

## ORDER OF WORSHIP JUNE 7, 2020

Welcome

Call To Worship: Hosea 6:3

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MAY

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# **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)

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## 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 LAST THINGS TAUGHT BY CALVIN WANG & PASTOR LT

Curious about the future or the "End Times"? There has long been a fascination and much confusion about the Bible's teaching on what we will call "Last Things". Let's clear things up and learn what the Bible has to say about the future for us as individual believing Christians, the Church, and all of Creation.

# 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 <u>https://cccncorg.churchcenter.com/giving</u>

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. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBxfSTsuc78

#### 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,

As the city has moved to the "yellow" reopening phase, many are ready to go "green." We are in a time of great transition and nothing can go back to the way it used to be. I believe we're at a critical threshold point and there's a danger in moving too quickly or wanting to return to what we're used to. I know it's been a difficult and even painful time for some. I don't want to minimize that experience as some of you are suffering in ways that I cannot possibly understand. I do know that we want to quickly get past the discomfort and pain that transformation often requires.

Many would say that this time in quarantine has been one where they feel lost, without purpose, and are longing for God's blessings once again. What if it was ok for us to feel insecure, uncertain and wait on God? What if this season would be seen as a blessing and even a necessity?

Such seasons are found throughout scripture. The most obvious example would be God's people wandering in the wilderness. Consider Abraham, Isaac and Jacob meeting with God in the land of Canaan or when Moses encountered the Lord while shepherding in obscurity. Many of the prophets had humble origins from isolated places. In our journey through the minor prophets, it was a long season of drought and famine that God used to draw his people back. Remember, it was the Spirit that led Jesus to the wilderness immediately after his baptism. It's in these moments God brings a major season of change and often repentance. These seasons in life shape us and prepare us for what's next.

While we may miss physical worship gatherings on Sundays and want to quickly return to what we're used to or enjoy, God may have bigger plans for us. Let's not miss out on what God might be saying to us or the deep change he may want to bring about in us. Let's not quickly move on to the next thing without having communed with God to be renewed in his love. What if these weeks in the "yellow" were marked not by what we did or didn't do but how much space we created in our lives for God's love? Are we growing in our awareness of God's love and then conveying that love to others, especially those we're in quarantine with?

A friend once asked these provoking questions, what good is it if Christians win every religious liberty court case in America but never know the true liberty of God in our lives? What good is it if our churches grew in numbers, facilities, and finances but fail to grow in compassion and justice for those suffering injustice? What good is it if evangelicals amass influence and power in our culture but can only offer a hollow Jesus brand that is safeguarded by dogmas rather than a disruptive encounter with the gentle whisper of God's love?



# from our family

### HARRY LEONG

is our center director and serves on our Community Outreach Committee

Hey all,

Here are some updates regarding the center and community.

PUMP Summer Camp will start on June 30- July 30 from Tuesday-Friday. We are planning to host our virtual summer camp. Registration and other details are still being confirmed as we seek to do it online. We will limit 10 students per class and prioritizing former students to register first and wait-listing new incoming applicants. Our staff has been chosen and training dates are planned.

As we all know, the Playground is currently closed since March under renovation. Expected date of completion is July 2020. However, all other programs within the Center has been cancelled or postponed due to the city-wide shut downs.

Since Monday, June 1st, there has been daily protests (at the Police Administration Building, 8th and Race) that have resulted in closures of roads as well as businesses in Chinatown. Buildings are boarded and covered up and gates are pulled down to protect and make it difficult for vandals to cause damage and loot. Thankfully there are only a few reported graffiti taggings and 1 break-in. The community is still fairly quiet. Financially, the COVID-19 issues have hurt the Chinatown businesses since February. There are sure to be some who won't reopen after the city reaches the green phase of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Most of the families have obeyed the social distancing and have not even allowed their children step outside of their homes. Youth are bored and really yearn to get outside.

Continue to pray for the church and Chinatown community and the families impacted during this time.

-Harry

## **CHILDREN MINISTRY UPDATE**

Children's ministry will continue in our online format until at least Labor Day. From a technological standpoint, kid's ministry has been going 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. Pray also for the parents as we make summer plans for our kids.

To help us in this time of transition and know God's love more, our next message series will b from the New Testament letter of First John. In his letter, the Apostle John recognizes that love comes from God and he encourages the believers to love one another. In a time where it was important to recognize the difference between right and wrong or truth and error, John reminds us to do so in a spirit of love.

Looking forward to walk in love with you in the days ahead,

## #movememondays 5PM EVERY MONDAY PUSH PAUSE + PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



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## THE CHURCH & COVID-19 UPDATE

Although some parts of the U.S. and the Philadelphia region are gradually moving toward reopening, our church will take it in strides. We will take everyone's health and safety as our highest consideration, and will not rush into reopening. Once we have confirmed our reopening steps, timeline and plan, we will share the details with you. Before the church reopens, please continue to attend our online gatherings. Do not come to the church campus. Let's continue to pray for the global pandemic and the church's reopening.