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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 48:9-10

*Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.*

*Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 46

Sermon – Our refuge in uncertain times

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Luke 8:38b-39

*But Jesus sent him away, saying,
“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”
So the man went away and told all over town
how much Jesus had done for him.*

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

Guest Speaker:	Rev. Gordon Smith	Chairperson:	Moses Chen
Praise Leader:	Moses Chen & Team	Scripture Reader:	Jason Choi
Pianist:	Minnie Ho	PowerPoint:	Claudia Chan
Welcome Team:	Fenny Wong, Uno Tai, Faith Trinh, Ailene Quebatay		
Offering Counters:	Heidi Kan, Vincy Ng		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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

A Diary of Thanksgiving on COVID Infection

By Rev Jenny Ching

The other day when I woke up, my heart was full of gratitude. A night's sound sleep gave me such joy and satisfaction. At the time of writing, it is the fifth day after I was confirmed COVID positive. Before that, I could hardly sleep even though my body was tired due to non-stop coughing and nasal congestion. Today, I realize that sleep could bring infinite joy, and yet this experience is nothing to be taken for granted. There was nothing I could do to make it happen. It is indeed a great blessing from the gracious God who deeply loves me. The Lord's love gives me motivation to recount His grace.

The World Health Organization declared on May 5 that COVID no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. I was confirmed positive the next day. But that day also marked the beginning of my experience of God's love. He watches over me every moment. Looking back on the day I was confirmed positive, I was not as shocked as I had imagined. My heart was unusually calm and peaceful. It was very different from my shock when I knew of my family's infection. The Lord used three years to prepare me to calmly face my own infection! I also found that this was the week that was relatively most "suitable" for my confirmed infection. Just before this, the Lord gave me the strength and voice to complete leading the prayer meeting on Thursday night. In the past three years, I often worried that any COVID infection on my part would increase the workload of fellow pastors. But in the weekend I was confirmed positive, I did not need to preach or lead the congregation. The Heavenly Father seemed to have taken into account even my unwillingness to add to my co-workers' workload. This convinced me that what happened to me was not random. My times are in the Lord's hands (Psalm 31:15). As I write this, I almost burst into tears...

"You have a temperature – 38.3 degrees. Is this tough for you? Are you dizzy or do you feel like vomiting? Let us know if you feel unwell," the nurse asked gently and I could feel the warmth. Due to my fever, I had soreness, pain and fatigue all over my body. But very thankfully, I fell into deep sleep after taking the medicine when I went home. The next day, the sickness entered Phase II. I only had a slight fever but the pain in my throat was so severe that it interrupted my sleep. The day after that, I coughed non-stop. I tossed and turned throughout the night and my body was so exhausted that I felt as if I was not even able to get up. I asked myself: What should I do? Then I prayed time and again: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." The Lord really heard it, and He said the same thing a few times: "This is the path you must go through, but I am here!" Half awake, I could feel great comfort and strength. Since this is the path I must go through and the Lord is with me, I will accept it! I could feel that the Lord gave me strength to accept the continuous coughing, tossing and turning, but I had peace in my heart. Soon I awakened at daybreak. From that day onwards, my cough and throat soreness slowly subsided, and I could sleep again. When I finished writing, it was Day 7 of my infection. The Lord has restored my health.

May the Lord Jesus who keeps us every moment bestow healing and comfort so that brothers and sisters and our families who are ill could recover speedily. May we experience the meticulous care and keeping of the Lord together.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230521/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
May 26 No meeting Jun 2 Treasure Room
9 Bible Study 16 Special: TBC
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10pm, Rms 217-8
May 26 No meeting Jun 2 Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount
9 Prayer Meeting 16 Book Study 1: The Radical Disciple
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Sat, 5-6:30pm, Rms 217-8
May 27 Bible Study: God's Mercy Jun 10 Retreat: Renewal
- **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully (Chapter 12-14); Sun May 28, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- **Women's Fellowship**: The Gospel of John: Jesus' Words of Life; Sun May 28, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Love Feast on Sun Jun 11, 12:30-2:30pm, Rms 205-206
- **EM Prayer Meeting**: Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- **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 Jun 4, after worship service
- **Thailand Mission Team pre-trip meeting**: Sun Jun 4, 1-3pm; Rms 217-8

3. Prayer Request Card: If you want to share your prayer request with our pastors, you can fill out the Prayer Request Card (available at our Info Table and Education Centre reception). Return it to Education Centre reception or drop it in the yellow collection box on the Info Table.

4. NPAC Retreat Corner 「靜修閣」: "Be still, and know that I am God... I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10) You can use the NPAC Retreat Corner (1/F of Truth Centre) to rest and "be still" in the LORD's presence. To book the venue, [download the application form here](#). Details of application and the use of the venue are printed on the form.

5. EM Youth Summer Camp "I'm Lovin' Him": Join us for the 2-day-0-night summer day camp at church. All youth (secondary school students & those starting secondary school in Aug/Sep 2023) are welcome! *Dates: Fri Jul 14 & Sat Jul 15 Program: Praise, devotion, Bible study, topical, prayers, games, crafts etc.) To apply: [Click here for registration](#) by Fri Jun 30. Enquiries: em_youth@npac.org.hk*

6. C&MA Newsletter 宣訊 (Chinese): The May issue is now online. The feature article talks about the biblical view of marriage and family. In addition, there are some other articles of testimony and spiritual sharing. Click [the links here](#) to view.

7. **Volunteers needed for EM's Resource Library:** Opens every Sun after worship service until around 12:20pm. The purpose is to provide spiritual resources for growth in the knowledge of the Bible, spiritual life, and ministry. We need at least two more volunteers to take turns to serve during the opening time and plan together to promote the Resource Library.
8. **Children's English Camp Volunteers Recruitment:** This summer activity serves children from kindergarten to junior high in the local community. Through different activities, we offer them a platform to learn English and enjoy friendship during the summer break. *Date & Time:* Aug 14-18 (Mon to Fri), 10am to 1:30pm at Education Centre, Sat Aug 19: Outdoor activity. Interested in joining the volunteers' team, contact Pastor Clement Siu (2807-5200)
9. **Opening Hours:** All sites will be closed on Fri May 26 (public holiday).

Prayer Corner

What are the needs of your non-believing families and friends? Come to the Prayer Corner and share with the Prayer Corner members. We have also prepared some special Bible verse bookmarks for you to share with your friends and families. Let's pray together for their salvation.

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 4th Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For details, please visit: <https://npacem.org/titheandoffering/>

Prayer Items

1. **Ethnic Minorities in HK** including Nepalese, Pakistani, and Indians have a long history of living here. Many of these minorities continue to face language barriers and poverty. Pray that more resources from society will be given to them for better education. Pray for them to get language and cultural sensitivity training to connect well with local communities. Pray for the religious and cultural barriers to be breached for evangelistic opportunities. Learn more about their needs from [Christian Action](#).
2. **NPAC Pastoral Team** has finished a two-day mid-year evaluation camp (May 17-18). Pray that God's wisdom and encouragement will strengthen them in serving and preaching God's word. Pray for the Spirit's guidance as they seek to lead the church. Ask God to raise up more leaders in NPAC and EM to serve together with the pastoral team and bringing people to Christ.
3. **Worship Service Serving Teams:** Give thanks for their dedicated service. Pray for the praise teams to always be led by the Holy Spirit as they lead us into worship. Pray that the biblical messages in the songs draw us closer to God. Give thanks to our faithful Welcome Teams, PowerPoint operators, sound technicians and all who serve. Ask God to raise up more brothers and sisters to use their gifts and talents to serve.

Next Sun May 28: Speaker: Pastor Lawrence Choy ("The Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say", Luke 12:1-12); Chairperson: Joshua Kan; Praise Leader: Joshua Kan & Team; Pianist: Stephiane Poon; Scripture Reader: Edna Sables; Welcome Team: Josephine Kam, Brian Tse, Wilson Lam, Celia Wong; Offering Counter: Beatrice Wong, Nathaniel Bruce, Jasmin Delos Reyes, Kent Ang; PowerPoint: Shayne Descartin.