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Jesus Loves You
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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:



† 我要讚美耶和華

I Want To Praise The LORD

♪ I want to praise the Lord,
praise Him in His sanctuary
Praise and praise Him for His acts of power
Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre,
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD

† 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

† 世界之光

Light of the World

♪ Jesus, the Hope of the world
The Bright morning star,
That shines through the darkness.
Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.
To You, all honor and praise, forevermore.
♪ All the nations worship the Lord,
In the light of Your grace,
We will lift up the name of Christ,
♪ All the heavens shout out your praise
[Glory, honor and praise.]x3
Light of the world. Glory, honor and praise.

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 50:1-2, 6-7, 14-15, 23**

1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets..
2 From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.
7 "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.
14 "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
15 and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless^[a] I will show my salvation."

🎵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

† 全能主掌權

The Almighty Lord Reigns

♪ There is a song of praise, Forever it will ring.
Every nation, every tribe,
With one voice we will sing.
The Bride of Christ will stand
Upon that glorious day;
Joyfully with grateful hearts,
All praise to God's own Lamb.
Children of our God, lift up your voice;
Like the roaring sea, like mighty thunder's sound.
[(Hallelujah! *2) The Lord Almighty reigns!
(Hallelujah! *2) Almighty God,
our King, forever reigns!]
♪ The battle has been won;
We feast at Jesus' table.
With rejoicing we proclaim
His wondrous works forever.
The Church of God now lifts one voice,
Like the roaring sea, like mighty thunder's sound. []
♪ We will proclaim abroad:
Christ Jesus comes again!
May many souls be saved to share
His glorious crown of life.
Let songs of praise grow ever louder;
Let every nation lift their praise unto the King. []*2
The Lord reigns! The Lord reigns!

✎Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 14:6, 10**

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will **act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.**”

10 But if they say, ‘**Come up** to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that **the LORD has given them into our hands.**”

✎Sermon: **Facing the Battle** ~ Pastor Hsu

Hebrews 11:34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Numbers

- Philistines: as numerous as the sand on the seashore
- Israel: only 600 men

Weapons

- Philistines: chariots, horses, swords, and spears
- Israel: only two swords

Battlefield

- Philistines: advancing and surrounding the land
- Israel: retreating and fleeing

1 Samuel 13:2, 4-7 Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikdash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.

4 So all Israel heard the news: “Saul has attacked the Philistine outpost, and now Israel has become obnoxious to the Philistines.” And the people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

5 The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand^[c] chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikdash, east of Beth Aven.

6 When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.

7 Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

13:15-19 Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah in Benjamin, and Saul counted the men who were with him. They numbered about six hundred.

16 Saul and his son Jonathan and the men with them were staying in Gibeah in Benjamin, while the Philistines camped at Mikdash.

17 Raiding parties went out from the Philistine camp in three detachments. One turned toward Ophrah in the vicinity of Shual,

18 another toward Beth Horon, and the third toward the borderland overlooking the Valley of Zeboyim facing the wilderness.

19 Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, “Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!”

13:22-23 So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

23 Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikdash.

14:2 Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men,

22 When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit.

I. **Those Who Avoid the Battle**

1 Samuel 13:8-9 He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul’s men began to scatter.

9 So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” And Saul offered up the burnt offering.

13:10-11 Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

11 “What have you done?” asked Samuel.

Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikdash, **14:3, 16-20** among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod’s brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD’s priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.

16 Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions.

17 Then Saul said to the men who were with him, “Muster the forces and see who has left us.” When they did, it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer who were not there.

18 Saul said to Ahijah, “Bring the ark of God.” (At that time it was with the Israelites.)

19 While Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the Philistine camp increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.”

20 Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords.

1 Samuel 14:21 Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

1. **Retreat in Fear (1 Samuel 13)**

Saul kept retreating—from the front lines back to the capital. His army dwindled to only 600 men. People hid wherever they could. Fear and retreat spread like a plague—they are contagious.

2. Relying on Yourself (1 Samuel 13:8–9)

As the enemy drew near, Samuel had not yet arrived, and the people began to scatter in fear. Saul took it upon himself to offer the sacrifice. Trying to solve problems by our own strength shows a lack of respect for God's authority, His servants, and His Word.

3. Shifting the Blame (1 Samuel 13:10–11)

Instead of examining himself, Saul blamed the people, blamed Samuel, and blamed the enemy. It is easy to blame our circumstances, our family background, other people, or bad luck—making everything someone else's fault.

4. Spiritual Cover-Ups (1 Samuel 14:3, 16–20)

There was a priest and there were sacred objects, but there was no direction from God. Even while the Philistines were in confusion, Saul focused on counting the troops and bringing the ark. His actions appeared spiritual, but they were driven by fear. Sometimes spiritual activities become an excuse to hide wrong motives.

5. Joining the Enemy (1 Samuel 14:21)

Some Israelites joined the Philistine army, seeking safety by siding with the enemy. Examples include:

- the ten spies who brought back a negative report,
- Peter trying to stop Jesus from going to the cross,
- Judas betraying Jesus,
- and Demas loving this present world.

II. Those Who Face the Battle

1 Samuel 13:3; 14:1, 4, 6 Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba, and the Philistines heard about it. Then Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and said, “Let the Hebrews hear!”

14:1 One day Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side.” But he did not tell his father.

4 On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh.

6 Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.”

14:7 “Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”

14:8–10 Jonathan said, “Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us.

9 If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them.

10 But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.”

14:11–16 So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. “Look!” said the Philistines. “The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.”

12 The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, “Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.”

So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.”

13 Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him.

14 In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

15 Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God.

16 Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions.

1. Take the Initiative (1 Samuel 13:3; 14:1, 4, 6)

Jonathan took the initiative to capture Geba. He moved forward instead of debating with those who lacked faith.

He climbed down one steep cliff and up another to confront the enemy head-on.

Let's move forward!

The LORD will act on our behalf.

The LORD gives victory!

Isaiah 30:18 Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

2. Choose the Hard Path (1 Samuel 14:8–10; Isaiah 30:18)

Jonathan asked God for confirmation and chose the more difficult course—to fight. God delights in courageous hearts.

People naturally seek comfort and ease, but God calls us to fight the good fight, overcome, and receive the crown.

Many say, "God isn't answering my prayers."
Often the real issue is, "I'm not listening to God's answer."

God waits for us to return to Him,
respond to Him, and trust Him.

A fearful heart seeks comfort, questions every hardship, complains, pities itself, and dwells on its wounds.

It spreads the atmosphere of darkness:
negativity, discouragement, weariness,
confusion, sluggishness.

A courageous heart sees: opportunities to share the gospel, people in need, and the privilege of serving the Lord.

It carries the atmosphere of heaven: steadfast eyes, determined resolve, confident steps, and clear, bold words.

3. Focus on the Task Before You (1 Samuel 14:11–16)

Jonathan ignored the enemy's mockery. He led the way and said, "The LORD has given them into our hands."

Climbing uphill, Jonathan and his armor-bearer struck down about twenty men, and panic spread throughout the Philistine camp.

Keep your eyes on the work God has placed before you.

Complete it faithfully and offer Him your very best.

4. Follow Spiritual Leadership (1 Samuel 14:7)

His armor-bearer replied,
"Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."
Walk in unity with your spiritual leaders.

The Mindset of Those Who Avoid the Battle vs.
Those Who Face the Battle

How will you respond when you...

- are the first believer in your family?
- share the gospel?
- face something you've never done before?
- deal with emotional struggles?
- experience relationship conflicts?
- encounter challenges at school or work?
- face accidents or illness?
- look toward an uncertain future?
- find yourself alone after 10 p.m.?

Will you retreat—or will you face the battle in faith?

🔊 Responsive Hymn

🔊 Announcement



1. **The Adult Sunday School (Q3) Sunday Class** began today. The **Online Class** will begin on **July 8**, with the first session serving as an orientation featuring encouragement from our pastors and elders, as well as testimony sharing. You are welcome to register by visiting <https://thfc.pse.is/sschool> or scanning the QR code on **page 1** of this week's bulletin.
2. **Child Sunday School** will host "**The Great Taste Adventure**" on **July 12, 19, and 26 (Sundays)** at **8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**. Through exciting drama, interactive games, and DIY snack-making, children will discover the love of Jesus. Children from **Kindergarten (Junior Class) through Grade 5** who are able to participate independently are welcome to join.
3. The "**Light Up**" **Worship Concert** will be held on **Saturday, July 18, at 1:30 PM** in the **4th Floor Main Sanctuary**. We warmly encourage you to invite young working adults to attend as we encounter the True Light through worship and personal testimonies, allowing our lives to be ignited with hope and faith.
4. Our church publishes "**The Father's Letters**" e-newsletter. You are welcome to subscribe by scanning the QR code on **page 1** of this week's bulletin and enjoy a daily, in-depth meditation on God's Word. This week's Bible reading schedule is **Luke chapters 20–22**.

🔊 The Lord's Prayer

🔊 Doxology

🔊 Benediction

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

