

Peace Evangelical Church

July 4, 2021

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson David Jones

Pianist Samuel Law

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Speaker David Jones

Chairperson Boaz Hung

Pianist Samuel Law

July 11, 2021

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson Stephen Li

Pianist Mark Lim

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Giving

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- Colossians 3:1-3*

One day a mother was trying to teach her daughter a lesson about giving. So she gave the little girl a quarter and a dollar bill before going to church and told her, "Put whichever one you want in the collection plate and keep the other for yourself."

After church, she asked the little girl what she had given during the offering time. The little girl responded, "Well, I was going to give a dollar, but then the preacher said God loves a cheerful giver. I knew I'd be more cheerful if I gave the quarter, so I did."

What is it about us that loves to hang onto our stuff? We know we can't keep it forever. And most people realize material things can't make them happy. But for some reason, we have a strong urge to hang onto our things as if they'll give us lasting joy.

The truth is that no amount of material wealth can ever fulfill us. That's exactly why God wants to liberate us from our dependence on such things by inviting us to invest them in His purposes. It's not that these things are bad. It's that they make terrible gods, but great Kingdom servants.

Keep free from the love of worldly things by using them for God's glory. When we think of our stuff as really His, we'll experience much more joy as we give it all back to Him!

Prayer Challenge

Pray and confess that everything you have belongs to God. Ask Him to give you an attitude of generosity when it comes to giving it back.

Questions for Thought

What are some areas of your life where perhaps you're looking toward worldly things to make you happy?

As you think about those areas, what would it look like to give them completely over to God?

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, Shepherd Voice and prayer items in our weekly digital bulletin.
2. The July Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the 11th (next Sunday) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
3. Due to the pandemic, this year's Chinese Summer Conference will be conducted via video from July 28 to August 2. Brother Daniel WONG has been invited to be the speaker. The title is "The Establishment and Life of The House of God", with reference to the Book of Genesis 28:10-22. There will be no children's program during this Chinese Summer conference.
4. Our church encourages everyone to attend our prayer meetings via Zoom, in order to jointly keep vigil on, and petition for, our members, thereby learning how to serve God through prayer.
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	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
CAQRrv7	600.00	CadMEfxW	3,000.00	CAmQ77vV	200.00	General	7,680.00
CAPUp2EY	3,800.00	CADBMDkC	30.00	CakWTYbu	50.00	Mission Fund	300.00
CAXw6rkk	300.00						
			Total Amount				7,980.00
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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.
3. Please pray for the Chinese Summer Conference held between July 28 to August 2. Please pray for the messages prepare by speaker Brother Daniel WONG, 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 intercede for the pastoral team, elders and deacons of our church. May God grant them wisdom, decisive power, strength and courage to lead our church. We would also remember all serving person our church in our prayer, may God grant them with love to serve Him, all of them would have a merciful heart, patience to build our church and every one of them would be a faithful servant to Him.
5. During the gradual stabilization of the pandemic and easing of health restrictions, may the Lord give wisdom to the church when leading our members in organizing every aspect of a return, and may brothers and sisters bear witness to mankind with lives that are ever more pleasing to the Lord so that all glory returns to the Father.
6. Please pray that our children will have a safe and happy summer and can utilize their time well to build up healthy physical and spiritual lives. May the parents also establish closer relationships with their offspring during the holidays and guide them to better know Christ.
7. 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.
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. 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
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.