CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH +CENTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 2, 2020

Welcome

Call To Worship: Ephesians 4:11-16

Worship through Song

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Worship through Offering cccnc.org/give

Worship through Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:24-4:6

Worship through Preaching

Communion

Song of Response

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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

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HAPPENINGS

ASPIRE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP • SAT • AUG 8 • 10AM • ZOOM

Let us come together to fellowship, share on Biblical manhood, and experiences of discipleship.

FLOURISH WO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP • SAT • AUG 15 1PM-2:20PM • ZOOM

Please join us for the first in a series of four sessions on Overcoming Anxiety during COVID-19 series by Jonathan Pokluda. A Right Now Media video.

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

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)

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.

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,

What has helped you to stay strong during this time?

The Apostle Paul has written two letters to a young church to encourage the believers to stay strong in their faith amidst strong persecution. Paul and his companions have personally suffered persecution and hardships for their faith so he knows something about staying strong in his faith. I recently discovered this gem in 2 Thessalonians 3:3 and it has greatly helped me to stay strong through this past month.

"But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Paul reminds us of who God is. First, he is faithful which means he is trustworthy and dependable. God can be relied upon in any season. Our faith, confidence and trust can be placed completely in him and he won't let us down. In whom or what do you place your trust right now?

Remember a time where you have seen God's faithfulness in your own life.

Next, God will establish you. Establish can also be translated as strengthen. He will make you firm or steady right where you are in the midst of threatening circumstances. This further helps us to trust him. Is there something you need to trust him with in this moment? Your family? Your work? Your future?

Lastly, God will guard you against the evil one. In other words, he will keep you and protect you from the one who seeks to undo you and what God wants to do in your life. When you are in Christ, you also became His own and he wants to protect what belongs to him.

This is who God is. These words echo who he has been to his people throughout the pages of the Old Testament. How much more so will he be faithful to complete the good work he began in us? Especially in these times of uncertainty, we can have peace because we have a savior who is Lord over all. If you feel overwhelmed and weak, perhaps ready to give up, remember who God is as revealed in Christ. Know that he will never leave you nor forsake you. He is able to do more than you can ask or imagine.

This month, practice thanking God for who he is and not just what he does for you.

If you experience doubt and unworthiness, dig into scripture to discover who he is and what he is like.

You may know someone who feels overwhelmed and struggling, send them an encouragement, reminding them about who God is. Share this verse.

Make 2 Thessalonians 3:3 your regular prayer or daily meditation.

Please share with us what has helped you to stay strong. What has been your go-to scripture for challenging times?

When we return, let us return stronger. Love, LT



from our family ANNA QUAN

is the coordinator for P.U.M.P. this year.

Virtual PUMP 2020 began with a lot of uncertainties. Some of which was the unknown of where to begin planning within this time of the Coronavirus pandemic and an extremely small registration of 10 students. I personally did not think that PUMP was actually going to occur at all as we were one week before the first week of camp. However, as the days began counting down a few students each day were being registered. By the start of camp we had more than we planned on with a total of 66 students. Virtual PUMP meant no in person building of relationships between the staff and students. Virtual PUMP meant no hearing of everyone during morning worship, no field trips, no recess, no Games Day, no staff trips and no Parent's Night. At the beginning these limitations just did not sound like PUMP at all, which made me feel discouraged. Yet, the registration of students and the decision to stick with having PUMP really did give me a lot of hope in God that He did have plans for us despite the circumstances. Moving the entire camp virtually was never done before and as a team we knew that in some ways, we needed to start from scratch in our lesson planning and the different activities we wanted to plan. Virtual lesson planning was not easy and it was easier to get exhausted from each day because being online from 9AM to 2:30PM takes a lot of effort than you might expect.

Some challenges we faced during the 5 weeks were lack of engagement from the students, lack of engagement within ourselves, repetition within activities and of course, technical difficulties. As we addressed each issue we did try our best to find solutions to overcome these challenges. As our theme this year, Heroes of Faith: Faith in Action, it really was a constant reminder to not rely on ourselves but to have faith in God and His plans for the camp. It was hard to see the students' individual growth, their understanding of Bible studies and overall enjoyment of Virtual PUMP, but the theme kept bringing us back to Him within each step we took throughout.

Looking back within the last 5 weeks, I can say that all the "...no more field trips... no more Parent's Night..." was all wrong. God really did provide for us because those "no mores" became "yes, there will be". We were able to still create meaningful relationships with the students and staff. We were able to provide virtual field trips like Harry's Chinatown tour and the live videos of animals at the Zoo. We were able to hear everyone praise God during worship in the last week despite the glitchiness. We were also able to have Parent's Night, where the students were able to showcase their talents and what they learned within the 5 weeks to their parents over zoom.

Personally, I am extremely thankful and blessed that I was able to serve within Virtual PUMP as the coordinator this year. Ultimately, I think as a staff, we were really challenged by our camp's theme- Heroes of Faith: Faith in Action by learning what it means to have complete faith in Him through the uncertainties and challenges we faced. I know for me I was. I believe that I grew a lot in my own personal walk with God. I just wanted to highlight and thank each and everyone on the staff team this year: Harry Leong, Wayne Lee, Jeffery Wu, Daniel Lam, Andy Liu, Jodie Lee, Matthew Chen, Scott Wang, Sunny Liu, Ashley So, Nathan Lee, Sara Law, Jimmy Rivera, Darren Chen, Brandon Peng, Allen Lin, Josephine Kwok, Sarah Rivera and Allie Ma. Without you guys, Virtual PUMP could have not been possible and your constant flexibility and hard work was an encouragement to me throughout. None of it will go unnoticed. Lastly, a few prayer requests, is that one, the students will take what they learned within the five weeks into their own personal lives. Pray that God will continue to give them the curiosity and desire to want to know Him. Two, as well for the staff to continue to be challenged in their faith in God and to rely on Him in all parts of their lives as they move on to bigger things. Three, Hebrews 11: 1 says, "Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.", that everyone involved within the

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SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER/CCCNC camp will take this verse and this year's theme as a reminder on how amazing and powerful God is and that there is no one greater to put our hope and trust in.

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

