

# 11:20 English Worship

## September 24, 2017

### Welcome & Family News

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Anna Wong

L: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

**P: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

L: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever

**P: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

L: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works

**P: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

L: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever

**ALL: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

#### \*Opening Hymn

#2 O Worship the King

#### \*Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Anna Wong

**Holy One, you have promised to be with us, and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.**

**O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts.**

**Amen.**

#### Offertory Prayer

Anna Wong

\*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.

#### Choir

#### The Power and the Glory

Joyce Elaine Eilers

*FCBC Choir | Accompanist - Joyce Moy | Director - Victor Low*

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! He is the power. And the glory! I will give Him the glory

He is the power I will give Him the glory and the kingdom of heaven will be mine today

He knows the worries in 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

Hallelu!

#### 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.

## Message

## Dark Providence

## Scripture

## Ruth 1:1-5

## \*Closing Hymn

## #419 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

## \*Postlude

Today's Flowers are given by Pastor Linda in Celebration of her Mom & Dad's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Lay Reader: Anna Wong | Ushers: Franklin Leong, Jimmy Yee, Joel Jang, and Dick Wong  
Accompanist: Christine Ko

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND the Membership Meeting** at 1:00 on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the 2018 budget will be presented. In addition, the Search Committee will provide an update on the search process.

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)** – Starting next week and throughout the month of October we will be collecting the WMO offering that helps support ABC missionaries around the world. This offering makes it possible for International Ministries to train new global servants, care for the ones on the field and provide the services and resources that they need. Please join in praying for our global servants and give cheerfully and generously to the WMO offering. Please see the suggested daily prayers from our missionaries.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - What to Do When You Don't Know What to Say** – join a conversation with Pastor Linda as we explore how best to offer comfort and encouragement to people in times of need. Please join us from 10:00 to 1:00, on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Shirlene Nakano's home. Flyers are available in the entry way. If you have any questions please contact Lea Wong at [leajwong@yahoo.com](mailto:leajwong@yahoo.com).

**HURRICAN IRMA EMERGENCY OFFERING** – Today we continue our request for Hurricane Irma relief. As of this date we have collected \$3152 toward Hurricane Harvey Relief and \$1,905 toward Irma. This offering is a designated gift to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Hurricane Irma Relief. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation. Indicate in the memo line that your gift is for "OGHS – Hurricane Irma." Thank you.

**KEEPING ROMANCE IN MARRIAGE** is the theme of Redwood Glen's Marriage Retreat, Nov. 10-12. This retreat is designed to offer couples an opportunity to get away and spend some alone time with their spouse, enjoy the fellowship of other couples, and gain some insight into what makes a good marriage a great one. Speakers are Will and Jackie Yancy who have been assisting couples for more than 28 years to develop intimacy in marriage by learning and applying principles deeply rooted in scripture. Brochures are available on the table in the entryway.

**PASTOR LINDA** will be on vacation 9/21-9/29.

## Today at FCBC

- 8-10:00 Joe's Café
- 10:00 SS Classes for All Ages
- 10:00 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA gym
- 10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Peter Lee preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:20 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

- 8-10:00 Joe's Café
- 10:00 SS Classes for All Ages
- 10:00 English Worship – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA gym
- 10:00 Chinese Worship – Pastor Peter Lee preaching, Sanctuary
- 11:20 English Worship – Pastor Linda Bergeon preaching, Sanctuary

## Upcoming Events

- 10/1 Membership Meeting
- 10/3-5 Senior Adult Retreat, San Damiano
- 10/7 Women's Fellowship Luncheon
- 10/8 Fellowship Leaders Luncheon
- 10/14 Fall Cleaning

## WMO PRAYERS

1. Lord of life and love, guide your servants as they train your followers to your Word may spread rapidly to change lives and transform communities for your glory. *Denise Osejo & Juan Aragon, Mexico*
2. Lord, we pray for peace and protection for children and their families forced to flee war zones into the unknown. May they experience the loving embrace of Christ. *Melanie Baggao, Lebanon*
3. I pray for the creative restoration of broken bodies, minds, souls, and relationships through healing arts, experiential education, contemplative Christian worship and practical peacemaking. *My linda Baits, Regional*
4. Lord, I pray for those who seek, thirst, yearn to have the knowledge and resources to empower their communities through theological education. *Mercy Gonzales-Barnes, Mexico*
5. I pray for those whom God has called to walk into dark places where people have been trafficked and exploited – that the victims would know the light of God's love and salvation. *Lauran Bethell, Global*
6. Lord, please help us all to share you through the study of your Word so that many will become your disciples and learn to love, defend, and serve their neighbors. *Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti, Nicaragua*
7. God, please restore peace and hope for ethnic minority refugees and forced migrants in SE Asia. Protect them from violence and make them a shining light for Jesus in their communities. *Ann & Bruce Borquist, Regiona.*

# 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 now 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

### SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS – please pray for:

- Students who have or are starting school, for their parents and teachers.
- FCBC as we discuss and plan for 2018's budget.
- The Pastoral Search Committee and the pastor God is preparing for FCBC.

## 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.

## 2017 Church Theme: Proclaim & Present

"It is he [Jesus] whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ." Colossians 1:28



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