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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 46:1, 7

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Nehemiah 9:1-3, 25-38; 10:28-31

Sermon – Confess Sins, Pledge Commitment before the LORD of Heavens and Earth

Response Song

Tithe & Offering

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Isaiah 12:5

*Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.*

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

Speaker:	Pastor Polly Lau	Chairperson:	Joseph Trinh
Praise Leader:	Marianna Yu & Fri Team	Scripture Reader:	Roland Bruce
Pianist:	Minnie Ho	PowerPoint:	Shayne Descartin
Welcome Team:	Jasmin Delos Reyes, Abeline Quebatay, Celia Wong, Jesila Makabenta		
Offering Counters:	Dawn Yiu, Wilson Lam		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok, Christine Cheung		

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

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

In case of extreme weather (Typhoon no. 8), there will be no onsite service. Please join our [service online](#).

Tithe & offering details: [Click Here](#).

Order in Chaos, Confidence in Life

By Rev Yina Chow

What are you doing this Christmas? Thinking about how to spend your holiday? Only want to go on a trip? Right now, do you happen to be faced with some changes, and are feeling bewildered by the many decisions you have to make?

Here is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to you: ***“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”*** (Mark 6:31). The action **“come”** arises from a desire and willingness within the heart. It is a voluntary act by which people come before Jesus to listen to His teachings. When you come **“by yourselves,”** you free yourself from the matters and the people bothering you and focus on letting the word of God reset your being and your doing. **“A quiet place”** is somewhere away from your familiar environment, away from the resources you used to rely on, in order to train up your simple faith in Jesus. Finally, **“get some rest”** means to let your soul rest and reposition yourself in a safe environment where you can reconnect with the source of strength.

The theme of the 15th Winter Camp is **“Order in Chaos, Confidence in Life.”** In the past three years, we have experienced fear and felt lost in “a world that fell short of expectations.” It is as though our city was hit by some turbulent wind, leaving the streets littered with yellow leaves. Does this happen to represent our weary and exhausted inner life? In such a state of chaos and disorder, we still need to catch up with the pace of resuming normalcy. But where can we find strength?

The name of the prophet Ezekiel means “The LORD strengthens.” In his times, the prophet’s hometown was ruined and the Israelites were exiled to Babylon. All hopes were gone with the grief of the fall of the nation. Yet, God gave Ezekiel the vision of dry bones coming to life again. This led the Israelites to recall God’s acts and His presence in history and regain the promise of revival! Under the slogan resuming normalcy and not the old ways, we need to take one step further – to revive! Believers in the post-pandemic times face a number of difficulties in faith: Being abandoned within their community, leaving God in church, being unfaithful in their covenant, and seeking short-cuts while waiting. At the Winter Camp, speaker Dr Johnson Yip will bring out the themes of his four sermons based on four key words (bewilderment, reversion, remembrance and waiting) on selected readings from the Book of Ezekiel: **Experiencing God in Utter Despair (Ezekiel 1-3); Experiencing God amid Strife and Judgment (Ezekiel 11); Experiencing God in Going One’s Way (Ezekiel 16, 23); Experiencing God in Waiting on Him (Ezekiel 40-48).**

Early bird enrolment for the Winter Camp is about to begin. The Camp is free, and freewill offering is encouraged. The organizing committee of the Winter Camp sincerely invites you to reserve Dec 25-26 for joining us in the NPAC family to find “Order in Chaos, Confidence in Life”!

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20230910/>

7. NPAC 49th Mission Conference “Go! Send Them My Love – Mission to Nepal and India

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- **Mission Conference: “Bring Them the Gospel 留下佳音”** – Fri Sep 15, 7:45-9:30pm. **“Leave the Good for Them 留下美善”** – Sat Sep 16, 7:45-9:30pm. *Venue:* Main Church. *Speaker:* Rev. Sam Yim (嚴鳳山牧師, Christar Hong Kong missionary who served in India for more than 20 years). *Language:* Cantonese, with English & Mandarin interpretation (Fri & Sat), and sign language interpretation (Sat) ([Click here to learn how to set up for English Interpretation](#)). No live broadcast. Children’s Mission Night for K1-P6 will simultaneously be conducted on Fri night in Side Hall. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to attend the revival conference wearing different ethnic attire.
- **Mission Sunday:** Sat Sep 16 & Sun Sep 17, at all NPAC worship services.

8. EM Resource Library: New titles by Rowan Williams added. **1)** *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer*; **2)** *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*; **3)** *Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons*; **4)** *Holy Living: The Christian Tradition for Today*. Opens every Sun after the worship service until 12:20pm. [Click here](#) to view the titles we have.

9. Serve the Lord together! Speak to Rev. Stera or Pastor Lawrence to serve in EM’s Praise Team, Welcome Team, PowerPoint operators, Sunday School and Children’s Program teachers!

Prayer Corner

Come to the Prayer Corner to pray for the needs and salvation of your unbelieving families and friends. We have also prepared some special Bible verse bookmarks for you to share with your friends and families.

What’s at our Info Table?

Gospel tracts, evangelism resources, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, *barnabasaid*, and much more!

Prayer Items

- 1. Nepal:** 80% of the Nepalese people are Hindu. About 25% to 40% of the Nepalese people live below the poverty line. The country is politically unstable. Pray that Jesus will be made known in those hard-to-access locations. Pray for biblical training for the church leaders. Pray for Christians to be protected and guided in their evangelistic works. [More info here](#).
- 2. NPAC Mission Month (Sept):** Pray for the preparations of the various meetings. Pray for Rev. Sam Yim, the speaker of the Mission Conference, as he prepares the messages. Pray that more will join the Conference and be revived. “Go! Send them my love!” Pray that our hearts be moved.
- 3.** “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36-37) Pray that we are all “Good Samaritans”.

Next Sun Sep 17 (Mission Sunday): Guest Speaker: Dr. Colleen Yim (“Removing the Veil”, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18); Chairperson: Moses Chen; Praise Team: Sarah Chow & Peacemakers; Pianist: Vincy Ng; Scripture Reader: Wilson Lam; Welcome Team: Peacemakers (Uno Tai, Cyndi Siu, Yahoo Wong, Lilian Chow); Offering Counters: Fenny Wong, Veronica Tamondong; PowerPoint: Kent Ang.