



☞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:



† 得救的人讚美主

Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

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Blessed Be the Lord (Yahweh)

♪ The heavens are Yours, the earth is too,
All creation rejoices because of You.
Everything made lifts up its voice,
To praise Your name, to shout and rejoice!

Chorus

(Blessed be the Lord, Yahweh we sing,
With tambourines, dancing, and strings!)
You delight in Your people's praise,
A new song rises in Your holy place. ()
How blessed the people who shout with joy,
They rejoice in Your name all day long!
♪ My lips declare that God is great,
Your mighty power makes foes retreat.
Salvation is my robe and song,
In joyful praise, I am made strong.

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More than Enough

♪ Jehovah Jireh, My Provider,
You are more than enough for me.
Jehovah Raepha, You're my healer,
By your stripes I've been set free.
Jehovah Shammah, You are with me,
To Supply All My Needs.
♪ You are more than enough, More than enough,
You are more than enough for me.

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 21:1-7, 13**

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, Lord. How great is his joy in the victories you give!
- 2 You have granted him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips.
- 3 You came to greet him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.
- 6 Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

7 For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.

13 Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might.

☞**Praise**

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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**

† 在至高之處

In the Highest

- ♪ In the highest I give thanks
I raise up my hands to give You glory
Angel armies Give praise to You Jesus
Greatest glory is unto You
- ♪ In the highest place give Him all glory
There is peace on earth with those whom
He is pleased. Hallelujah Hallelujah
Jesus You are worthy of it all

☞**Scripture Reading: Psalm 8:1-5**

- 1 Lord, our Lord, how **majestic** is your name in all the earth! You have set your **glory in the heavens**.
- 2 Through the praise of **children and infants** you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to **silence** the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I **consider** your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 **what is mankind** that you **are mindful of** them, human beings that you **care for** them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with **glory and honor**.

☞**Sermon:**

"The Moment We Lift Our Eyes to the Starry Sky"

~ Pastor Hsu

Psalm 8:9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

I. Beholding the Lord's Glory: — Psalm 8:1-3, 9

1. The Whole Earth Declares the Lord's Beauty — (Psalm 8:1, 9; Romans 1:20)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, each according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.

Through what has been made, God's eternal power and divine nature are clearly seen.

What humans make—the closer you examine it, the more flaws you find; what God makes—the closer you examine it, the more mysteries you discover.

Psalm 19:1-3 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Ezekiel 1:5, 22, 26 and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human,

22 Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a vault, sparkling like crystal, and awesome.

26 Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man.

2. The Heavens Declare the Lord's Glory — (Psalm 8:1, 3; Psalm 19:1-3; Ezekiel 1:5, 22, 26)

“Heaven” includes: the visible sky, the universe, and the spiritual realm, where angels and Satan exist.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God; they use no words or speech, yet the ears of the heart can hear.

Ezekiel saw four living creatures; above them was an expanse, above the expanse a throne, and above the throne one like a Son of Man—revealing God's glory.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

3. Victory Declares the Lord's Sovereign Rule — (Psalm 8:2; Hebrews 2:14-15)

God triumphs over all powers of darkness, silencing the enemy and the avenger.

He led David to overcome earthly enemies, defeated spiritual foes, prevailed over the forces of darkness, and destroyed the one who holds the power of death.

1 Samuel 18:18 But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my clan in Israel, that I should become the king's son-in-law?”

1 Chronicles 17:16; 29:14 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

“Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

2 Chronicles 2:6 But who is able to build a temple for him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him? Who then am I to build a temple for him, except as a place to burn sacrifices before him?

II. Recognizing Our Own Humility

1. A Drop in the Ocean — (Psalm 8:3-4; 1 Samuel 18:18; 1 Chronicles 17:16; 29:14; 2 Chronicles 2:6)

When we behold the vastness of heaven and earth, how small humanity truly is.

In the long river of time and the sweeping current of history, how insignificant we are.

David asked three times, “Who am I?”

1) When he became Saul's son-in-law

2) When God did not permit him to build the temple

3) When he offered generously for the building of the temple

Psalms 13:2; 22:7 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

22:7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

2. Weak and Powerless — (Psalm 8:2; Psalms 13:2; 22:7)

David viewed himself as an infant or a nursing child—weak, helpless, with nothing to boast of.

He endured sorrow all day long, was mocked by others, and despised by the people.

Humanity's greatest problem is that "the self is too big." This is a lie.

Fear of embarrassment, fear of failure, avoidance of decision-making, fear of rejection, quick temper, and the need to prove oneself—all stem from this.

When we lay down the self, we find true freedom.

Isaiah 49:15–16 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! **16** See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

III. Receiving the Lord's Honor

1. The Lord Remembers and Cares for Us — **(Psalm 8:4; Isaiah 49:15–16)**

God "is mindful" of us—He remembers us and has not forgotten us; He desires to show grace and to save.

God's "care" means He looks after us, visits us, and attends to us.

Many people feel lonely, but God promises, "The Lord is with us"—Immanuel.

Hebrews 2:7 You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor

Psalms 16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

2. The Lord Bestows Glory — **(Psalm 8:5; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 16:6)**

God crowns us with glory and honor in eternity, calling us to reign with Him and rule over all things.

Glory grasped by ourselves is fleeting and empty; the glory God gives is eternal—the path of the righteous.

"Jesus is mine, and I am His"; God preserves for us a delightful inheritance.

Such glory was seen in Moses and Stephen.

Psalms 8:6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Matthew 10:42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

3. The Lord Entrusts a Mission — **(Psalm 8:6; Genesis 2:15; Revelation 14:13; Matthew 10:42)**

God grants us glory so that we may steward all that He has created.

Humanity's starting point in creation was to "work" and "take care of" the Garden of Eden—work here means service.

Humanity has an eternal destination: blessed are those who die in the Lord; they rest from their labor, yet their works follow them forever.

Every act of service is remembered by Jesus and is of great value in His sight.

John 13:2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

Psalms 66:2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Practical Response:

Verse 3 calls us to look, observe, pay attention, and gaze—to understand the works of God.

We are to learn, like David, to "praise the Lord" **(Psalm 8:1, 9; Ephesians 5:19; Psalm 66:2).**

May I give my whole heart to what Jesus delights in.
May I refuse to do what Jesus hates.
May I not place at the center of my life anything that cannot endure into eternity in Jesus' eyes.

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 祢真偉大 How Great Thou Are

- ♪ Truly awesome wonder, our God is the son of light
We are given the eternal life of wonder,
the life of great wonder
Friendly Jesus is living in our souls,
Listening to our voice daytime and night,
He is being with us.
- ♪ Truly awesome wonder, our God is the son of light
We are given the eternal life of wonder,
the life of great wonder
- ♪ And when the sky was starless
In the void of the night (God is an awesome God)
He spoke into the darkness And created the light
(God is an awesome God)
Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten that
Our God is an awesome God
- ♪ [Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God] x 3
(Our God is an awesome God)*2
O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
- ♪ [Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, (How great Thou art.)] x4
How great Thou art!

☞ Announcement

1. **January 1 (Thursday) At 8:00 a.m.**, a devotional retreat for all church staff will be held in the **Main Sanctuary on the 4th floor**. A simulcast venue will be available in the **3rd-floor hall**.

Morning prayer will take place at **7:00 a.m.** in the 4th-floor Main Sanctuary.

All staff are encouraged to prepare their hearts and arrive early, so that in the new year we may share the same vision and move forward together in unity.

2. **Adult Sunday School — First Quarter of 2026**
Classes will begin on **January 4** (in-person class) and **January 7** (online class).

The first session will be the **Opening Assembly**, featuring pastoral encouragement and testimony sharing.

To register, please visit <http://thfc.pse.is/sschool>

3. **Unified Bible Reading Schedule for This Week**
Zechariah chapters 3–5.

Please visit the **Harmony Church website** (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *The Bible Gateway* and *Reading the Bible Well*.

Beginning **January 3**, **Good News Radio** will broadcast “*A Sober Mind—The Book of Ezekiel*”, taught by **Pastor Hsu**. You are welcome to listen online.

☞ 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 heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

☞ Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
now and forevermore. Amen.

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.