



🎵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:



† 耶穌我君王 **Jesus, You Are My King**

- 🎵 *Jesus, You're my King.
You give me Your strength
I will come before You daily
and draw strength from You* x2
- 🎵 Jesus my Lord, I lift up my hands
and give You praise
With my whole heart bow down before You
I raise my voice proclaiming Your name
I will worship You, adore You all my days

† 來向耶和華歌唱 **Come and Sing**

- 🎵 All the earth shout praises to the Lord on high.
There's power and splendor flowing from Your throne.
Lifting up His name throughout the universe,
majesty, power and honor to His name.
- 🎵 Come and sing to the Lord.
Come and celebrate our rock.
For He alone is great and He's greatly to be praised.
Come and sing unto the Lord.
Come and make a joyful song.
Let all the earth proclaim all His wonderful ways.
- 🎵 Enter His gates with thanksgiving
Enter His courts with shouts of praise.
Give thanks to Him and bless His name forever.
For He is good eternally.
His kindness lasts forever more.
His faithfulness will never change, until the end.

† 耶穌我們尊崇祢 **Jesus We Enthroned You**

- 🎵 Jesus we enthrone You, We proclaim You our King
Standing here in the midst of us,
We raise You up with our praise
(And as we worship build a throne) x3
Come Lord Jesus and take Your place

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 147:1-6, 19-20**

- 1** Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- 2** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- 4** He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.
- 5** Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
- 6** The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

19 He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel.

20 He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD.

🎵Praise

† 救主權能 **Jesus Shall Reign**

- 🎵 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 🎵 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
- 🎵 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

🎵Special Music

† 信靠耶穌組曲 **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

- 🎵 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know "Thus saith the Lord!"
- 🎵 O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
- 🎵 I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

能力歸我神 **Mighty is our God**

- 🎵 Mighty is our God Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord Ruler of everything
Glory to our God Glory to our King
Glory to our Lord Ruler of everything
- 🎵 His name is higher Higher than any other name
His pow'r is greater For He has created everything
(repeat two verses and bridge)
Mighty is our God. Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord. Ruler of everything

🎵Scripture Reading: **Genesis 50:20**

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

🎵Sermon: **The Good Builder**

~ Pastor Dong

What the world lacks most is good builders, and what it does not lack is good destroyers.

God gives you goodness, and Satan tries every way to destroy your goodness.

God gives you and the people around you much goodness. Will you be a good builder, or a good destroyer?

Ephesians 1:17-20 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Ephesians 4:17-24 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ

21 and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Matthew 7:3-5 Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Ephesians 4:29-31 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

Ephesians 4:32-5:2 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5:1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

I. A Good Heart (Ephesians 4:1-3; Matthew 7:3-5)

Ephesians 4:1-3 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Seeing goodness will naturally lead to speaking goodness, and speaking goodness can build goodness.

Q: Why do we not see goodness? The answer is in **Ephesians 4:17-19.**

A good heart (**Ephesians 4:1-3**): humility, gentleness, patience, love and tolerance, peace, and making every effort to be united. "Humility": self-evaluation, self-reflection, self-criticism.

Self-examination ~ **Matthew 7:3-5; Ephesians 4:29-31, 4:32-5:2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

Matthew 16:23-24 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Ephesians 5:22-25 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

II. The Greatest Obstacle to a Beautiful Heart **(Matthew 16:23-24; Ephesians 5:22-25)**

The greatest obstacle: self, selfishness, self-centeredness.

“Self-centeredness” is the “fat” that covers the heart.

Self-centeredness is like a “funhouse mirror” in the heart, distorting everything!

King Saul is the best example: **1 Samuel 22:6-19; 16:2**

Self-centeredness is often accompanied by: pride, making excuses, blaming others!

The heart and life become full of anger, revenge, and mood swings!

Inferiority + superiority + self-pity → violence, killing, and bringing disaster!

1 Samuel 22:6-19 David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. All his brothers and every other family member joined him there.

7 Everyone in distress, everyone in debt, and everyone discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

8 Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab. He said to the king of Moab, “Let my father and mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me.”

9 He brought them before the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time David was in the stronghold.

10 Then the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not stay in the stronghold. Go at once, and depart, or the king will search for you and you will be handed over to him.”

11 So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

12 When Saul was told that David had become even more popular than Saul, that his name was highly respected,

13 he was very angry; this was evil in his eyes. He said, “They have ascribed to him tens of thousands, but to me they ascribe only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?”

14 Saul kept a close eye on David from that day on.

15 In fact, Saul removed him from his position and would not allow him to serve as commander of his troops anymore.

16 Then Saul sent messengers to David’s house to watch him and to kill him. But Michal, Saul’s daughter, helped David escape.

17 She let him down through a window, and he fled,

and so he escaped.

18 Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, putting a garment of goat’s hair at its head.

19 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, “He is ill.”

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19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 6:10-20 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 3:12-13 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

Luke 12:15 Then he said to the crowd, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’ ...

Luke 12:21 Whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God is like this.”

III. The Key to a Beautiful Heart

1. Truly know God and see all the spiritual blessings God has given us (**Ephesians 1:17-19**)
2. See everything with a new mind (**Ephesians 4:22-24**)
3. Lift up the battle (**Ephesians 6:10-20**)

Face the battle directly, resist the devil and his evil spirits, stand firm, and guard your heart!

Fight for the church, defend the church, make the church united in the truth, and grow to maturity!

A beautiful heart, “to possess” is the blessing!

Only with a beautiful heart can one see goodness, speak goodness, and build goodness!

A wise person should immediately rise to pursue, according to God’s revelation, to pursue a beautiful heart,

to become a good builder and enjoyer, to become a blessing, glorifying God and benefiting others!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 生之頌 For the Beauty of the Earth

- ♪ For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
(Over and around us lies) x2
- ♪ *Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*
- ♪ For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
(Sun and Moon and stars of light) x2* *
- ♪ For the joy of human love (For the joy of love)
(Brother, sister, parent, child) x2
Friends on earth and friends above
(For all gentle thoughts and mild) x3
- ♪ 'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn (Our joyful hymn)
(Of praise) x2
- ♪ For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human (Given)
and divine (Human and divine)
(Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n) x2
- ♪ 'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn (Our joyful hymn) of praise
(This our joyful hymn) Our hymn of praise

☞ Announcement

1. The Humanities and Arts Center is hosting “**The Dance of the Aurora, The Poem of the Dark Night**”, a photography exhibition by Huang Yao-Hsien and a cross-disciplinary production by Dong Xin. The exhibition will be held from **Sunday, 9/14 to Friday, 9/25** in the **Cloud Hall (1F)**. The opening ceremony will take place on **Sunday, 9/14 at 12:50 p.m.** Brothers and sisters are welcome to invite friends and family to enjoy the exhibition, admire God’s creation, reflect on the meaning of life, and share in this spiritual feast.
2. The “**Encounter God Retreat**” will be held on **Sunday, 9/21 at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Morning Star Hall (5F)**. You are welcome to register on-site and join. Through healing prayer, songs of praise, and learning God’s truth, you will experience the true freedom that comes from God.
3. This week’s **Bible reading plan**: Hosea chapters 4–6. Please visit the He Yi Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>)

☞ 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.