



☞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:



† 從主而來的喜樂 **The Joy of the Lord**
 ♪ The joy of the Lord is my strength

† 主的喜樂是我力量

The Joy of the Lord is my Strength

♪ You are my joy, You are my strength
 My hope is in salvation's song
 I will cling to You when I'm lost
 I will trust in You in the dark
 I will sing and dance, rejoice in You my God
 ♪ I praise Your name in times of sorrow or in joy
 I praise Your name with the rising and
 the setting sun. I worship You, my God,
 My praise will never cease
 I dance and sing to You, my King,
 I dance and sing and freely praise
 I shout to You, You are my God, my glorious King

† 永遠尊貴 **All Honor to You**

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God.
 For You alone deserve all praise
 Heaven and earth declare Your glory
 You're the Messiah
 ♪ *Exalt the King, worship the King
 Exalt Your name above all names*
 Your kingdom reigns in heaven and earth
 All perfect and true, all power to you
 ♪ * *Your glory fills the heaven and earth
 All praises to You, all honor to You

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1-8**

1 Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
2 You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
3 When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
4 Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
6 who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,
7 who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

☞Praise

† 快樂頌 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

♪ Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day!
 ♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 Singing bird and flowing fountain
 call us to rejoice in Thee.
 ♪ Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blessed,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
 all who live in love are Thine;
 Teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.
 ♪ Mortals, join the happy chorus,
 which the morning stars began;
 Father love is reigning o'er us,
 brother love binds man to man.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music leads us Sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

☞Special Music

† 藏在祢翅膀蔭下 **Hidden Under Your Wings**

♪ Those who dwell in Your secret place
 Find their rest within Your grace.
 In the quiet of Your presence, Lord,
 I have found my hiding place.
 You are my refuge, You are my God,
 The One in whom I trust.
 Through the terror of the night,
 the arrows of the day,
 Your light makes my heart strong.
 ♪ [Hidden under Your wings, There I live in peace.
 Your faithfulness becomes my shield;
 Your mercy sets me free.
 My heart will sing forevermore,
 To praise my Lord and King.
 Safe forever, evermore, Hidden under Your wings.]
 ♪ You command Your angels, Lord,
 To guard us day and night.
 Though storms may rise and earth may shake,
 You lead us through the fight.
 Because the Most High loves us so,
 When we call, You will save.
 Eternal life and perfect light—In You I'm satisfied.
 ♪ [] For You alone are my dwelling place,

Forever true, unchanged.
My heart will sing, my soul will follow;
O Lord, I trust in You. []
(Hidden under Your wings)*2
I will take refuge in You, Hidden under Your wings.

✠Scripture Reading: Jonah 4:1, 3, 4, 9-11

1 But Jonah was greatly **displeased** and became **angry**.

3 "Now, LORD, **take away my life**, for it is better for me to **die** than to live."

4 But the LORD replied, "**Is it right for you to be angry?**"

9-11 But God said to Jonah, "**Is it right for you to be angry** about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "**I'm so angry** I wish I were dead."

10 But the LORD said, "You have been **concerned** about this plant, though you **did not tend it or make it grow**. It sprang up overnight and died overnight."

11 And should I not have **concern** for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

✠Sermon: What Am I Really Angry About?

~ Pastor Hsu

Jonah's conversation with God reveals a heart filled with anger (Jonah 4:1, 4, 9).

Anger affects our physical health, emotional well-being, relationships, judgment, work, and behavior.

Anger is like **slamming the gas pedal**—it turns us into a **walking bomb**.

I. The Triggers of Anger

Jonah 4:1-3 But Jonah was greatly **displeased** and became **angry**.

2 He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

3 "Now, LORD, **take away my life**, for it is better for me to **die** than to live."

Psalm 37:1, 7-8 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

7-8 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

1. "God, You were wrong!" (Jonah 4:1-3; Psalm 37:1, 7-8)

God chose not to destroy Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. The people of Nineveh were cruel and violent, yet God showed them mercy instead of judgment. Jonah was furious.

Sometimes we see wicked people prosper, succeed, become wealthy, and act proudly. Life feels unfair, and we wonder, "**God, where are You?**"

Jonah 4:8-10 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "**Is it right for you to be angry** about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "**I'm so angry** I wish I were dead."

10 But the LORD said, "You have been **concerned** about this plant, though you **did not tend it or make it grow**. It sprang up overnight and died overnight."

2. "I deserved it!" (Jonah 4:8-10)

The plant that had provided Jonah with shade died overnight.

The hot sun beat down on him, and he wanted to die.

God asked, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

Jonah replied, "Yes! I have every right to be angry!"

His anger came from believing,

"I had this, so I should still have it."

Why did I lose my health, my wealth, my family, my recognition, or my success?

3. "I did everything You asked!" (Jonah 4:2)

Jonah had correct theology. He prayed. He obeyed. He served God.

Yet his heart was far from God.

Deep inside he complained, "**God, I did everything You wanted, but things only became worse.**"

Outwardly he looked like a successful prophet. Inwardly he was filled with bitterness and resentment.

There was still an area of his heart that was not surrendered to God—

his emotions, desires, longing for approval, pursuit of money, or love of comfort.

II. From Anger to Renewal

1. God asks gentle questions. (Jonah 4:4, 9)

God gently asked, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Jesus often asked questions that helped people stop and reflect.

God gently leads us (**Isaiah 40:11**).
He carries us in His arms (**Isaiah 46:3–4; 63:9**).
We are His sheep, and we should listen to His voice (**John 10:4, 16, 27**).

Isaiah 40:11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 46:3–4, 6; 63:9 "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born.

4 Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

6 Some pour out gold from their bags and weigh out silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god, and they bow down and worship it.

63:9 In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

John 10:4, 16, 27 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Application:

When you are angry:

- Be quiet for ten seconds.
- Step away from the situation.
- Think about why the other person spoke that way.
- Reflect on God's Word.

When someone else is angry:

Don't become **an emotional vacuum cleaner**. Instead, build **an emotional moat**. Remember: **They're not simply an angry bird—they're drowning and crying for help.**

Jonah 4:6–8; 1:17 Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give

shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.

7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

1:17 Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2. God teaches through life's circumstances. (Jonah 4:6–8; 1:17; Romans 8:28)

God prepared: a plant, a worm, a scorching wind, the blazing sun, and a great fish.

God carefully arranged these lessons to shape Jonah's life.

He causes all things to work together for good. God is the Master Director.

Application:

When you're angry, pause and ask:

"What is God teaching me through this situation, this person, this Bible passage, or today's sermon?"

When others are angry, help them see **the bigger picture** through vivid illustrations and gentle conversation.

1 Timothy 1:15–16 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

3. God's heart is full of mercy. (Jonah 4:10–11; 1 Timothy 1:15–16)

Jonah cared deeply about one small plant. God cared far more about the people of Nineveh.

If Jonah could care for a plant and for Israel, how much more should he love every child and every nation?

God loved not only Nineveh — He also loved Jonah. He used the sea, the storm, the fish, the plant, the worm, and the wind because He refused to give up on him.

We must remember how much mercy God has shown us.

Paul's passion for sharing the gospel came from knowing that he himself had received great mercy as the foremost sinner.

The book of Jonah ends with an open question.
I am Jonah. How will I respond to God's love?

Application:

When you're angry, remember how many people love you, forgive you, and care for you. Most of all, remember that God is patiently waiting for you. Choose gratitude.

When someone else is angry, love them with wisdom, patience, and compassion—just as Christ has loved you.



Responsive Hymn

† 愛 我願意 Love, I Surrender

♪ The light from the cross shines so gentle and kind,
Carrying the power of Your love, it shines upon me.
My heart will no longer hide,
I offer my whole life to You.
May Your love pour over me,
In Your love I find freedom and release.

♪ (I am willing to surrender,)*2

In the embrace of Your love,

♪ (I am willing to surrender,)*2

In the embrace of Your love,

I am willing to surrender.

(You are my Lord,)*2 Forever in Your loving arms,
You are mine, You are my Lord.

Announcement

1. Our church will hold the **“Jesus Makes My Heart Sing” Life Story Concert** on Sunday, August 23, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary on the fourth floor. Through choir performances, inspiring testimonies, and biblical truth, we will share stories of victorious lives that come from God. Please pray for this event and invite your non-Christian family and friends to join us and experience the joy of salvation together.
2. Super Family Fun will hold a **“Parent-Child Indoor Concert”** on Tuesday, August 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium on the third floor. Parents and children are welcome to join us, enjoy live music, and spend a wonderful time together filled with beautiful music.
3. Our church publishes the **“Heavenly Father’s Family Letter”** e-newsletter. Please scan the QR code on page 1 of the weekly bulletin to subscribe and spend time each day deeply reflecting on

God’s Word. **This week’s Bible reading is John chapters 11–13.**

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

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