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## 🎵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:



### † 真是快樂日 What a Joyful Day

- ♪ What a joyful day I sing praises to Him every day  
What a joyful day living for my Lord
- ♪ What a joyful day everything becomes better  
To live with His promise I lean on day and night

### † 耶和華我的磐石 Jehovah You are My Rock

- ♪ [Jehovah you are my rock  
You're worthy to be praised]  
You have trained my hands for battle  
You have trained my fingers for war
- ♪ [ ] You have granted me Your wisdom  
So my heart will not be moved
- ♪ So I will sing to You a new song  
Praise Your holy name.  
You alone are my shelter  
You are my strength
- ♪ So I will play the harp and dance for joy  
To praise Your name. You alone are my fortress  
You alone are my hope and my rock

### † 最大的事 The Greatest Thing in All My Life

- ♪ The Greatest thing in all my life is knowing You\*2  
I want to know You more\*2  
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You
- ♪ The Greatest thing in all my life is loving You\*2  
I want to love You more\*2  
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You
- ♪ The Greatest thing in all my life is serving You\*2  
I want to serve You more\*2  
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You

## 🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 27:1, 3-6, 13-14**

- 1** The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
- 3** Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

- 4** One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
- 5** For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
- 6** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 13** I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- 14** Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

## 🎵Praise

### † 賀祂為王 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

## 🎵Special Music

### † 讓全世界歡欣歌唱

#### Let All The World Rejoice And Sing

- ♪ Let all the world rejoice and sing.  
[Blessed be the name of the Lord!]  
Sing glory to your God and King.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!  
Wake the dawn with tuneful noise.  
Let the earth, as one, rejoice.  
With all creation, lift your voice, sing  
(Gloria Deo!)x2  
Blessed the name of the Lord
- ♪ Now praise the One who reigns above.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!  
Sing hosanna! Sing holy, God of love!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!  
God of glory, Lord of grace,  
every heart to Thee we raise!  
This is a season made for praise, (Gloria Deo!)x2  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
- ♪ This is the day the Lord has made.  
He calls the hours His own. Let heaven rejoice.  
Let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.  
Lift high your song with noble sounds;  
the call to worship arise!  
Rejoice, rejoice, let songs resound.  
Proclaim your laud and endless praise.  
Give to God your endless praise!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!(x2)  
Sing hosanna! (x4)  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!  
O for a thousand tongues to sing!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

The glories of my God and King.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!  
Lord, make us faithful, keep us strong,  
till we greet the heavenly throng,  
and join the everlasting song! (Gloria Deo!)x2  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!(x2)

🔗 **Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:22–24**

**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**.

🔗 **Sermon:**

**“Putting Off the Old, Putting On the New”**

~ Pastor Hsu

**I. Put Off the Old Self**

The “old self” refers to our former way of life and old patterns of behavior.

**Ephesians 2:3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

**James 1:15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

The Three Stages of Decline:

**1. Desire (Lust) (Ephesians 2:3; James 1:15)**

Desire, craving, lust, and greed. Indulging the sinful desires of the flesh makes one a child of wrath.

When desire is conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is fully grown, it brings forth death.

**1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**2. Deception (1 Timothy 6:10)**

Deception, falsehood, deceit, trickery, and being led astray.

Desire blinds the eyes of the heart. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Selfish desires confuse people, making them unable to

tell right from wrong. They become more and more foolish, complicated, and twisted, and lose the ability to make correct judgments.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

**3. Corruption (1 Corinthians 15:33)**

Destruction, damage, and corruption. It ruins good conduct.

Selfish desires are like a landslide, destroying everything good.

Little by little— Satan devours people, desires deceive people, and death takes over people gradually.

**Ephesians 4:24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**II. Put On the New Self (Ephesians 4:24)**

Though we once fell short of God’s glory, in Christ we receive new life and are restored to God’s original purpose.

**Ephesians 1:13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

**Ephesians 4:21** when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:9** (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

**Ephesians 6:14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

**1 Timothy 3:15** if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

**1. Truth**

Ephesians 1:13 — The word of truth is the gospel that brings us salvation.

Ephesians 4:21 — Learning God’s truth enables us to put off the old self.

Ephesians 5:9 — The fruit of the light is goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Ephesians 6:14 — Put on truth as the belt around your waist. Truth gives us strength and leads us to victory.

1 Timothy 3:15 — The church is the pillar and foundation of the truth. Join the church to know the truth.

## 2. Righteousness : (Justice, Uprightness)

Righteousness is God's gift and our identity, being reconciled with God and justified by faith.

Righteousness is also the practice of life—walking in truth and living out God's Word beautifully.

**Luke 1:75** in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

## 3. Holiness: (Devoutness, Sanctity)

Luke 1:75 — God has saved us so that we may serve Him in holiness and righteousness without fear.

Every step of life is an act of service to God, doing all for the Lord and remaining faithful to Him.

## III. A Renewed Heart

“Being” renewed—our hearts are no longer in our own hands, but in the hands of Jesus!

The Lord delights in renewing us and is willing to give us a new heart!

**Ephesians 4:17** 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.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10** and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

### 1. A Heart That Loves Truth

Ephesians 4:17 — Do not live with a heart full of “vanity” (futility).

2 Thessalonians 2:10 — Pray that the Lord would give us a heart that loves the truth, so that we may be saved!

In the new year, we must establish the habit and discipline of reading the Bible, receiving the

Lord's light every day, being moved by Scripture, thinking on it, practicing it, and putting it into action!

**Ephesians 4:18** 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.

**Ephesians 1:18-19** 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 his holy people, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

## 2. An Enlightened Heart

Ephesians 4:18 — Turn away from a heart that is “darkened” (spiritually blind).

Ephesians 1:18–19 — Pray that the Lord would illuminate the eyes of our hearts, so that each day we may know:

- 1) (Past) the hope of our calling;
- 2) (Future) the glory of our inheritance;
- 3) (Present) the immeasurable greatness of His power!

**Ephesians 4:18** 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.

**Ezekiel 36:26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

### 3. A Soft Heart

Ephesians 4:18 — Turn away from a heart that is “hardened,” with a seared conscience, greedy and defiled in deeds!

Ezekiel 36:26 — The Lord gives us a new heart and a new spirit, removing the heart of stone from the flesh and giving us a heart of flesh. This is a soft heart, able to listen to counsel and hear the Lord's reminders and comfort!

Put off the old self, put on the new self, and receive a new heart.

Love the truth, have enlightened eyes, and keep a soft heart.

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 我是耶穌基督的馨香氣

#### I am Jesus Christ's Pleasing Aroma

♪ I am Jesus Christ's pleasing aroma  
I am Jesus Christ's brand new letters  
Before God I am Jesus Christ's pleasing aroma  
By me Jesus Christ's life flows to the whole world  
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### ☞ Announcement

1. **The Youth Fellowship** will hold the “**Unity Reunion Dinner**” on **Saturday, February 14, at 1:30 PM** in the **Cloud Hall on the 1st floor**. High school and college students are warmly invited to join us for a joyful time with challenge games, snack DIY activities, and festive programs.
2. To encourage daily Bible reading, the church has launched the “**Heavenly Father's Letters**” e-newsletter. It follows the church-wide Bible reading plan and is published three times a week. The content includes verse-by-verse explanations, faith reflections, and life testimonies. Please scan the QR code on page 6 of the weekly bulletin to subscribe, and feel free to share the link with others.
3. **This week's unified Bible reading: Matthew chapters 1–3.**  
Please check the *Father's House Letter* e-newsletter and tune in to Pastor Hsu's program “**An Alert Heart — The Book of Ezekiel**” on Good News Radio.

### ☞ 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 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.*