## Taiwan Harmony Friends Church Worship Service Sep. 28, 2025

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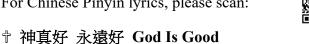
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#### **Prelude**

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



**□** God is good all the time

He put His song of praise in this heart of mine

■ God is good all the time

Through the darkest night His light will shine

□ God is good, God is good all the time

## † 滿有能力 I am Strengthened in Him

■ All of my hope lies in Jesus Christ alone For I know that He is my peace All of my joy lies in Jesus Christ alone He lives in me forever more

☐ [Declare the One who's within me] Is greater than the one in the world I'm not of this world. I belong to Jesus the King

[] I know that the King lives in me

I am strengthened in Him

■ My Lord who lives in me Conquers all of my enemies My Lord who lives in me. Is my portion my victory

## † 唯有祢 Only You

□ (Only You)\*3 are my true love Only You Oh Lord My King I'm willing to know You more All my heart my being is to deeply worship You (Holy)\*2 Glorious, Glorious King. I love You Jesus

#### **∞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 150:1-6

- 1 Praise God in his Temple. Praise him in his mighty
- 2 Praise him for his strength. Praise him for his greatness.
- 3 Praise him with trumpet blasts. Praise him with harps and lyres.
- 4 Praise him with tambourines and dancing. Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
- 5 Praise him with loud cymbals. Praise him with crashing cymbals.
- **6** Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

#### **∞**Praise

- ↑ 聖哉!聖哉!聖哉!全能大主宰 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. [Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.]
- Holy, holy, holy! All saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
  - cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- ☐ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; []

#### **∞**Special Music

- He will Rule the World ↑ 祂將在全地掌權
- ☐ "Hosanna, loud hosanna," The little children sang; Thro' open land and temple The lovely anthem rang.
- $\square$  Sing to the Lord a new song, For He has done marvelous things; The ends of the earth have seen His power to save. Let the sea roar, the rivers applaud and the mountains sing for joy (before the Lord) x2
- ☐ [He will rule the world, ev'ry eye will see Him Coming on the clouds all of heaven with Him. He will rule the world; Jesus is the King of all the earth. He will rule the world.]
- $\square$  Sing to the Lord a new song, His wisdom and power are great; The Lord is good; His love endures for all time. Let the earth shout, the havens resound; And the meadows dance for joy (before the Lord) x2 [ ]
- $\square$  Let the sky sing, send it thro' the heavens; He is our King, King forevermore.
- ☐"Hosanna, loud hosanna," The little children sang;
- ☐ Thro' open land and temple [] The lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them Held closely to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
- ☐ Hosanna, loud hosanna! That old old song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven, our king. O may we ever praise Him with heart and soul and voice, And in His loving presence For However we'll rejoice!
- Jesus is the King of all the earth. (He will rule the world!) x2 Hosanna, loud hosanna forever we'll rejoice!

#### Scripture Reading: John 9:1-3, 38

- 1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.
- 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."
- **38** Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

## Sermon:

What Looks Like a Loss Can Become a Win ~ Pastor Hsu

Have I ever lost something? Do I carry regrets? What if I had another chance?

#### I. Loss

## 1. Loss of Health (v.1)

This man was blind from birth. He never saw the sun, the sunset, or the faces of his family. His whole life was in darkness.

## 2. Loss of Dignity (v.2)

People judged him. They whispered: "Who sinned? Was it him? Or his parents?"

John 9:22–23, 34 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

**34** To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

## 3. Loss of Family and Friends (v.22-23, v.34):

His parents were afraid of the Jewish leaders. They distanced themselves from him.

Religious leaders said he was born in sin and threw him out of the synagogue. He lost family, friends, and all social support. He was completely rejected.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

#### II. Gain

When he met Jesus, his loss became gain!

## 1. Shame turned to Glory (v.3; 2 Corinthians 12:9):

Though mocked and accused, Jesus spoke for him: "This happened so that God's work may be seen in him."

Jesus healed him so he could see.

In Jesus, weakness becomes a chance to experience His power; shame becomes glory; loss becomes full of His love and honor. Paul also said that his "thorn" showed God's power, grace, and glory even more.

John 9:35–39 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

- **36** "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."
- **37** Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."
- **38** Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.
- **39** Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."
- **<u>2 Corinthians 6:10</u>** Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

# 2. Losing Earthly Things but Gaining Heaven (v.35–39; 2 Corinthians 6:10)

He was cast out of the synagogue, but Jesus came to find him. He said, "Lord, I believe!" and worshiped Jesus.

He lost the synagogue on earth but gained the home of heaven.

He lost people's support but gained Jesus' embrace.

He lost everything in this world but received everything in God's kingdom.

With Jesus, what looks like "having nothing" is really "having everything."

## III. True Sight

## 1. Obeying the Lord (v.7; John 14:21)

Jesus told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. He obeyed, and he was healed and could see.

Those who obey God's commands show love for Jesus. They are loved by the Lord, and He shows Himself to them. Jesus loves to speak to us every day. The question is: **Will I obey?** 

John 9:11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

John 9:17 Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

### 2. Witnessing for the Lord:

When questioned, he did not stay silent. He boldly spoke about Jesus. Through this, he grew to know Jesus more deeply:

- 1) He is Jesus (v.11): "Jesus healed me!" Jesus means "God saves."
- 2) He is a Prophet (v.17): Others said Jesus was a sinner, but he said Jesus was a prophet—one who brings truth and comfort.

<u>John 9:33</u> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

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- 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."
- **38** Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.
- **39** Jesus said, [a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."
- **40** Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"
- **41** Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.
  - 3) He is from God (v.33): He testified that Jesus must be from God, because He did God's will.
  - 4) He is my Lord, the Son of God (v.35-41): When Jesus revealed Himself, he immediately bowed and said, "Lord, I believe!"

<u>1 Peter 3:15</u> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

When he heard Jesus reveal Himself, he bowed down right away and said, "Lord, I believe!"

Those who think they can see are actually blind. They cannot see their own sin, eternity, or salvation.

But when we admit that we are blind, Jesus helps us truly see Him, experience Him, know Him, enjoy Him, worship Him, and give Him glory!

So let's take every chance to lift up Jesus. When people ask about the hope in our hearts, we should always be ready to answer with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

#### **∞**Responsive Hymn

- ↑ 我要看見 I Want to See
- ☐ Let You presence fall down On the Worship of Your people Let Your glory come down On the praise of Your children
- □ Show Your glory I want to see
   Just as Moses saw Your glorious face
   Show Your glory I want to see
   We long to see Your glory come

#### **%** Announcement

- 1. This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary (4th floor), Brother **Yi-Hsien Lin** and Sister **Qi Zhang** will be joined in holy matrimony. All brothers and sisters are warmly invited to attend, share in their blessing, and give thanks to the Lord together.
- 2. This week's Bible reading schedule is **Hosea 13 Joel 1**. Please visit the He Yi Tong church website (<a href="http://www.ctfhc.org">http://www.ctfhc.org</a>) to watch *Keys to the Bible* and *Enjoying the Bible*.
- 3. A kind reminder: The church is the holy temple of God, a place of worship. As God's children, let us respect the order of worship:
  - (1) Please refrain from eating, chewing gum, smoking, talking loudly, answering phone calls, crossing your legs, or walking around casually. Unless for health reasons, please also refrain from drinking water inside.
  - (2) Please avoid any activities involving lending/borrowing money, private meetings, multi-level marketing, investment advice, or political promotion.

(3) Please also avoid inappropriate interactions between men and women (or same-gender relationships), or private matchmaking for marriage.

### **∞**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.

## **Solution** 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.