

Peace Evangelical Church

March 20, 2022

Today's Communion Service

Chairperson Jimmy Chow

Duty Deacon Jeason Chan

Today's Service

Speaker David Jones

Chairperson Barry Chao

Pianist Boaz Hung

Usher Chloe Chow

March 27, 2022

Next Sunday's Communion Service

Chairperson Boaz Hung

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Speaker Ashley Milne

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Misplacing priorities

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:33

Dr. George Sweeting recounted a time when he and his family took a trip to Niagara Falls. It was spring, and huge blocks of ice were rushing down the river, making their way to the falls. Frozen inside the blocks were carcasses of dead fish.

Swarms of gulls were riding down the river on the blocks feeding on the dead fish. As they came to the brink of the falls, their wings would go out and they would fly away, narrowly escaping an imminent death.

Dr. Sweeting then observed,

"I watched one gull which seemed to delay and wondered when it would leave. It was engrossed in the carcass of a fish, and when it finally came to the brink of the falls, out went its powerful wings. The bird flapped and flapped and even lifted the ice out of the water, and I thought it would escape. But it had delayed too long so that its claws had frozen into the ice. The weight of the ice was too great, and the gull plunged into the abyss."

The most appealing things in the world turn deadly when we become too attached to them. That's because when we hold onto something so tightly that we refuse to let it go, that thing becomes our idol and surpasses God in our hearts.

Don't let the things you love destroy you. Release what needs to be released for the sake of your relationship with God. Enjoy the good things in life, but always remember to keep your priorities in line!

Prayer Challenge

Ask God to show you where you've compromised your priorities and pray He'd help you keep them in line.

Questions for Thought

Why do you think the things of the world often seem more appealing than the things of God?

What are some things in your life today that perhaps you need to let go of?

Hi Everyone,

1. **Masks** - As many know starting on March 11th, our province's public health order no longer requires wearing masks in public indoor settings. However, in consideration of others among us, our church will continue to recommend and encourage everyone attending our church services and fellowships to wear a mask while inside the building, until further notice.

The provincial health order also allows 100% attendance regardless of your personal vaccine status. Our church to provide very safe and considerate health practices surrounding Covid-19.

2. **Sunday Meetings** - Until Sunday, May 29, 2022 we will continue to provide the zoom option for our communion service beginning at 9 a.m and our Sunday School beginning at 11:30 a.m. We also will continue to livestream our Sunday morning sermons at 10 a.m.

Beginning on June 5, 2022 we will return to our pre-pandemic format. The Sunday sermon will be recorded and the Sunday sermon will be uploaded to the website following the service. These plans are to coincide with our Chinese congregations who are using the same timeline. With these changes in mind, we do encourage all to begin attending the Sunday services in person. We have found that it is truly a blessing to all who attend.

3. **Fellowships** - All Cantonese, Mandarin and English church fellowships will begin to meet in person by June 3, 2022 but we leave it up to the individual fellowships to make their own decisions if they would like to begin meeting before this date as some have already started.

4. **Prayer Meeting** - For practical convenience we have decided that our weekly prayer meeting will remain unchanged and continue on zoom at 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

For further questions please contact the English Ministry Elders, Deacons or Pastor Dave.

Church News

1. The church has designated March to be the fellowship month. All members are encouraged to seek out at least one other brother or sister each week to share in prayer and concern. Through concerted intercession in the Lord, may spirits be lifted and built up in concordance.
2. March has also been assigned as our month of prayers. Brothers and sisters are requested to take note of the prayer items provided by the church, intercede daily together with thanks, keep watch for the church and maintain vigilance through our prayers.
3. Our church continues to encourage all members to pick one family per day from the church's directory and pray for them. May brothers and sisters strive to pursue the goal of care and intercession for one another in the household of the Lord through greetings, prayers and visitations, so that we can interact, communicate and connect with one another through understanding and love, thereby building up our friendships so that the church may be suffused with warmth as would a family.
4. 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
113747	120.00	CAaFxF27	100.00	CAsxc7WJ	150.00	General	6,860.00
113790	1,000.00	CADbhW5m	160.00	CAtgxChs	250.00	Mission Fund	1,300.00
CA2tkwz3	300.00	CAE9mqkQ	200.00	CAvKFeVN	500.00		
CA7b5pkE	180.00	CAPq2EqP	700.00	CAWHcKmf	800.00		
CA847ZqB	1,500.00	CAQrAw7t	200.00	CAytFxxJ	2,000.00		
Total Amount					8,160.00		8,160.00

March 2022 Elders and Deacons meeting resolutions

We unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1. Caring support to one family of \$2,000.00.

Prayer Items

1. Please pray for the direction of the English Ministry for this year. The Theme is “United in Christ; Alive in Christ”. May brothers and sisters earnestly remember and adhere to the teachings of the Bible and be willing to faithfully follow the Lord to the end; to seek first His Kingdom and His Glory, cherish their remaining days on earth, and boldly bear witness for the Lord so that all glory will return to Him.
2. Please remember all the missionaries supported by the church. May God bestow more bliss and strength to them so that they may be filled with His grace and providence in their fields of operation, and be able to fight the good fight for the Lord and lead many to rejoin the Kingdom of God.
3. Please pray for the needs of the Children's Ministry, especially during this epidemic, since it is hard for the church to reach out to children who aren't attending services in person. Hopefully, we will still be able to edify them in accordance with the Lord's instructions and admonitions so that they will tread and not deviate from the proper path throughout their years. May the Lord help every child amongst us to be reborn through salvation and grow robustly in body and spirit.
4. Please keep in mind the current situation in Ukraine. May God have mercy and bestow peace on the people there. Pray for those in political power to continue striving for the benefit of the populace, and pray for believers to remain steadfast in the Way of the Lord and experience His faithfulness. In particular, remember the exodus of all refugees caught up in various conflicts, such as the skirmishes occurring within Myanmar, leading to shortages in basic necessities. As well, some believers are facing mortal danger as they join in the relief effort for refugees, while many still await the Gospel message during this period of darkness.
5. Please pray for churches now encountering peril, hardship and persecution. May God heed the calls of those who belong to Him and bolster their faith. May the Holy Spirit bestow peace upon them. May the Heavenly Father fortify those who suffer in His name, and be together with them so that all will perceive in them the Christ upon whom they rely.