



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:



興起歡唱 Arise And Sing

Arise and sing Ye children of Zion
For the Lord has delivered Thee (2X)
Open your hearts and rejoice before Him (3X)
For the King is your God

眾城門抬起頭 All Ye Gate, Lift up Your Heads

All ye gates lift your heads in praise
All ancient door be lifted up in His name
The King of glory, He is God Almighty
Shout for joy and give Him praise
Lift your hands to the holy place
The world and all that's within shall go to Him
The King of glory, He is God Almighty
Shout for joy and give Him praise
Here we stand oh Lord come and fill this temple
Glory and honor all to You God Almighty
Here we stand oh Lord.
Lift You up, the king of glory
Oh, Lord, here we stand to welcome You

生命活水充滿我 Living Water

Lead me to Your throne, to my hiding place
Cover me with song of Your joy
Hide me under Your wings.
Lord, You're the giver of life
Lord, You're the everlasting light
In Your presence I'm set free.
Your holiness shines on me
Fill me Lord. Come, fill me Lord
Here, before Your throne, the living water flows
Cleanse me, make me whole(x2)

Responsive Reading: 47:1-9

- 1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
- 4 He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

- 5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

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

耶穌奇妙的救恩

Wonderful Grace of Jesus with at Calvary

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin.
How shall my tongue describe it?
Where shall His praise begin?
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free;
For The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
Wonderful The matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than The mighty rolling sea!
Higher than The mountain,
[Sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me!
Broader than The scope of my transgressions
sing it Greater far than all my sin and shame!
O magnify The precious name of Jesus!
Praise His name!]
Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died On Calvary.
Mercy There was great and grace was free;
Pardon There was multiplied to me;
There my burden should found liberty. At Calvary.
Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching The most defiled
By its transforming power.
Making Him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven. For all eternity;
And The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
Wonderful The matchless grace of Jesus
Deeper than The mighty rolling sea!

Higher than The mountain,
[] Praise His holy name!

☞ **Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 7**

The Lord said to Samuel, “**How long will you mourn for Saul**, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? **Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you** to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”

☞ **Sermon: Why Is It So Difficult?** ~ Pastor Hsu

Why is life so difficult? Relationships, family, studies, work, changing others, changing ourselves...

I. Look Upward and Stop Mourning

1 Samuel 15:35 Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16:2 But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”

Samuel had anointed Saul as king, but Saul failed. Samuel was deeply concerned for the people and for Saul, and he blamed himself (**1 Samuel 15:35**).

His heart was filled with fear because Saul might try to kill him (**1 Samuel 16:2**). Samuel's two sons did not walk in God's ways (**1 Samuel 8:3**).

1 Samuel 7:2–3, 12; 8:3, 5, 19 The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time—twenty years in all. Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD.

3 So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.”

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer,[a] saying, “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”

8:3, 5, 19 But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

5 They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead[a] us, such as all the other nations have.”

19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us.”

For twenty years he taught the people and led them to victory, yet they rejected him (**1 Samuel 7:2–3, 12; 8:5, 19**).

1 Samuel 13:13; 15:11 “You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.

15:11 “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night.

Saul repeatedly disobeyed God's word and was eventually rejected by God (**1 Samuel 13:13; 15:11**).

It seemed as though Samuel's entire ministry had been a series of mistakes and failures, leaving him overwhelmed with sorrow.

Psalm 42:11 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

What should we do when we fall into deep sadness, discouragement, disappointment, and helplessness?

We must speak to our souls and refuse to remain downcast. Instead, we should look upward and place our hope in God (**Psalm 42:11**).

Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don't cry.”

God commanded His repentant people not to grieve but to find joy in Him (**Nehemiah 8:10**).

Jesus said, “Do not weep” (**Luke 7:13**).

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

Look upward and cast all your burdens and anxieties upon the Lord (**1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22**).

II. Look Forward and Fill Your Horn with Oil

1 Samuel 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?"

Samuel's first attempt at anointing a king ended in failure (**1 Samuel 10:1**).

In the midst of his mixed emotions, God commanded him to fill his horn with oil and once again take up the responsibility and authority God had entrusted to him.

Forget past failures. Take up God's calling again and press on toward the path ahead.

1 Kings 19:12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

John 21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

1 Timothy 1:13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God gives people a second chance:

- Elijah (**1 Kings 19:12**)
- Peter (**John 21:15**)
- Nicodemus (**John 3:3**)
- Paul (**1 Timothy 1:13**)

Jesus rose from the dead, giving us the assurance of new birth and a new beginning (**1 Peter 1:3**).

III. Look at the Heart — God Sees the Heart (**1 Samuel 16:7**)

God reminded Samuel not to focus on outward appearance, because God looks at the heart. Do not pursue outward success, recognition, or applause. Instead, pursue a heart that pleases God.

1 Samuel 17:26 David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who

is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

1 Samuel 17:45-47 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:58 "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him. David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."

David's heart cared about God's glory (**1 Sam. 17:26**).

David's heart trusted that victory comes through God (**1 Sam. 17:45, 47**).

David desired that all the earth would know that the Lord is God (**1 Sam. 17:46**).

David remained humble and did not boast (**1 Sam. 17:58**).

1 Samuel 13:14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

David was called "a man after God's own heart" (**1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22**).

Because David's heart pleased God, he was continually shaped, refined, renewed, adjusted, and refocused through every challenge. He learned to hear God's voice and to grow in humility, patience, reverence, and repentance, becoming a king fit for God's purpose.

Are we willing to allow God to continually mold, refine, renew, and prune us?

"The problem is not that the challenge is too great; it is that our vision is too small."

Do not fix your eyes merely on solving today's problems. Seek to understand God's heart, obey His Word, and develop the spiritual muscles of obedience so that you may have a heart that pleases Him.

The hardest battle has already been won by Jesus. If we endure to the end, we will be saved.

There are two pathways to sanctification: **Trials** and **Training**.

Sometimes we passively enter trials, and God uses them to shape us.

But we should also actively pursue spiritual training—serving, fighting the good fight of faith, and becoming people after God's own heart.



☞ Responsive Hymn

† 祂要引領你 **He will Carry You**

♪ *There is no problem too big God cannot solve it
There is no mountain too tall He cannot move it
And there is no storm too dark God cannot calm it
There is no sorrow too deep He cannot soothe it

♪ If He carried the weight of the world upon
His shoulders
I know my brother that He will carry you
If He carried the weight of the world upon
His shoulders

I know my sister that He will carry you*
♪ He said . . . "Come unto me *all who are weary,*
and I will give you rest" * *

☞ Announcement

1. **"When You Found Me" Gospel Music Concert** will be held on **June 28 (Sunday)** at **8:30 AM and 10:40 AM** in the **Main Sanctuary on the 4th Floor**. A choir of over one hundred voices will testify through their lives and songs to the freedom, abundance, and glory found in Jesus Christ. We warmly invite you to bring your family and friends to attend.

2. The church will undergo a **full-building disinfection**. The entire facility will be closed after the **morning prayer meeting on June 17 (Wednesday)** and will reopen after **5:00 PM on June 19 (Friday)**. Please take note and do not enter the church premises during the closure period.

3. Our church has published the *"Heavenly Father's Letters"* e-newsletter. You are welcome to subscribe by scanning the QR code on page 1 of the bulletin, and engage in daily, in-depth meditation on God's Word. This week's Bible reading covers Luke chapters 11 to 13.

☞ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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.

❖ This Week's Gatherings

~ Welcome to invite new friends of all ages to join us

For All Friends

• *Beautiful Life Celebration Worship*

Sun 8:30 AM / 4F Sanctuary

Sun 10:30 AM / B1 Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Sun 9:30 AM

Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting: Mon 7:10 PM /
4F Sanctuary