



5th
Sunday
in
Lent

11:20 English Worship
March 18, 2018

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Welcome & Family News

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Mary H. Lee

L God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

P **We are ready to hear what God would have us do;
we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

*Opening Hymn # 255 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Mary H. Lee

Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. See before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Mary H. Lee

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

The Power and the Glory

Joyce Elaine Eilers

FCBC choir | Accompanist - Shirlene Leong Nakano | Director - Wendy Quan

I was a sinner I was slippin' away when the Lord laid His hand on me
"Come to the water and be born again and my love will set you free"
Power! And the Glory! Hallelujah, Oh Lord, and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today
He is the power I will give Him the glory and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today
He knows the worries of a troubled mind and the hurt in a grievin' heart
He'll take your burden if you only believe, you can have a brand new start

Prayer of God's People *(We invite your prayer concerns and celebrations.)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Scripture
Message**

**Joshua 1:1-9
Words To Remember**

Pastor Visal

*** Closing Hymn #261 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

<p>Today's Flowers were given by Martin Lu in remembrance of Julia Lu. Lay Reader: Mary H. Lee Ushers: Paley Pang, Pauline Tom, Lea Wong, Chris Fong Accompanist: Joyce Moy</p>

America for Christ Offering

You are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to the annual America for Christ offering. Your gift will help provide life-changing ministries and resources that will have an impact on neighborhoods and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico, reaching them with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. The theme for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2018 is *Equipping Disciples*, based on Ephesians 4:11-13. Our 2018 annual goal is \$4,100, as of last Sunday we collected \$368. We invite you to help us achieve our goal by giving on Sundays in March at worship or by sending your donation to the office. Please mark your check for "AFC Offering." We thank you in advance for your generous gift!

Appreciation, Welcoming and Sending off Reception, March 25, 1 pm

After more than 5 years of dedicated service to our church, Pastor Visal will be completing his role as Associate Pastor of FCBC. His last Sunday with us is on March 25th. Please come and join us for his last Sunday to help send him and his family off with our love, thanks, and well wishes at the Appreciation Reception at 1:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This reception will also serve as an opportunity to welcome Pastor Sebastian and his family to FCBC; and to offer a blessing for Pastor Peter as he heads off to China for his sabbatical! A light lunch will be served.

Spring Church Clean-Up Day

Every house needs scrubbing after heavy use. Every house needs things to be put back in their proper places. Every house needs all the family members who have enjoyed living in that house to roll up their sleeves and start cleaning. The House of God needs such tender, loving care too! It will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018 beginning at 8:30 with coffee and bows. We encourage all Fellowship Groups to participate in this event as part of their service project. Many of our Fellowship Groups have already adopted an area to clean, but we always welcome additional support. Please let us know that you will be helping so that we would have a free lunch for you!

Discussion about the Proposed Transitional Combined English Worship

The deacons want to hear from our 10E and 11E worshippers what help them worship God authentically and be very inclusive as we discern the most faithful way for the English-speaking community to worship. Today we are holding discussions at 10 for the 11E worshippers and at 11 for the 10E worshippers at the YMCA MP rm. Next Sunday, on March 25, 10 am, also at the YMCA MP rm, a joint discussion will be held to bring our ideas from both congregations before we join Pastor Visal for his last sermon at FCBC as pastor during a combined 11.20 worship service. We appreciate all who have participated in the discussion today and look forward to your presence next week.

Passion Week & Easter

Join us to experience God's love for us during Passion Week and the resurrection of the Lord on Easter!

+Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

10:00 Cantonese Worship

10:00 Joint discussion on the proposed transitional combined English service at the YMCA MP rm

11:20 Joint English Worship

+Friday, March 30—CCU Bilingual Good Friday Service

7:00—FCBC sanctuary. Sisters and brothers from other Chinese Christian Union churches will join us to remember the suffering Servant who is our Lord and Savior.

+Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

7:00—CCU Sunrise Service at the Chinese Congregational Church

10:00—Cantonese Worship

11:20—Joint English Worship

On Easter Sunday, the Chinatown YMCA will serve their Annual Pancake & Eggs Breakfast to the whole community. Come support our neighborhood partner by stopping in for breakfast. Tickets are available at the door.

Today at FCBC

8-10:00 Joe's Café

10:00 SS Classes for All Ages

10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Peter Lee preaching, Sanctuary

10:00 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA

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This Week

3/17-22 Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) from the University of Washington staying at FCBC

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- 1:00 Welcome Reception, 4th Floor

Upcoming Events

- 3/24 Spring cleanup
- 3/25 Palm Sunday joint discussion on worship
- 3/30 CCU Bilingual Good Friday Service
7:00—FCBC sanctuary.
- 4/1 Easter Sunday
- 4/21-23 FCBC Yosemite Trip (Registration form online & in vestibule)

Notes for sermon: “Words To Remember”

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9 (NRSV) 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 2 “My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5 No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. 9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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COMMUNITIES

Ephesians 4:11-13



Miracles Continue After Training Ends

When First Baptist Church, Brazil, Ind., participated in American Baptist Home Mission Societies' missional training in 2011, they couldn't imagine the future their increased understanding would bring forth. Exploring needs in the community, they learned of a neighborhood child badly burned in a home accident. The church rallied the community to assist the child and her family.

That experience provided a new awareness of neighborhood children. Members witnessed children dumpster diving for food. A church group sprang into action to offer snacks both before and after school.

Because volunteers noticed children without shoes or clean clothes, vacation Bible school focused on reaching neighborhood kids, and the idea of hosting a



back-to-school fair was born. More than 200 children came. The next year, a partnership with YMCA brought more than 400 children.

Since that time, this church of approximately 100 members with an annual operating budget of \$100,000 has worked with community partners to consistently raise more than \$300,000 yearly to improve the lives of neighborhood children. Efforts have included free daycare for the children of single mothers who want to stay in school. A summer lunch program serves more than 27,500 meals to 600 children daily.

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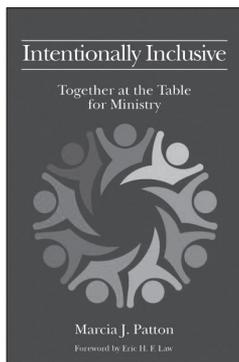
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Welcome to Sunday Worship!

We are glad you're here! Our Deacons and Pastors would like to meet you. The ushers are ready to answer any questions that you may have. Join us for youth, young adult and adult Sunday school classes after worship! We hope you are enjoying the warm fellowship of First Chinese Baptist and pray that the good news of the Risen Christ is in your life!

All **parking meters** including yellow truck loading ones are free on Sundays. If you need to park in a garage, parking stickers for 2 hours are available to all visitors and members at **St. Mary's Garage** on the corner of California (entrance) and Kearny Streets. Bring your ticket to one of our ushers for a sticker when you leave the service. The sticker has a \$6.00 value. The hourly fee is: \$2.50/hr. before noon and \$3/hr. noon to 3:00 PM. If you stay after 3:00 PM, the hourly rate is lower. **Golden Gateway Garage** at 250 Clay St. is \$3 all day on Sundays by using a stamp in our vestibule. It's still easy to worship at FCBC in the heart of Chinatown where new friendships are developed with Jesus Christ and with each other!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

MARCH PRAYER FOCUS – Please pray for:

- This is Lenten season. Pray that the Lord open the doors of our hearts a little wider to understand Him a little deeper in order to experience His grace everyday.
- America for Christ Offering: Pray that ABC meet their offering goal of \$1,250,000 to support missions and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico. God wants lives to be transformed and renewed. Pray that the monetary resource will help advance the gospel to the utter most parts of the world.

Vision/Mission Statement

The First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco is a multi-generational bilingual bicultural church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be a people so transformed by God's gracious love in Jesus Christ that we joyfully commit ourselves in worship, witness, discipleship, and ministry.

2018 Church Theme: Living Sacrifice

... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1b

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