

# Peace Evangelical Church

June 28, 2020

*Today's Service*  
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July 5, 2020

*Next Sunday's Service*  
*Speaker* Mark Robinson

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Note: English Sunday's sermon services at 10:00 am will be broadcast live online beginning at the corresponding times.

## Sharing Christ

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it." - Luke 9:24

Some time ago, a ship off the New England coast capsized in a terrible storm and was going down. The Coast Guard received a distress call, and a young member told his captain, "Sir, we can't go out in these conditions. We'll never come back." The grizzled old captain took a look at the young man and said, "Son, we have to go out. We don't have to come back."

In the armed forces, soldiers are taught to put their duties even before their own lives. And if that's the kind of commitment that's expected for the furthering of a nation, then it's much more expected from followers of Christ for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

The early Christians saw themselves as disposable for the sake of the salvation of others. That's because to them, the need was real and urgent for the message of Christ to be expanded so that all would hear.

Let's make that need urgent again. Let's spend ourselves daily in sharing the Gospel with others. And if it comes down to it, may we see our very lives as disposable for the sake of the Kingdom and our King!

### Prayer Challenge

Ask God to give you a commitment to sharing Christ with others so that even if your own life is demanded for it, you'd give it!

### Questions for Thought

If the Gospel is as important as the Bible says it is, should we ever hesitate to give our lives for the sake of the salvation of others? How does that make you feel? How can you embolden your commitment to expanding God's Kingdom among the lost today?

## Church News

1. Due to the rampant coronavirus pandemic, the church has halted all in-person gatherings. Sunday sermons have been changed to live webcasts through a link on [www.pec.bc.ca](http://www.pec.bc.ca) until further notice. Please join in on schedule. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships, and Bible study classes are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually. In the interim, please pay close attention to the church news in our weekly digital bulletin.
2. Since the church has to suspend all physical gatherings and can only provide live-streaming of sermons on Sundays because of the current situation, for the communion service that we have always highly-valued, the elders and co-workers are making the following proposals and recommendations after discussion:
  - i) We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
  - ii) Prior to the meeting, prepare the bread and the cup. The bread is unleavened bread, baked with flour and a sprinkling of salt and oil. It signifies the body of Christ. The cup is grape juice, which symbolizes Christ shedding His blood in atonement for our sins.
  - iii) In the event a family does not have a brother who can lead, please contact your fellowship leader or mentor. We can arrange to organize a small group communion service for you on Zoom, and members who are moved to do so will be able to participate in sharing at that time.
  - iv) The communion service was established by the Lord and is a very somber gathering. It is necessary to prepare your heart and self-examine first before partaking in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup. Whoever does not discern the body of Christ, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
  - v) Therefore, by remembering the Lord, we have a deeper understanding of His love, revitalize our own love for Him, meditate on our relationship with the Lord, and are cognizant of our own transgressions. May the love of Christ always inspire us and rekindle the fire in our hearts.
  - vi) Please try to schedule these communion services for Sundays during the pandemic, whether at home or in online groups. As soon as the outbreak subsides and the church resumes physical gatherings, these online gatherings will immediately cease.
3. Our church continues to encourage brothers and sisters to utilize their time meaningfully during the pandemic by studying the Bible and maintaining devotion, reading spiritual books, and establishing a closer relationship with God. Also greet each other via telephone or social media daily, and interact with encouragement and petitions through prayer, traversing the pandemic together in love.
4. Due to the pandemic, this year's Chinese Summer Conference has been restructured to be conducted in video format from July 29 to August 3. Brother Chak Yeung LAM has been invited to be the speaker. The theme is "The Spiritual Battle". There will be no children's program during this summer conference.
5. Below is last week's offering records, a tax receipt will be issued on or before the end of February of next year.

Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
110753	200.00	CAD8CNYz	500.00	General	2700.00
113114	200.00	CAEYGjSA	2,000.00	Mission Fund	500.00
CA6rX6Jb	800.00			Caring Fund	500.00
Total Amount			3,700.00		3,700.00

## Prayer Items

1. Please pray for our church's direction in 2020 and the theme of English Ministry for this year is "Next level with God". (Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverb 3:5-6 (NLT). May God use it and His name be glorified.
2. Please continue to intercede in prayer for those members who are weak in flesh or spirit, by the mentioning of their names. May God heal and give strength to them so that they can find peace in the Lord, and may their loved ones have the fortitude to care for and sustain them so that all will gain the comfort of the Lord.
3. Please pray for the Chinese Summer Conference held between July 29 to August 3. Please pray for the messages prepare by speaker Brother Chak Yeung LAM, brothers and sisters would have an eager heart in Him and the coordinating work for the conference. May our church revive spiritually and will live a victorious life.
4. Please pray for the growth of the English Congregation, may God bless and use the congregation to bring glory back to God. Also pray that they can experience God's almighty power and live out the abundant life of Christ. May the next generation of this church have the burden of spreading the gospel, to care for the spirit of others and have a passion to witness for the Lord.
5. Due to the pandemic, the church has temporarily suspended mall and park outreach activities and Gospel visitations. May the Lord ensure that the determination of brothers and sisters to evangelize will not be lost, but learn to pray ardently for friends and family not yet returned to Christ, and bear witness for the Gospel in their daily lives amongst these people. Although evangelical meetings are temporarily halted during this time, may the Lord guide the church to astutely preach the Gospel via the internet or other means.
6. During the process of re-opening, may the Lord direct brothers and sisters and their families to live amongst people of the world as testimony that is pleasing to God, so that all glory may be returned to the Father.
7. Please pray for the current political situations in Hong Kong and National wide. May God continue to govern so that people will have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith to the various churches, in order that they can hold fast to the truth of the Bible and bear outstanding witness for the Lord.
8. Please pray for our church family adapt to the new life style during the epidemic prevention period, make adjustments so that couples can appreciate each other, the parents get the wisdom from God, communicate with their children with words of love and encouragement, and establish Christ is the Lord of my family.
9. Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. Pray for the church to be a witness for God during the pandemic and attract more people to the Lord. Pray that Christians locked-down in their homes can overcome the stress and demonstrate in their lives the faith, hope, love and peace of true disciples. And also pray that through the experience of online worships and prayer and fellowship meetings, the church can mature and evolve, focus more on the study and practice of Biblical truths, effectively preach the gospel, and love God and people in a different way.

## **New Offering Option: Interac e-Transfer**

To provide another option for Brothers & Sisters with sending offerings to church, we have setup Interac e-Transfer to receive them electronically. Following are some guidelines:

1. Email to send offerings: [offering@pec.bc.ca](mailto:offering@pec.bc.ca)
2. We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
3. When adding the new Contact, you might be asked to create a security question and answer. Just do so arbitrarily as that will not be used eventually. Also please choose to notify Contact by email address (not mobile phone).
4. On the Message section, please indicate:
  - a) your legal name (for tax receipt)
  - b) your commonly known name
  - c) purpose of your offering:
    - i. General Offering
    - ii. Mission Fund
    - iii. Caring Fund
    - iv. Special Offering, please specify
  - d) If you'd like to offer different amounts for more than one purpose, please indicate in the message as well.

**Example:** TSO PO KI, Phyllis, \$50 General, \$60 Mission, \$70 Caring

5. The bank's transaction reference number (instead of the offering envelope number) will be used to track and record your offering, which you can check on the bulletin to confirm church has received it.
6. Church's bulletin will be posted on our website every Sunday, listing out offerings received during the previous week:  
**March 29** bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 16-22  
**April 5** bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 23-29, and so on.
7. In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

### **Reminders:**

- i) This is an additional option but not the only option to make offerings. We are still accepting drop-offs at church (cash or cheque) and mail-ins (cheque only). For drop-offs, please call the church office (604) 231-9990 ahead of time before coming.
- ii) Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.