teacher and friend,
You are eternal life.
[You are my Shepherd, my Savior, my Lord] x2
My Gracious Lord.

☞Scripture Reading:

Psalm 106:23, 30, 17 So he said he would destroy them— had not **Moses**, his chosen one, **stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath** from destroying them.

30 But **Phinehas** stood up and **intervened**, and the **plague** was checked.

17 **The earth** opened up and swallowed Dathan; it buried the company of Abiram.
Numbers 16:47

Numbers 16:47 So Aaron did as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. **The plague** had already started among the people, but Aaron **offered the incense and made atonement for them.**

☞Sermon: Love During the Time of Plague

--- Pastor Hsu

This Psalm tells the story of people being weak and turning against God. How can we receive God's mercy again?

Psalm 106:28–31

28 They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;

29 they aroused the Lord's anger by their wicked deeds, and a plague broke out among them.

30 But Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was checked.

31 This was credited to him as righteousness for endless generations to come.

Numbers 25:7–13

7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand

8 and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear into both of them, right through the Israelite man and into the woman's stomach. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped;

9 but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000.

10 The Lord said to Moses,

11 "Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for my honor among them as I am, I did not put an end to them in my zeal.

12 Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of peace with him.

13 He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites."

I. The Spear (Psalm 106:28–31; Numbers 25:7–13)

1. A Plague of Lust

The people of Israel were tricked by the women of Moab.

They worshiped idols and sinned sexually. They followed their desires and did evil things.

2. Stopping the Sin with a Spear

Phinehas took a spear and killed those who were sinning.

When he did that, the plague stopped.

Only true repentance can bring God's mercy.

Phinehas had God's heart—a heart that cares deeply about holiness and hates sin.

3. Blessing for His Family

God gave Phinehas and his children a covenant of peace.

His family would serve as priests forever.

The greatest honor in life is to serve God and show others who He is!

Psalm 106:17–18

17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; it buried the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed among their followers; a flame consumed the wicked.

Numbers 16:45–47

45 "Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." And they fell facedown.

46 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with burning coals from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started."

47 So Aaron did as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them.

II. The Incense Burner (Psalm 106:17–18; Numbers 16:45–47)

1. A Plague of Rebellion

In the desert, Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and 250 leaders rebelled against Moses. They accused Moses of taking too much power. But really, they were disobeying God and the leader God had chosen.

The ground opened up and swallowed them, and fire burned the 250 men who brought incense!

The next day, all the people accused Moses and Aaron of killing God's people. So God planned to punish the whole community.

Revelation 5:8, 8:4 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

8:4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand.

Ezekiel 22:30 I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

Jeremiah 5:1 "Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city."

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other

and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

2. Prayer Stops the Plague

The next day, the people complained again. God sent a plague. But Aaron ran into the crowd with incense. He stood between the living and the dead—and the plague stopped right where he stood.

3. Prayer Brings Peace

That incense represents the prayers of God's people. God is looking for people who will pray for others. When we pray, God hears us and shows mercy. We are all called to be priests for the world!

(Revelation 5:8; 8:4; Ezekiel 22:30; Jeremiah 5:1; 1 Peter 2:9; James 5:16)

Psalm 106:23 So he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Exodus 32:8–14 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people.

10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Exodus 32:31–33 So Moses went back to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold.

32 But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

33 The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book."

Exodus 34:6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."

III. The Book of Life **(Psalm 106:23; Exodus 32:8–14, 31–33; 34:6)**

1. A Plague of Idolatry

God made a covenant with the people on the mountain. But while Moses was still on the mountain, the people broke the covenant by worshiping a golden calf.

God became very angry and wanted to destroy them and start over with Moses.

2. A Prayer Willing to Sacrifice

Moses prayed to God again and again. He asked God not to destroy the people, not to let other nations say bad things about God.

He reminded God of His promise to Abraham.

Moses even said, "If you won't forgive them, then erase my name from your book of life."

God heard Moses and promised to stay with the people. He showed His mercy.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Acts 7:60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race.

3. Prayers Filled with Love **(Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; Romans 9:3)**

Every great prayer in the Bible comes from deep love.

Jesus prayed on the cross, "Father, forgive them."

Stephen prayed before he died, "Don't hold this sin against them."

Paul said he would even give up Christ if it meant his people could be saved.

Repentance, prayer, and mercy stop punishment and bring peace.

🎵 Responsive Hymn

† 求主為我造清潔的心

Create in Me a Clean Heart

♪ God, please make my heart clean.
Give me a spirit that is right and strong.
Don't throw me away.
Don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me back the joy of salvation,
And make my spirit willing to obey You.

† 每一天我需要你 **Every Day I Need You**

♪ Let me come without fear to the throne of grace,
Seeking You in spirit and in truth.
Dear Heavenly Father, how much I need You,
I need more of Your presence in my life.
♪ Every day, I need You —
Your word like refreshing rain.
Every moment, I need You — Holy Spirit,
come like rain.
♪ This is my prayer:
May my life give glory to You alone, Jesus.
This is my cry: To love You more each day,
And never lose my first love for You.

🎵 Announcement

1. Our church's Gospel Music Concert, "*Blue Sky in the Storm, Blessing in the Hardship*", will be held on **August 24 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.** in the 4th Floor Main Sanctuary. Through choir songs, life stories, and Bible truth, we will share about God's complete healing and salvation. Please invite your friends and family to join us and receive God's true peace together.
2. Hope Seed Academy will also hold "**Let's Create Together – Part 2**" on **August 24 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.** The event will be lively and full of fun! This is a great chance to invite children in **4th grade and younger** to join.
3. Today at **2:50 p.m.**, in the 4th Floor Main Sanctuary, we will have the **10th Annual Orchestra Camp Performance**. Everyone is welcome to come, give praise together, and celebrate the Lord's grace.

🎵 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.