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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 8:1,3-4

*LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Scripture Reading – Luke 10:17-24

Sermon – Rejoice that your names are written in heaven

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

Speaker:	Rev. Philip Chow	Holy Communion:	Rev. Philip Chow
Chairperson:	Joseph Trinh	Praise Leader:	Marianna Yu & Fri Team
Scripture Reader:	Howard Liu	Pianist:	Fenny Wong
PowerPoint:	David Yeung	Communion Usher:	Imelda Choi
Welcome Team:	Couples Fellowship – David Wong, Claire Liao, Roland Bruce, Xing Li		
Offering Counters:	Jasmin Delos Reyes, Josephine Kwan		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

For Live broadcast, please [click here](#) or search "NPAC English Service" on YouTube (recording available until Tue).

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

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

Testimonies of Overseas Chinese

By Rev Yina Chow

I had the opportunity to attend the 7th Chinese Alliance World Fellowship (CAWF) Conference in mid-March in Manchester, Britain. Its theme was “Mission Next! New Waves in New Era.” A total of 203 delegates from 21 countries attended the conference. Through the admirable sharing of mission teams and church pastors from different places, I felt as if I had traveled around the world and learned the history of overseas Chinese churches in the short span of a few days. I was amazed at the wondrous and awe-inspiring work of the gospel that God has been doing at various mission fields through the Christian and Missionary Alliance!

Diaspora Missiology is a hot topic in recent years. The word “disperse” was first used in the Old Testament to refer to the process of Jews being taken captive beyond Israel. It was also used in the New Testament to depict God’s people – the mass exodus of followers of Christ to foreign nations temporarily or permanently due to persecution or other reasons. But as far as today’s believers are concerned, dispersion in foreign lands is no longer confined to personal or family considerations. It is also an affirmation of our identity: “*chosen people*” of God (1 Peter 2:9), and an unforgettable mission: “*You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). Statistics indicate there are more than 60 million overseas Chinese worldwide. How can these scattered disciples testify in the vast harvest field?

The father of modern missions, William Carey, has said, “To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.” When I spread out my map, I see the Chinese Christian communities that I have served in the past. I see old Chinese migrants, businesspeople, restaurant workers, students and scholars, retirees, and new NPAC migrants in the UK that I have just visited. Their testimonies can no doubt become a book of testimonies. Due to limited space, I will only briefly mention a few below.

The mobility of overseas Chinese is high and resources in the fields vary. Missionaries and pastors are always in the mode of pioneering, accelerated discipleship and intensive training. Equipping believers is an urgent task as believers are the greatest resource for supporting the pastoring in churches in under-staffed places where they are dispersed. A lady who recently arrived Europe came to Christ after spending a few months in a missionary’s home, and she also nurture seekers. A brother with a doctoral degree was moved at a training course and willingly serves the Lord in full-time ministry, leaving behind his dreams and wealth. Businesspeople and scholars who are new believers boldly testify for the Lord at all costs on return to their home countries, spreading the gospel to relatives and colleagues. When missionaries visited the churches these people attended in their countries of origin, they saw the fruit of their labor all sitting around them. It was amazing how one seed could bear multiple fruit. Some early Chinese migrant believers have made generous offerings to buy a church premise to prepare space for believers. Believers who hunger and thirst for righteousness would drive for hours to attend worship services. There are lay ministry leaders who have to spend a few hours on the train to and from the church to attend a training class. There are also lay ministry leaders who proactively volunteer to serve in the important roles of Bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers, pianists, praise team members, etc.

All these testimonies add depth to the meaning of dispersion: “Scattered afar and asunder; gather in the house of God”!

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230507/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:30pm, Rm 219
May 12 Special: The Amazing Race *19* Topical: Clubbing
26 No meeting *Jun 2* TBC
- **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-10pm, Rms 217-8
May 12 Group Night *19* Prayer Walk
26 No meeting *Jun 2* Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount
- **Tentmakers** (young working adults): Sat, 5-6:30pm, Rms 217-8
May 13 Seminar (2-4pm) *27* Bible Study: God's Mercy
- **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*, 1:30-3pm, Rm 215
- **Joint Adult Fellowship:** No meeting on *Sun May 14*; Love Feast on *Sun Jun 11*, details to be confirmed
- **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 May 7 (TODAY)*, after worship service
- **Saturday Men's Meeting:** *Sat May 20*, 2:30-4pm; Education Centre (Room 215)
- **Thailand Mission Team pre-trip meeting:** *Sun Jun 4*, 1-3pm; Rms 217-8

3. EM Child Dedication (Sun May 14): Get the application form from our Info Table and return it by *Sun May 7 (TODAY)*. The child must be 12 years or younger. Both parents must be baptized Christians and regular worshipers at EM.

4. Family Sunday (Sun May 14): There will NOT be Sunday School and Children's Program. Families are encouraged to worship together that day.

5. Evangelistic Meeting for Seniors "Oh no! I've lost my walking stick" (「弊家伙，拐杖唔見左！」): Invite your unbelieving senior family members to join (Aged 65 and above).
Speaker: Rev. Sylvia Kwok. *Testimony:* Comma Chan (founder of "Theatre in The Dark");
Date & Time: *Sat Jun 3*, 2:30-4pm. *Venue:* Main Church. *Language:* Cantonese. *Enquiries:* Pastor Tim Yuen (2909 9700). (Details: Chinese Bulletin p.7).

6. "The Four Gems" Seminar recording about "Will Making" and "Enduring Power of Attorney" is available on [NPAC's website](#) or "NPAC Connect 1952" app. Language: Cantonese. Recording available until *Mon Jun 5*.

- 7. Dr. Gordon Smith Seminars: Seminar 1: “Vocation, work and career: Navigating the transition of life”:** Date & Time: Sat May 13, 2-4pm; **Seminar 2: Parents’ Seminar on “Christian higher education for our children”:** Date & Time: Sat May 20, 2-4pm

Organizer: North Point Alliance Church; *Venue:* Hall at Main Church (no live broadcast); *Language:* English with Cantonese interpretation. No registration is needed. *Enquiries:* Rev. James Hon (2909-9700).

- 8. Mission Trip to South Korea:** Date: Tue Sep 26 to Mon Oct 2 (7 days); *Fee:* About HK\$7,000-8,000, depending on the flight ticket; *Program:* Participating in discipleship group activities and preparation, sharing the gospel to students, care for overseas students, visiting NPAC’s missionaries and other ministries. *Quota:* 15 persons. Mandarin speakers are preferred. *Sign-up by:* Extended to Wed May 31 (Details: Chinese Bulletin p.7).

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.

Learn about the gospel, click here: [Why Jesus?](#)

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.

Offering can be made payable to “North Point Alliance Church” or “C&MA North Point Alliance Church Limited” and by the following means: **1)** Cheques, **2)** Bank transfers, ATM, online banking, or **3)** FPS (new FPS ID: 104047063). Please do not use the previous bank account number or the old FPS ID starting Fri Apr 1, 2023. For details, please visit: <https://npacem.org/titheandoffering/>

Prayer Items

- 1. Elderly in Hong Kong:** Ask God for mercy to save those who have not been saved yet. Pray that their physical and spiritual health will be well taken care of. Ask God to comfort them in their weakness and lead them to the hope of the gospel. Pray that the Christian family members will not be weary in serving them and will pay continuous effort to share the gospel with them.
- 2. EM:** Pray for the recruitment of the Evangelism Team and ask God to stir our hearts to share the gospel with unbelievers. Ask God to give us spiritual gifts, wisdom and unity to develop evangelism ministry. Pray for Sat Men’s Meeting to be well-organized and for God to draw more brothers to join and walk together in strong bonding and passion for Christ.
- 3. Relationship with Christ:** Pray that through the sermons of this quarter, we will all reflect on and grow our relationship with Jesus. Ask God to remind us every day of His grace of salvation, the promise of His guidance, and the hope of eternal life. Pray that we will continue to prioritize our faith in Jesus before everything else.

Next Sun May 14 (Family Sunday): Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan (“What is better?”, Luke 10:38-42); Chairperson: Joseph Trinh; Praise Leader: Joseph Trinh & Fri Team; Pianist: Lilian Chow; Scripture Reader: Carman Chan; Welcome Team: David Wong, Matthew Kam, Jason Lam, Abeline Quebatay; Offering Counter: Veronica Tamondong, Samuel So; PowerPoint: Claire Liao.