



🎵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:



† 因祢的慈愛比生命更好 **Thy Loving Kindness**

♪ Thy loving kindness is better than life x2
My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee
Thy loving kindness is better than life

† 新天地 **New Heaven and Earth**

♪ We want to come before the Lord
Come before Your throne joyfully
Praise You for sufficient grace is all around us
We want to come before the Lord
Come before Your throne joyfully
Raise my hands high to sing
for Your wonderful deeds
♪ Hallelujah come praise the Lord
Hallelujah worship the Lord
Because You have created
the beautiful new heaven and earth
♪ Hallelujah come praise the Lord
Hallelujah worship the Lord
Because You have prepared
the new heaven and earth

† 多美麗 **Beautiful**

♪ Beautiful, beautiful Jesus is beautiful
and Jesus makes beautiful things of my life,
things of my life.
♪ Carefully touching me causing my eyes to see,
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life,
things of my life.

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 61:1-8**

1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer..
2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.
4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.
5 For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
6 Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.
7 May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.
8 Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

🎵Praise

† 美哉主耶穌 **Fairest Lord Jesus, We Love You**

♪ Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
♪ Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.
♪ All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.
♪ Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine

🎵Special Music

† 主啊 差遣我直到地極

Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation

♪ Send us, Lord to every nation
Let us fill the earth with praise
Reaching out to all creation with Your healing touch of grace
Let us take our alleluias far beyond these sacred walls
May this be our declaration
Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord of all!
♪ Send us, Lord, to help our neighbor
form in us a servant's heart
For Your kingdom, let us labor,
let a strong commitment start
Let us live our love for others.
Let us lift all those who fall.
Standing firm, we shall not waver
Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord of all!
♪ Give us, Lord, Your great commission
Send us out by Your might!
Grant us strength and braver vision
Grant us courage! Grant us wisdom!
Send forth Your light!
♪ Send us, Lord, with great jubilation joyful in the faith we claim.
Going forth with glad adoration,
changing lives in Jesus' name.
Till the day You come in glory,
We will heed Your parting call.
We will share this wondrous story:
Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord! Christ is Lord of all!
Christ is Lord of all!

🔊Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1, 12–14

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?

12–14 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

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.

🔊Sermon: Turning the Tide, Bringing New Life ~ Pastor Dong

(Psalm 27) reveals one of the most painful and difficult seasons in David's life.

What should we do in times like these?

How can we remain strong, courageous, full of faith, and at peace while experiencing God's salvation and seeing Him turn our situation around?

Psalm 27:9–12 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I. Surrounded by Crisis (Psalm 27:9–12)

Crises remind us that we cannot live without God. They reveal how small and limited we are, leading us to humble ourselves before Him instead of becoming proud, loving the world, or living as though we do not need God.

(Psalm 27:12) shows that David was in extreme danger:

- He was surrounded by slander, false accusations, and vicious attacks.
- He was on the verge of falling into his enemies' hands, with no way out in sight.
- Even those closest to him had abandoned him.
- Worst of all, he felt as though God had abandoned him.

II. Fight Back Immediately (Psalm 27:14)

(Psalm 27:14) tells us to be strong, take heart, and wait for the Lord.

Hold firmly to the truth of (Psalm 27:1)

Psalm 27:2–3 When the wicked advance against me to devour[a] me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

This faith is built on two convictions:

1. Believe that the enemy will be defeated and the crisis will come to an end (Psalm 27:2).
2. Believe that your heart can remain strong and unshaken even in the battle (Psalm 27:3).

No matter how powerful the enemy may seem, this faith enables us to grow stronger through every battle until God gives us complete victory. So what was David's secret?

III. The Three Keys to Victory

Psalm 27:4–7 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.

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

To have this kind of faith, we must hold on to three essential keys:

1. Treasure God (Psalm 27:4)

Long for God's presence and remain close to Him.

Make it your lifelong pursuit to seek Him and call upon Him continually.

2. Thank God (Psalm 27:5–6)

Choose gratitude and never forget God's goodness.

Offer specific thanks and praise to Him.

A lack of gratitude causes faith to collapse, but thanksgiving lifts our faith higher.

3. Cry Out to God (Psalm 27:7)

Earnestly pray to God in times of crisis.

Develop a daily life of praying in the Spirit on all occasions. A close relationship with God prepares us to face life's greatest challenges with the same victorious faith that David had.

2 Samuel 8:14 He put garrisons throughout Edom, and all the Edomites became subject to David. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.

Conclusion

The source of victory and deliverance is always God:
"The Lord gave David victory wherever he went."
(2 Samuel 8:14)

Our choice is to keep our eyes on God and give thanks to Him.

God treasures us deeply. As we hold on to these three keys—**treasure God, thank God, and cry out to God**—He will turn our darkest moments into seasons of hope, bringing breakthrough, restoration, and new life when all seems lost.

✠ Responsive Hymn

† 祢的恩典夠我用 **Your Grace Is Enough**

♪ Times and tides will shift and change.

Only Your love will remain.

In all sea-sons, Your good-ness overflows.

Through the fire and the rain, Jesus, You will be my strength.

Every moment, Your pres-ence is here.

♪ Lord, Your grace- is enough.

In my weakness You are strong.

In You, Je-sus, I have overcome.

I will sing of Your great love, of Your nev-er chang-ing love.

Fol-lowing after You, all my life.

✠ Announcement

1. The **Teens Fellowship** will hold "**Brand New! A New You**" **Life Story Concert** on **Saturday, July 25, at 10:30 AM**. Students from **6th grade to 9th grade** are warmly welcome. Invite your friends to enjoy inspiring life stories, worship songs, and experience God's renewing love.

2. The **Careers Fellowship** will hold "**Professor Hippo's Special Recipes – Love in the Countryside**" on **Saturday, July 25, at 1:30 PM** in the **4th Floor Sanctuary**. The speaker is **Professor Wen-Liang Chang**. Invite your family and friends to come and discover God's love together.

3. **Children Sunday School** will hold a special event, "**The Great Food Adventure**," on **Sunday, July 26, at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**. Through exciting drama, fun games, and DIY snacks, children will learn about God's provision and Jesus' love. Children from **kindergarten (older class)** through **5th grade** who can participate independently are welcome.

4. Our church publishes the "**Father's Letter**" e-newsletter. You are welcome to scan the **QR code on page 1 of the bulletin** to subscribe and enjoy daily Bible meditation. This week's Bible reading is **John chapters 2–4**.

✠ 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

