



🎵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:



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Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

♪ [Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
great and powerful Lord]x2
Lift up Your banner and let's shout for joy,
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
great and powerful Lord

† 向耶和華歌唱

Sing to the Jehovah

♪ Shall not be afraid, chosen people
But lift up your head-s high
Clouds, fire surround thee alone
You have God to trust in
Brave soldiers fight for the Lord
Raise your hands to proclaim
The river ceased; the sea is dry
God's mighty power is displayed
♪ *I will sing to Jehovah, yeh,
my salvation and my portion*
He is God Almighty, eternal God,
All breaths coming from Him
♪ **He delivers us from Satan
and be king to forevermore

† 感謝耶穌

Thank You Jesus

♪ Oh I thank You Lord,
for You're faithful and kind
All days in my life,
You are on my side
I offer my heart,
for Your mercies and grace
for me they are prepared
♪ Thank You Jesus, thank You Lord
Oh Your love fills up my heart
Your mighty grace I receive today.
Praise I dedicate

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 57:1-2, 7-11**

- 1 Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.
- 2 I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.
- 7 My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.
- 8 Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.
- 9 I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.
- 10 For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
- 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

🎵Praise

† 永不改變 **Yesterday, Today, Forever**

- ♪ O how sweet the glorious message
simple faith may claim
Yesterday, today, forever Jesus is the same.
Still He loves to save the sinful,
heal the sick and lame
Cheer the mourner, still the tempest,
glory to His Name. (Refrain)
- ♪ He, who was the Friend of sinners,
seeks the lost one now
Sinner come, and at His footstool penitently bow
He Who said "I'll not condemn thee,
go and sin no more,"
Speaks to thee that word of pardon
as in days of yore (Refrain)
- ♪ Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same.
All may change, but Jesus never!
(Glory to His Name! *3)
All may change, but Jesus never!
Glory to His Name!

🎵Special Music

† 主必再來&一同來讚美神 **Jesus Is Coming Soon**

- ♪ Marvelous message we bring,
Glorious carol we sing,
Wonderful word of the King,
Jesus is coming again!

Chorus

- *Coming again, Coming again,
May be morning, may be noon,
May be evening and may be soon!
Coming again, Coming again;
O what a wonderful day it will be -
Jesus is coming again!*
- ♪ Forest and flower exclaim,
Mountain and meadow the same,
All earth and heaven proclaim,
Jesus is coming again! * *
- ♪ Standing before Him at last,
Trial and trouble all past,
Crowns at His feet we will cast,
Jesus is coming again! * *

Come Praise the Lord with Me

♪ Come praise the Lord with me come praise the Lord!

Worthy is He to be praised and adored

Let us together His glories proclaim

Joining our voices to honor His name

♪ Cruel was the death he died when He was crucified

Pardon He did provide Pardon He did provide

Though in a tomb He lay death could not hold its prey

He tore the bars away He tore the bars away

♪ Though in His body He carries the scars

He is alive we can shout to the stars Shout to the stars

♪ Someday He's coming from heaven's bright throne

Coming earth's kingdoms to claim as His own

Coming in glory with banners unfurled

♪ All eyes shall see Him He'll rule the world

Jesus will rule the world

♪ Come praise the Lord with me come praise the Lord

*2

♪ Come praise the Lord

✠Scripture Reading:

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 22:3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will **serve Him**.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. **Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 We remember before our God and Father your **work produced by faith**, your **labor prompted by love**, and your **endurance** inspired by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

✠Sermon: Worth It? Absolutely Worth It!

~ Pastor Hsu

Is all my striving and hard work worth it?

We came into this world with nothing, and we will leave with nothing (**Job 1:21**). What, then, is the purpose for which God created us?

Job 1:21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

I. The Most Worthwhile Investment — Serving the Lord

Genesis 1:26; 2:15 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the

sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Exodus 3:12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you^{1a} will worship God on this mountain."

1. The Original Design (**Genesis 1:26; 2:15; Exodus 3:12**)

God created us in His image and likeness so that we might steward all that He has made. He placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it, keep it, and serve Him. Serving God is part of our original design.

Revelation 22:3; 14:13; 7:15 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

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."

7:15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

2. An Eternal Calling (**Revelation 22:3; 14:13; 7:15**)

In the new heaven and new earth, in the New Jerusalem, there will be the river of life and the tree of life, and God's servants will serve Him forever. When we leave this world and rest from our earthly labor, we will continue serving God. Washed by the blood of the Lamb, we will stand before His throne and serve Him.

Hebrews 9:14; 12:28 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

3. A Response of Gratitude (Hebrews 9:14; 12:28; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

Because we have received Jesus' forgiveness and have been rescued from death, our proper response is to **serve the living God**.

Since we have received **an unshakable kingdom**, we should give heartfelt thanks to God and eagerly serve Him.

Having received God's amazing love and His delight in us, it is only right that we devote ourselves to serving Him.

The spirit of service at THFC (Taiwan harmony Friendship Church): "Be steadfast and immovable. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is never in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

1 Thessalonians 1:3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Service That Pleases God (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

1. Work Produced by Faith

Serving God is an act of faith—an obedient response to Him.

Hebrews 11 shows us men and women whose faithful service became a lasting testimony.

2. Labor Prompted by Love

This labor includes effort, hardship, diligence, and sacrifice.

Out of love, we carry the burdens of our brothers and sisters, weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice. Visiting someone in the hospital, offering a cup of cold water, speaking a word of encouragement, or praying for another person—these acts deeply please God.

Hebrews 11:13–14 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

3. Endurance Inspired by Hope

We look forward to the return of Jesus and the glory of His kingdom. Therefore, we persevere, endure to the end, and never give up. With an unshakable hope, we continue serving the Lord.

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

“They saw the promises from afar, welcomed them with joy, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth, seeking a better heavenly home.” (Hebrews 11:13–14)

“Success does not have to happen through me, but I must be part of it!”

🎵 Responsive Hymn

勇敢走出去 Stepping Out

- ♪ I am not perfect, I am not special
But You gave Your life on the cross for me, O Lord
I am so weak and confused sometimes
But You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- ♪ I will follow You, oh Lord, wherever You go.
Lead me to the end of the world,
and never turn back
Let the sound of praises fill in the world,
prayers everywhere
May Your revival start from us now,
to bring Your love to the world
- ♪ No matter what will happen, I'll never give up
Empower me and make me brave,
Lord, I will step out with you

🎤 Announcement

1. The **Children Sunday School** will hold a special event, "**A Delicious Adventure**," on **July 19 and July 26 (Sunday)** at **8:30 AM** and **10:30 AM**. Through an exciting drama, interactive games, and DIY snacks, children will learn about God's provision and Jesus' love. Children from **Kindergarten (senior class)** through **5th grade** who can participate independently are welcome to join.
2. 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.
3. 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 23 through **John chapters 1**.

☞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 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.

❖ This Week's Gatherings

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

Seniors' Fellowship (松柏團契) (Seniors): Tuesday 8:00 AM / 1F Cloud Hall

Couple Fellowship (家恩團契) (Couples, married adults, and single parents)

· Super Family Fun : **Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall**

· Happy Moms Group : **Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall**

· Warm Garden Group : **Tuesday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall**

Careers Fellowship (晨星團契) (Working young adults): Saturday 1:30 PM / B1 Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship (合一青年學院) (High school to graduate students): Saturday 1:30 PM / Meet at 1F Cloud Hall

Teens Fellowship (閃耀少年學院) (Grade 6 to Grade 9)

• Life Story Sharing: **Saturday 10:30 AM / 1F Cloud Hall**

• Youth Worship: **Sunday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall**

Children Sunday School (希望種子學院) (Preschool to Grade 5):

Sunday 8:30 AM (3F), Sunday 10:30 AM – Kindergarten (5F), Elementary (3F)

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