

Peace Evangelical Church

May 16, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Boaz Hung
Pianist Samuel Law

Today's Service

Speaker Ray Hanna
Chairperson Gordon Chow
Pianist Samuel Law

May 23, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson Stephen Li
Pianist Boaz Hung

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Speaker Jurgen Schulz
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Maturing through mistakes

Do not lurk like a thief near the house of the righteous, do not plunder their dwelling place; for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes. - Proverbs 24:15-16

As a young entertainer, Will Rogers' stage specialty used to be rope tricks. One day, on stage, in the middle of his act, he became tangled in his lariat. But instead of becoming frustrated, Rogers laughed and spoke up in his Oklahoma drawl, "A rope ain't so bad to get tangled up in if it ain't around your neck!"

The audience roared at his impromptu response. Encouraged by his warm reception, Rogers began adding commentary and satire to all his performances. It was his commentary, not his rope tricks, that eventually made him famous.

Had Rogers not become tangled in his rope that day, he might never have discovered his ability to wow crowds with his wit. That's because, very often, our mistakes open doors to new possibilities that we never imagined had things gone the way we originally intended.

Understanding this can give us a new perspective on our mistakes. When we begin to see our mishaps as opportunities to learn new things and gain new experiences, it completely transforms our outlook on our lives and ourselves.

Don't let your mistakes discourage you. Instead, look for what God is teaching you through them and go in new directions. Being willing to learn from your shortcomings and your mistakes will mature you!

Prayer Challenge

Pray that God would help you to learn lessons from your mistakes that would spur you on to spiritual maturity.

Questions for Thought

Think of a mistake you've made in the past that has actually helped you. What would have happened if things had gone the way you originally planned?

How can seeing your mistakes as growth opportunities change the way you respond when things don't go your way?

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 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. English Ministry will have Missionary wee at May 22-23 (Sat evening at 8:00pm & Sun morning at 10:00am) online. Speaker: Brother Jurgen Schulz. Please mark your calendar to attend.
3. Chinese Sunday School between June to August will start at June 6, we encourage brothers and sisters actively take part in these Sunday School classes and have ourselves built up in the truth. Please register with your fellowship leader on or before May 31. B & S who do not attend fellowship, please contact brother Kwan Liu or brother Arthur Wang.
4. With reference to the church's current financial situation, we have accumulated a deficit of over \$8,000 in the past two months. Please take note of this and keep it as a concern.
5. Sister Karen Tang of Caleb Fellowship rested in the bosom of the Lord on May 12th. May God comfort and give strength to her family members. The memorial and cremation services will be held on May 18. Due to the pandemic, attendance will be restricted to immediate family. Her loved ones are most grateful to church members who offered their condolences, prayers and concern.
6. Our Church encourage brothers and sisters to pray daily for one family listed on our church directory. We hope that brothers and sisters will intercede for one another, demonstrate the love like a family and put it into action in our care, and love. Through our greetings, intercede, visiting each other we can know each other better, have fellowship, love and we build up one another. We hope that our church will like a big family.
7. 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	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
CA3ZwgXw	300.00	CAPcvdtD	500.00	CAX9s8uS	200.00	General	12,119.00
CA66DRRr	1,000.00	CApeU9hG	1,000.00	CAXkzpTs	70.00	Mission Fund	1,000.00
CAA9sBkQ	600.00	CAsUctkf	1,500.00	CAXutUry	1,000.00	Caring Fund	200.00
CAE7Bqux	250.00	CATEwTRD	200.00	CAysatRk	400.00		
CAFTKthg	5,000.00	CATufeqR	500.00	CAZ8C2xJ	300.00		
CAKz3Bpa	499.00						
Total Amount					13,319.00		13,319.00

May 2021 Elders and Deacons meeting resolutions

We unanimously approved the following resolution:

1. Brother Austin Milne is invited to help at David Fellowship from May to August 2021.

Prayer Items

1. The 2021 Theme of English Ministry is "**Put God First**". (So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10 (NIV) 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 English Missionary Wee at May 22-23, pray for the speaker and the coordination work for those meetings.
4. Please pray for the needs of the Children's Ministry, especially since individual contact with the kids during the pandemic is not comprehensive. Still, we hope to continue teaching them in accordance with the Lord's instructions and admonitions so that they will tread the proper path and not deviate through the years. May the Lord help each child amongst us to be reborn and saved and grow in body and spirit.
5. We anticipate there will be more returning or new immigrants coming from Hong Kong going forward. The church would like to take this opportunity to serve them. May the Lord grant loving hearts and wisdom to those members carrying this burden, so that our compatriots may receive the blessings of the Gospel, come to know and turn back to Christ.
6. The church has been hosting online meetings for quite a while now during this pandemic. May the Lord help us to be constantly aware of our innermost attitude towards Him. Whatever the circumstances, may we always have a fearful and loving heart for our Lord.
7. 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.
8. Please continue to pray that the current Covid 19 pandemic may be quickly brought under control, particularly for places with rampant infection rates such as India. Please remember health workers on the front lines and administrative personnel in all countries working in difficult conditions at this time. May the people be lifted up from these adverse circumstances. And may people humbly recognize their own limitations and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. 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.
10. Pray for the current political situation in Myanmar, Hong Kong and national wide. May God maintain His authority so that the population may have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith in the people, so that they may live in circumstances without hatred and fear. Please also pray that they will discover true peace in Jesus Christ.

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
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.