

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the Lord's Day worship service at EFCW. We are glad you are here and pray you are encouraged to worship through singing, studying Scripture, and fellowship.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship:

Call to Worship	PRESIDER
Worship in Praise	PRAISE TEAM
DRAW ME CLOSE TO YOU; THERE IS A REDEEMER; SPEAK O LORD	
Scripture Reading	TIM CHAN
MATTHEW 16: 24	
Worship in the Word of God	TED CHEN
FOLLOWING JESUS	
MATTHEW 16:24	
Response Song	PRAISE TEAM
LIVING HOPE	
WORSHIP IN GIVING	PRESIDER
ANNOUNCEMENTS	TIM CHAN
BENEDICTION	TED CHEN
REFLECTION	CONGREGATION

Founder & Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Pak Fai Chan (1935 - 2020)

Pastoral Staff:

Senior Pastor – Rev. Zhaohui Yang
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To be Transformed

Luke 5:4-11

Bible Study/Fellowship

Bible Study resumes this morning at 11:00 a.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Genesis.

Announcements:

- Welcoming Brother Ted Chen:** We are so grateful to have Brother Ted Chen here this morning. Ted Chen immigrated from Taiwan over 40 years ago. He is currently a Master of Divinity student at the Talbot School of Theology of Biola University and hopes to graduate next year. In addition to serving the Lord, he enjoys watching movies, hiking, camping, and playing and watching volleyball, basketball, and football. He also serves the daily needs of his two elderly parents (dad, 90 & mom, 81). He has served the youth, college students, and young adults and taught Sunday school. Involved and served in "support group" in the care ministries and homeless ministry. He has spent several years serving inmates' children as a volunteer with the Prison Fellowship Ministry's Angel Tree program. Preached and participated in the worship team and short-term mission trips to Arizona, Missouri, and overseas in Mexico, Korea, Northern Miramar, Northern Thailand, Guinea Bissau, and Cape Verde in West Africa.
- Church Board Meeting:** This afternoon, the Church Board is holding its monthly meeting from 12:30pm to 2:00pm in rooms 6-8. Please pray for the meeting and feel free to attend as observers.
- 39th Anniversary of Our Church:** Next Sunday is the 39th anniversary of our church's founding. A joint worship service will start at 10:30am and a simple luncheon will be served after the service. To help us prepare, please register with Elaine, Bonnie, or Mrs. Yang. We invite all brothers and sisters to join us in remembering God's grace with a heart full of gratitude."
- We mourn the loss of Brother Francis Sung, father of our Cantonese congregation member Calvin Sung. He passed away at The Rowland Skilled Nursing Facility on September 2nd at the age of 73. His eldest son, Jia En, has safely returned from Iraq to California to handle his father's funeral arrangements. We ask all brothers and sisters to remember him in their prayers and ask God to comfort his family during this difficult time.
- Church Retreat at Camp Maranatha:** Our long-awaited church retreat will take place at Camp Maranatha from November 10th to 12th. To encourage our brothers and sisters to participate, the church will subsidize a portion of the expenses and organize fellowship opportunities for those in need. The registration fees below already include accommodations and meals, with the church subsidy applied. For registration details and to register, please reach out to Ulrica, Ellen, or Kimberly. To help us plan and make arrangements, we kindly request all brothers and sisters to sign up as soon as possible.
Date and Time: November 10th (Friday) at 8 PM to November 12th (Sunday) at 11 AM
Registration Fee: \$135 for ages 10 and above, \$70 for ages 5-9, and free for ages 4 and under
Registration Deadline: October 22, 2023. For more information, please refer to the attached registration form.

	Speaker	Presider
9/17	Byron Chung	Billy Yu

6. Praise the Lord! Rev. Chi-Eng Yuan and his wife have accepted the church's invitation to be the speakers at the November retreat. Rev. Yuan and his wife graduated from the Hong Kong Alliance Bible Seminary and served in the Hong Kong Alliance Church before immigrating to the United States. While studying at Denver Seminary, they felt a clear call from God and founded the 'Lakewood Chinese Evangelical Free Church' in 1989. They have faithfully shepherded the congregation together for many years. Several years ago, they both responded to God's calling to serve as itinerant pastors for the Association of North American Chinese Evangelical Free Churches, providing care and support to various churches. Rev. Yuan also holds a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Studies from Denver Seminary. With their compassionate hearts for the congregation and their love for God and the brothers and sisters, they will undoubtedly ignite a revival in the church.
7. **Becoming a Member of Our Church:** Consider becoming a member of our church if you have been regularly attending our meetings for the past six months, are clearly born again and saved in Christ, have been baptized and wish to make our church your spiritual home. If you're interested, please contact the pastoral staff to arrange attendance for membership classes.

Prayer Requests for Missionaries:

Achung

- Thank God, the passport has been reissued. The church generously donated computers, which were promptly delivered to the workshop.
- Please pray that God will enable me to enroll in French courses in October.
- Pray that God will provide an apartment for Achung and a co-worker who will be living together.
- Pray for the vision of service and the gospel that needs to be carried out.

Far East Broadcasting Chinese USA:

- Please pray for the people affected by the floods in various provinces and cities in China. Let's ask the Lord to provide comfort and strength to those who are suffering and to guide them towards a successful recovery and rebuilding process once the floods have subsided.
- Please pray for the new video programs in the Far East, and ask the Lord to help us find a suitable platform to broadcast them, so that more viewers can watch these videos and hear the gospel through the Far East platform.
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- Please also pray for the two new audio programs currently in the planning and production stages. May the Lord grant wisdom to the program producers and hosts to understand the audience's needs and create quality programs to meet the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters.
- The students of Good Shepherd Academy are facing many challenges in life. May the Lord protect these students, especially granting them the grace to continue receiving equipment.

Luke Zhang

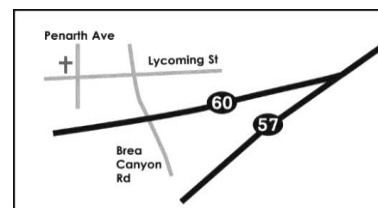
- Pray for the joint pain of Rev. & Mrs. Zhang.
- The "Hidden Manna International"; media ministry posts a 5-minute message on YouTube weekly, including sermons, revival, Mission, and devotional information. You may find the link at <https://youtu.be/yRLHUI88gAI>. Please pray for this ministry.

Angela Shih

- With the extreme difference between the cost of living here in Hong Kong and Hanoi, I am in need of raising more funds. Although my salary was the same as what I made in Hanoi, I need to pay housing, food, and transportation are astronomically more than Hanoi. Please pray for God's provision.
- Please pray for the safety of the students, for lasting change in their families, and for the marginalized and hurting in Hong Kong.



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Church Offering:

	Last Week	Year-to-Date (2023)	
		Budget(G)/Faith Promise (M)	Offering
General	\$ 7,628	\$5,121 / \$194,598	\$179,046
Missions	\$ 980	\$ 740 / \$ 27,380	\$ 35,708
Total:	\$ 8,608	\$5,861 / \$221,978	\$214,754

Brothers and sisters, you may use **Zelle** as an online offering.

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Flower Offering: Stella & Gary Yau