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## Worship Education Sunday - Worship Order

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship – Psalm 107:21-22

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.*

*Let them sacrifice thank offerings  
and tell of his works with songs of joy.*

#### Songs of Praise

#### Corporate Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 7:21-28

#### Sermon – Worship the LORD and incline our ear

#### Response Song

#### Offertory Prayer

#### Welcome & Family News

#### Monthly Bible Verse – Proverbs 2:3-5

*Indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,  
and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,  
then you will understand the fear of the LORD  
and find the knowledge of God.*

#### Doxology & Benediction

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<b>Speaker:</b>	Rev. Stera Chan	<b>Chairperson :</b>	Joseph Ho
<b>Praise Leader :</b>	Marianna Yu & Fri Team	<b>Scripture Reader :</b>	Roland Bruce
<b>Pianist:</b>	Sarah Chow	<b>PowerPoint:</b>	David Yeung
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Heidi Kan, Lily Cheung, Ailene Almodiente		
<b>Offering Counters</b>	David Wong, Jason Choi		
<b>Sound System:</b>	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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For onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures, [click here](#).

For worship service arrangements in extreme weather, [click here](#) for details.

## Long to Encounter God

By Rev Philip Chow

Today is one of the Sundays in January 2023. The alarm clock rang on time at 7am in the morning.

I woke up, freshened myself up, got changed, ate breakfast and went out so I could get to the Main Church before 8:30am. When I arrived, the choir was already in the worship hall warming up their voices and preparing to offer their praises at the worship service. Those in other serving roles of the worship service were also getting ready the things and information they needed. Soon afterwards, brothers and sisters gradually arrived, and the worship service began. I did not feel anything special in my heart.

The congregational song today is one of my favorites – with a powerful melody coupled with uplifting lyrics. Even though I was still standing at the front door to welcome brothers and sisters who were slightly late, the melody echoed in my heart when I heard the congregational singing in the worship hall. After the corporate prayer, I went to the reserved seat to continue to worship. I did not feel anything special in my heart.

Everything seems “automatic.” From waking up to traveling to church to the end of the worship service, I do the same thing every Sunday. I did not feel anything special in my heart.

Would that also be your “itinerary” to attend worship service at church every week?

The worship service is the most widely attended meeting at church every week. Brothers and sisters from various fellowships and of different ages gather together, longing for their encounter with the LORD at this time. Although the worship order is almost the same every week, we return to the sanctuary to worship the LORD with reverence and fear after a week of living. We thank the Heavenly Father for His presence and for walking with us. We also long to receive the holy word from Him during the worship service that will encourage us to stand firm in the truth and live out a good testimony. And even though we may not feel differently than the other days, the Heavenly Father’s work and guidance is full of His grace. If we look at all His work attentively, that can surely help spur us on to more active participation in the worship service.

The worship service is not a weekly “routine” – like going to church every week without any special feeling, doing it as a believer’s “duty,” or completing an assignment from the Heavenly Father and forgetting the sermon when the worship service is over.

The worship service is also not for making oneself feel good, choosing only the messages one “likes.” Rather, we need to make an effort. Just thinking about the Heavenly Father’s presence and guidance should be sufficient for encouraging us to praise Jesus Christ who grants redemption and who has victory over the power of death. It should make us humble ourselves to receive the word of God and to better lead a Christ-centered life.

What do you long for in the worship service – a time to encounter God – in worshipping Him, receiving His word, committing yourself to Him, and obeying and living out His truth?

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230129/>

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219  
Feb 3 Bible Study: Jesus Christ's Death     10 Special: Escape Game  
17 Topical: Lent     24 Treasure Room: Future Spouse
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10:00pm, Rms 217-8  
Feb 3 Topical: Discipleship     10 Bible Study: Jeremiah  
17 Group Dinner     24 Prayer Meeting: Meditation
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Praying and seeking God's direction for the fellowship. Sat Feb 11 & 25, 5-7pm, Truth Centre's Retreat Room.
- **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Games Day; Sun Feb 12, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Couples Fellowship**: Sun Jan 29, 12:30 CNY lunch and 2:30 Sat-7
- **Women's Fellowship**: Thanksgiving & New Year Resolution; Introduction of the study of "Gospel of John" using WordGo App; Sun Jan 29, 1-3:15pm, Rm 215
- **EM Prayer Meeting**: Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- **Children's Program**: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service; CP2: Rm 219; CP3: Rm 211

### 2. Other meetings

- **Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings**: Sun Feb 5, after worship service
- **Men's Group Meeting**: Sat Feb 18, 12:30-2:30pm

3. **2023 Yearly theme**: Discern & Proclaim God's Grace. Pass on Legacy & Spread the Aroma.  
**Sermon theme (Jan-Mar)**: Fear, Know and Experience God in Everyday Life.

4. **Bible Reading Plans & Devotional materials**: *"To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams"* (1 Samuel 15:22b). Worshipping God is to trust and obey His word. You can use EM's booklet with Bible reading plans, Bible study resources and devotional materials to learn about God's word. [Click here](#) to download the booklet.

5. **SAT-7 MENA Satellite TV Sharing & SAT-7 HK Inauguration Ceremony**: SAT-7 broadcasts Christian content to support churches and Christians in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA). Learn more about their ministry and celebrate their inauguration in Hong Kong.  
*Date & Time*: Sun Jan 29 (TODAY), 2:30-4:15pm; *Speakers*: Rita El-Mounayer, SAT-7 CEO & Kurt Johansen, Executive Director, SAT-7 Europe, Asia and Pacific; *Venue*: Worship Hall, 1/F, Truth Centre; *Language*: English (Cantonese interpretation is available).

6. **The Art of Chinese Seal Exhibition "The Seal of Grace" 「〈恩典印記〉閒章展」**: *Artist*: Mr. Mo Po Chun 毛寶珍, *Date*: Sat Jan 14-Sun Feb 26; *Time*: 10am-9pm (Fri & Sat); 2-5pm (Sun); *Venue*: Gallery, G/F, Truth Centre (next to block 6 reception); *Enquiries*: Pastor Lo Yuet Mei (2979-3600). (Detail: Chinese Bulletin Page 5)

7. **NPAC Newsletter:** Starting from this year, the NPAC Newsletter will be published bi-monthly, and each issue will consist of 16 instead of 12 pages. There will be updates on the content and design.
  8. **EM mission trip will resume this summer.** We are planning to have our mission trip in Chiang Mai, Thailand around mid-late July. Detail and exact date to be confirmed. Let's pray for the Lord's guidance and help us in preparation for His mission.
- ★ **What's at our Info Table?** NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more!

### Prayer Corner

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

### Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

## Prayer Items

1. **UK:** A well-developed country with a long history of Christianity, the UK has incubated many influential Christian scholars and spiritual leaders throughout history. However, the UK today is deeply influenced by atheism, secular values and other religions, especially Islam. The country is also suffering from crime, disparity of wealth, sexual immorality, etc. Pray for God's mercy and the revival of their faith in Jesus. Pray that the country's leaders will turn to Jesus and make decisions according to the Bible. Pray for softened hearts for the people in seeing Jesus as the Savior and Lord of all. Pray that the churches and missionaries will continue to teach the truth and preach the gospel. Pray that God will use the Christian immigrants from Hong Kong to share with the locals and foreigners their faith and testify for Jesus. Learn more from [Prayercast](#).
2. **Elderly:** Ask God to protect our elderly' mental and physical health. Pray that those who haven't come to Jesus yet will open their hearts to the gospel and the truth. Pray for ourselves not to forget to spend time with them and care for their needs. Ask God to use our effort of caring for them to draw them near to Himself.
3. **Moses and Bonnie (newly wedded on Jan 28):** Pray that they will live out the spiritual quality taught in the Bible. Pray that they will strive for spiritual growth through this new chapter of life. Pray that they will rely on God, edify one another, and bless their immediate and extended families with their spiritual fruit.

**Next Sun Feb 5:** Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan ("God's name is awesome and dependable", Exodus 20:7; 6:4-9; 34:4-7; Proverbs 30:1-9); Holy Communion: Rev. Stera Chan; Chairperson: Joseph Trinh; Praise Leader: Joseph Trinh & Fri Team; Pianist: Minnie Ho; Scripture Reader: Wilson Lam; Communion Usher: Imelda Choi; Welcome Team: Josephine Kam, Celia Wong, Matthew Kam; Offering Counter: Jasmin Delos Reyes, Josephine Kwan; PowerPoint: Claire Liao.