

MAY

# ORDER OF WORSHIP MAY 3, 2020

Call To Worship: 1 Peter 2:9

Music

Worship through Offering cccnc.org/give

Worship through Prayer

Scripture Readina: Malachi 2

Worship through Preaching

Communion

Song of Response

**Announcements** 

Benediction

## **CONNECT** WITH US

We have different life stage groups where you can find deeper community to be known, loved, and stay committed to God's call in your life. it's being together that we can wrestle with the story of God and be shaped by His love. Furthermore, we'll discover how we can serve the communities we are a part of and join God in His work there

#### **JOY (Middle & HS Students)**

Wednesdays at 8:30PM

Contact: Wayne Lee (wayne.lee@cccnc.org)

#### Living Water (College)

Fridays at 8:30PM

Contact: Wayne Lee (wayne.lee@cccnc.org)

#### Aspire (MEN)

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### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

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#### CONTACT

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Questions? Email: esm@cccnc.org

## **HAPPENINGS**

### YOUTH GROUP AND KIDS MINISTRY • SUNDAYS

We are in need of more youth group (7th-12th grade) counselors as well as more Kids Ministry (under 6th grade) helpers and teachers. If you have a heart for impacting and serving the next generation, please contact Wayne at wayne.lee@cccnc.org to learn more!

## SECOND HOUR CLASS PSALMS FOR TODAY

## **TAUGHT BY ANDREW CHU & REV TIMOTHY HUI**

The Book of Psalms was the hymn book for the ancient Hebrews. The hymns were not only used in corporate worship, but also in everyday life. In fact, many of the psalms were composed out of personal experiences, but stylized in such a way that will explore selected psalms with class they resonated with other people. This respect to their background, forms, language, and significance to Christians today.

## **CHILDREN MINISTRY UPDATE**

Continue to pray for our kids, teachers and parents! From a technological standpoint, kid's ministry has been going really well; kids are able to sign on and teachers are able to teach their lessons. However, from a relational standpoint, kids ministry suffers greatly from not having that face-to-face communication. Pray for kids to continue to grow in their faith and trust in God during these challenging times. And pray for the teachers and parents, that we would be able to communicate effectively and model for them what it looks like to trust in God through the ups and downs of life.

## **CCCNC.ORG/GIVE**

We encourage you to continue giving and tithing during this time. It is an act of worship. It is also critical for us to be generous to help us respond to those in need both near and far.

## Here are some giving options:

### 1. Digital Giving (preferred during this time)

Visit <a href="https://cccncorg.churchcenter.com/giving">https://cccncorg.churchcenter.com/giving</a>
You may select the usage of donation and can add more than one designated giving. ACH Bank transfer is preferred, as credit card payment will deduct roughly 2.5% from your contribution.

Please review the following instructions. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBxfSTsuc78">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBxfSTsuc78</a>

## 2. Bank Payment

Instruct online payment via bank, same as paying a bill. Biller or Payee: Chinese Christian Church & Center Address: 225 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Payment Amount: Your offering amount. This could be set up as

one time or recurring payments.

Memo: Please specify desired use of donation, if other than

General Fund (default)

### 3. Mail Checks (DON'T mail cash; its illegal)

Place your check in your regular offering envelope, fill out the donation amount and usage, and then in another envelope and mail to:

Chinese Christian Church & Center

Attention: GO2020 225 N.10th St

## Dear Church.

I've been feeling a whole lot of things lately. Throughout the day, I vacillate between grief and joy, anger and love, weakness and strength. I wish I could be consistent but I've become so much more thankful for grace in these times. I'm always encouraged by the way Jesus treats his disciples especially after his resurrection. They were feeling defeated and fearful. They were uncertain about the future and had gone back to what was familiar. I love when Jesus appears to the disciples after a disappointing night of fishing in the gospel of John. He tells them to throw their nets on the other side of the boat and when they comply, the haul of fish was too great for them. Next, when they reach the shore, Jesus invites them to eat breakfast with him.

Once again, Jesus shows up when they least expected, tells them to do something unusual and even counterintuitive, gives them a glimpse of his power and then serves them breakfast. I find this encouraging because we are reminded that in our conflicted mess particularly during this time of quarantine, the Lord may still surprise us. He may challenge our instincts. He may be inviting us to do the most basic things, like sit and eat breakfast. Although they had just failed to follow and even rejected him, Jesus displays such generous forgiveness and restores them to also go show others this life.

I think this is a time where we may need to learn to simply receive his grace and know that it is more than sufficient. Sometimes all we can do is just receive. I'm prone to doing and fighting my way through. Receiving can be more difficult than doing. When we receive his grace, experience his grace, we are then being transformed. This is what we must continually hope in and point each other to, being transformed in Christ.

How are you being formed by Jesus in this moment? Ask others this question so that this moment of opportunity will not be missed.

Love, LT

# MISSIONS UPDATE From David & Gladys Chang

The other day we watched the CCCnC Easter service through Facebook. It was great to see some of your faces and hear a testimony and a sermon from Zechariah as well. It was very well done.

We're going through a similar situation in Thailand. The country is in lockdown still with no international flights or travel across provinces. This makes it very difficult for those who wish to visit loved ones. Some are unable to attend funerals. The number of COVID-19 cases are decreasing significantly here, so we are waiting for less restrictions and more breathing space in the near future.

By God's grace, no one in our family is sick at this time. The main challenges for us include staying in touch with Thai believers online, doing church services online and helping the children finish their school semester online. All are very demanding, especially maintaining discipline for the five kids who take turn using the computers.

Please pray that we rely fully on the Lord's strength and grace each day. Pray for the Lord's ongoing protection for our family. I have three more weeks to go in wrapping up classes at the Bangkok Bible Seminary through zoom and helping my students finish well (including final exams). Pray also that believers in our church will not become lazy or discouraged, but continue to grow in their faith in Christ and join our weekly online meetings. We have limited manpower so our church services are simple with one person leading worship, one preaching and another lead in prayer through Line App. We have no volunteers to do programs for children or youths at this time (perhaps all the parents are overwhelmed with helping their kids with online schooling), so this part of church ministry is neglected.

Pray that we will draw closer to Jesus, and that this time of isolation will not be wasted, but result in more spiritual fruitfulness and glory to our God. The Lord is taking good care of us and we have you guys in our thoughts and prayers as well.

-The Changs

## #movememondays

**5PM EVERY MONDAY** 

**PUSH PAUSE + PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY** 





## from our family

## HARRY LEONG

is our center director and serves on our Community Outreach Committee

Hey All,

I trust all is well with you as you abide by Pennsylvania's COVID 19-related stay at home order. It's now eights weeks, and I'm sure many are in need of haircuts, bubble tea, and missing Mkee rice platters by now. In abiding by the government's mandate of social distancing, the Center closed it's spring programs and planning on the summer programs and looking ahead to the fall too!



Led by the Community Outreach Committee, volunteers sewed masks that are donated to Project Home. Here is Helen Hui's update:

We were looking to supply Project Home with 100-150 masks, but have exceeded our own expectations. You have indeed captured the essence of Sew Love. The final count is actually 317 masks. 25 masks have been given to NE, 17 to others who asked. A thank you to Josh Hui who made me aware of the need at Project Home.

The Mandarin Speaking Ministry, donated over 1500 masks to city police districts and Chinatown Pediatric Clinic. In addition, we used our surplus of masks and gloves from our community health screen supplies and collections from The Philadelphia Suns to donate to the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. We also received and assembled donations of 250 face shields from PPE Fab Crew (Lower Merion). These shields will be distributed to local businesses and front line people.





Since 1953, our little playground has been a tremendous resource for the church and Center. Every day that there's no precipitation there are people in the Playground The Playground is closed in this season, but the facility is planned for a complete overhaul this summer. For the past month the renovation has begun. The garden beds are steadily being emptied. The floor tiles are almost entirely taken out of the children's play area. Eventually, the swings, jungle gym and basketball goals will be excavated. Every apparatus and flooring on the court, garden, children's play-area will be replaced. If you know of anyone interested in the garden and playground equipment, please contact me at HL CCCC@YAHOO.COM

Even as we are social distancing and seeking the safe place of our homes to stay-in from the deadly virus from spreading; let us turn to the one who calls everyone to His grace Shelter in place my friends in the One who calls us!

Psalm 91: 1,2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

-Harry

## WELCOME CLARISSE CHANG

Pastor Peter's daughter, Noel, gave birth her to daughter, Clarisse, earlier last April. Clarisse is now 1 month old.

Both Noel and Elbert are spending lots of time with their daughter during this quarantine and are recovering well.

Stuart, Eugenia, and Melody are also doing well. Melody is now 1 years old!



