



27 August 2023

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

9 to 10.30 am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise & Adoration** Wonderful Grace of Jesus (page 3)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

***Hymn of Prayer** O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer (page 5)

Pastoral Prayer

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem Worship You Alone (page 7)

Scripture Reading Luke 19:11-27
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Faithfulness Looks Like

***Hymn of Response** Living for Jesus (page 8)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

Hymn of Praise & Adoration (AM)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 8:9

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Refrain

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Hymn of Prayer (AM)

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

Words and Music by
Nathan Stiff

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Anthem (AM)

Worship You Alone

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We stand before You Lord
in the shadow of Your righteousness
Kneel and adore You Lord
in the blessed name of Jesus
With a heart of praise
We humbly bow before Your throne
Worship You alone

You are the great "I Am"
Abba Father and Eternal King
The God of Abraham
Lord of heaven, Lord of everything
With your mighty love
You have redeemed us as Your own
And we worship You
Worship You alone

For You alone are worthy
All creation sings Your praise
No brush can paint Your glory
No pen describe Your ways
Maker of the universe and all that is beyond
Give of eternal life
How could we respond

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Lord we worship You alone

Hymn of Response (AM)

Living for Jesus

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col. 1:10
A living sacrifice. Rom. 12:1 I now live... by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

1. Liv - ing for Je - sus, a life that is true, Striv - ing to please Him in all that I do;
2. Liv - ing for Je - sus Who died in my place, Bear - ing on Cal - v'ry my sin and dis - grace;
3. Liv - ing for Je - sus, wher - ev - er I am, Do - ing each du - ty in His ho - ly Name;
4. Liv - ing for Je - sus through earth's lit - tle while, My dear - est treas - ure, the light of His smile;

Yield - ing al - le - giance, glad - heart - ed and free, This is the path - way of bless - ing for me.
Such love con - strains me to an - swer His call, Fol - low His lead - ing and give Him my all.
Will - ing to suf - fer af - flic - tion and loss, Deem - ing each tri - al a part of my cross.
Seek - ing the lost ones He died to re - deem, Bring - ing the wear - y to find rest in Him.

Refrain slower

O Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior, I give my - self to Thee, For Thou, in Thy a - tone - ment, didst

give Thy - self for me; I own no oth - er Mas - ter, my heart shall be Thy

throne; My life I give, hence - forth to live, O Christ, for Thee a - lone.

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PM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

6 to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise & Adoration

Wonderful Grace of Jesus (page 10)
O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer (page 12)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:11-27
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Faithfulness Looks Like

*Hymn of Response

Take My Life (page 14)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

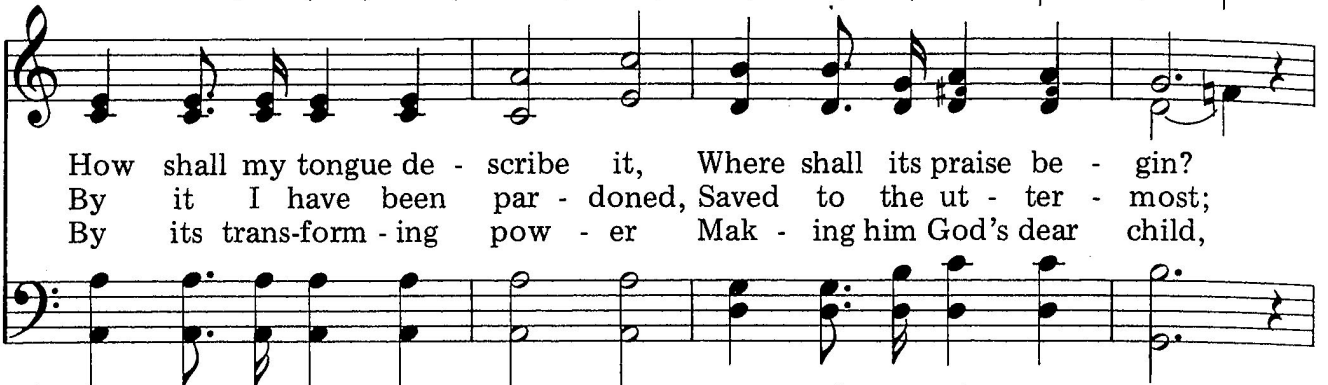
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Wonderful Grace of Jesus

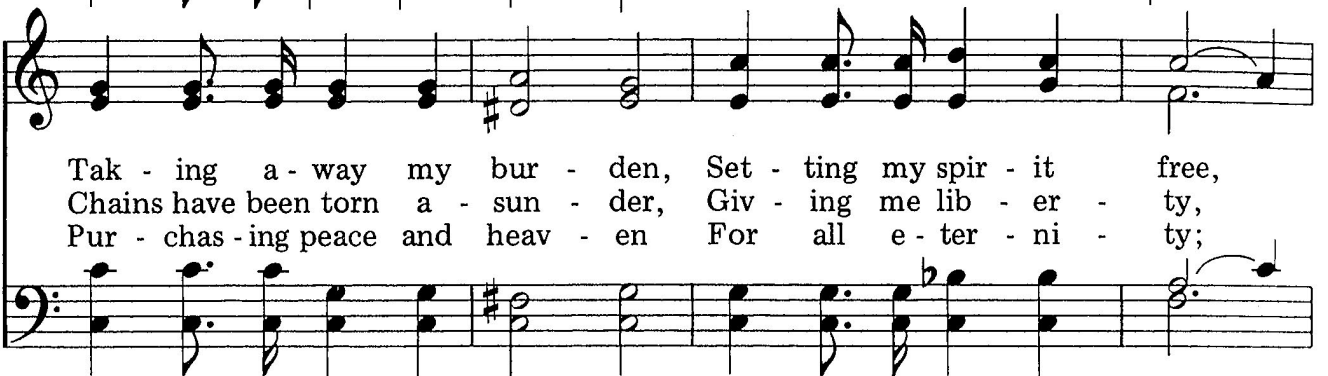
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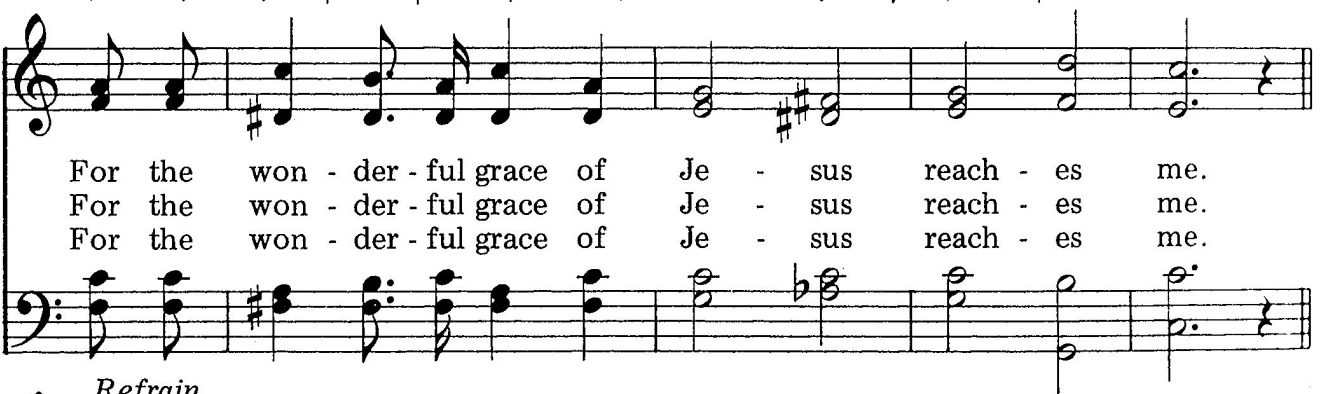
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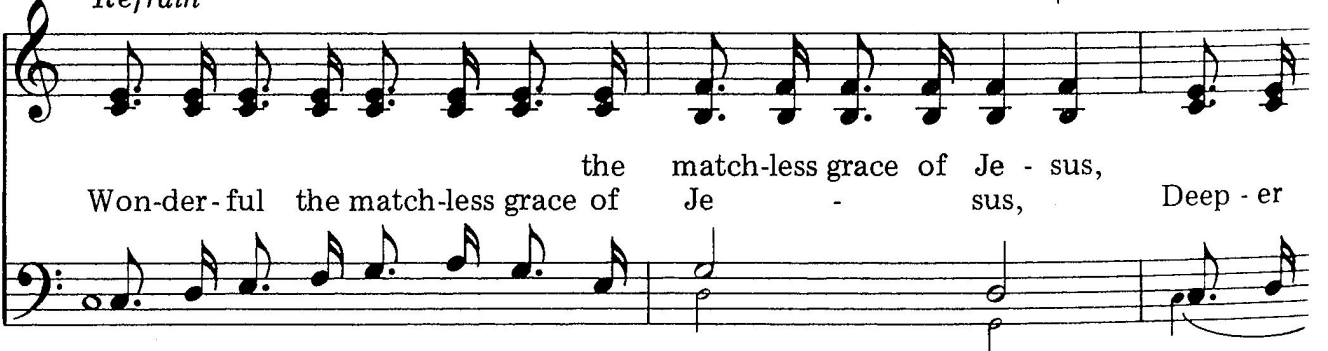


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HYMN OF RESPONSE (PM)

Take My Life

Words by
Frances Ridley Havergal, Chris Tomlin
and Louie Giglio

Music by
Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
and Henri Abraham Cesar Malan

♩=88

VERSE

B♭

F^{sus}

F

Gm

E♭²

Cm⁷

1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
2. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for
3. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no long

4

F^{sus}

B♭

F^{sus}

F

Gm

to Thee. Take my mo - ments and my days, let
my King. Take my lips and let them be filled
er mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own, it

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E♭²

Cm⁷

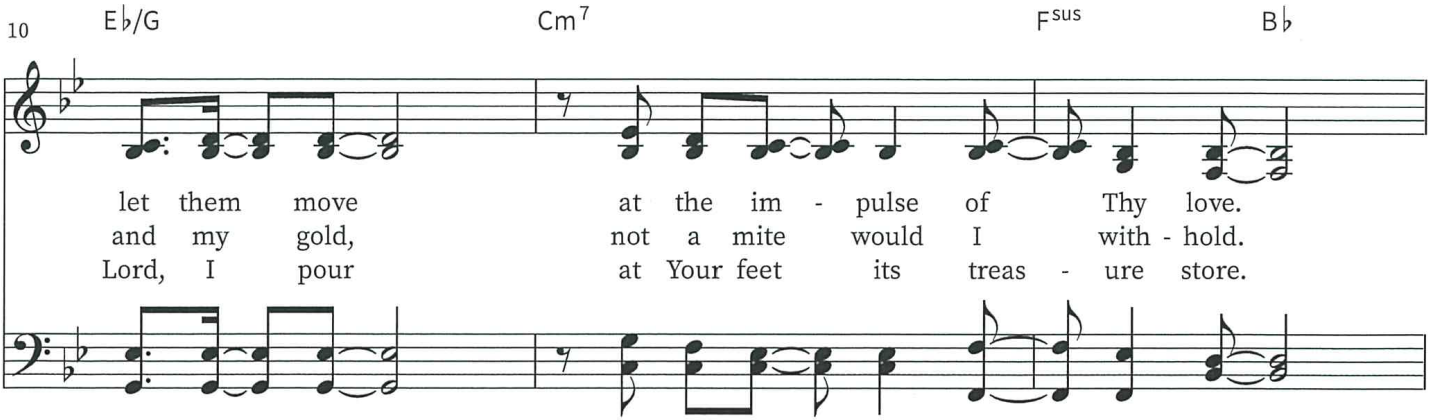
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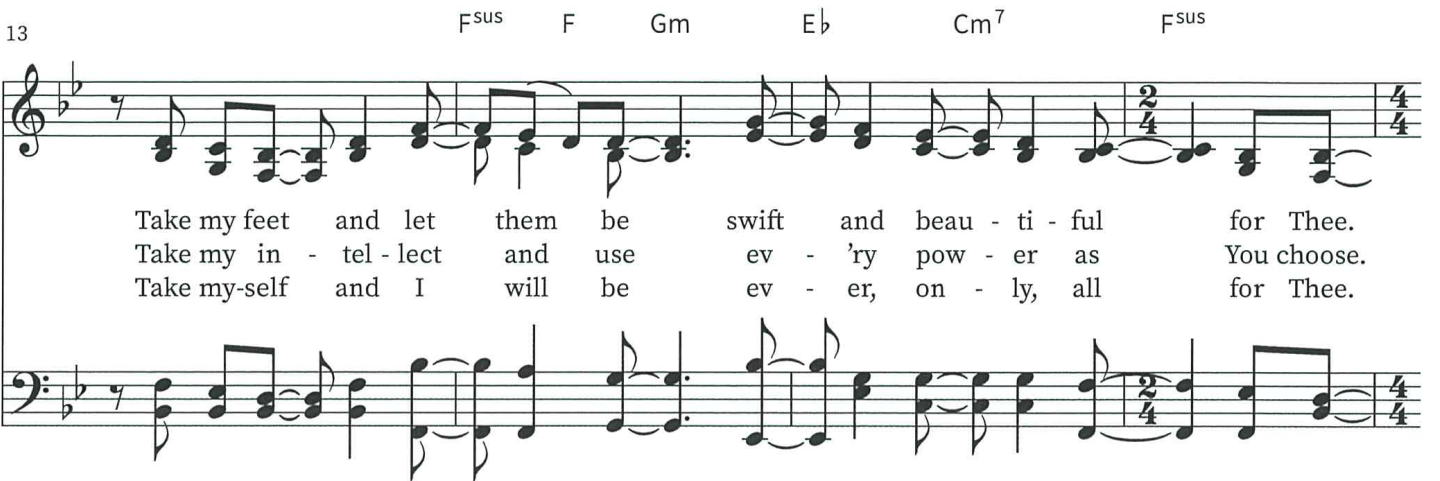
them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands and
with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my sil - ver
shall be Thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

10 Eb/G Cm⁷ F^{sus} B \flat



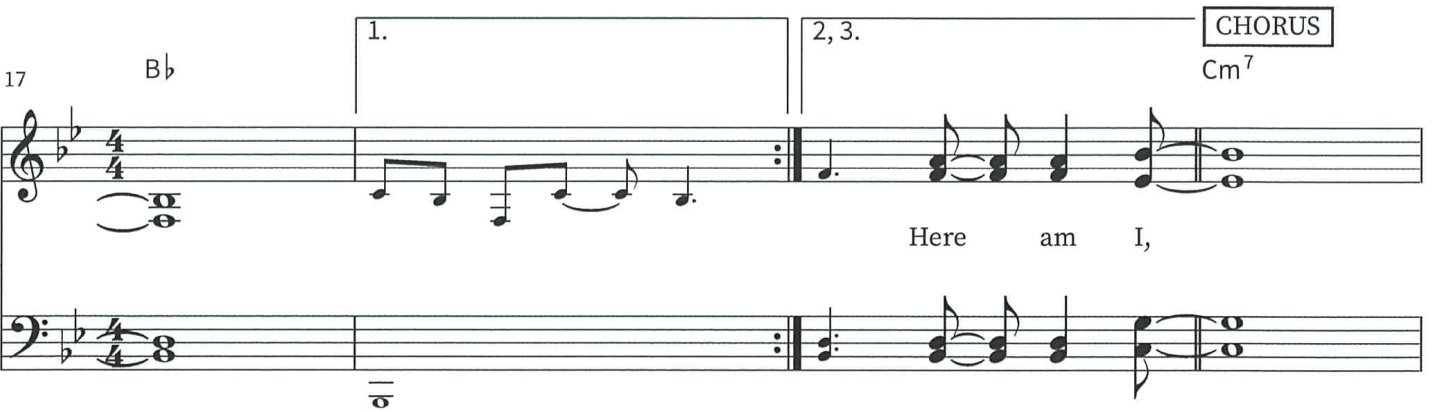
let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love.
and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at Your feet its treas - ure store.

13 F^{sus} F Gm Eb Cm⁷ F^{sus}



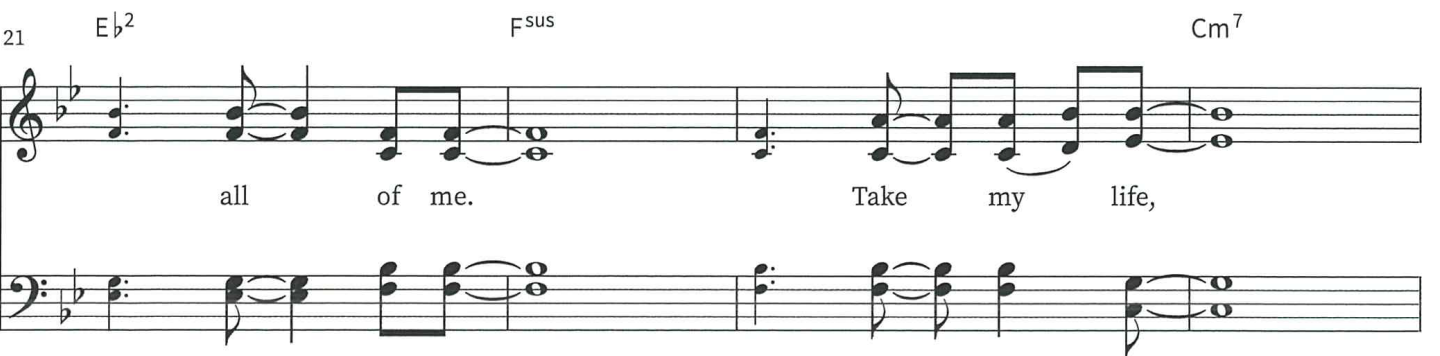
Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow - er as You choose.
Take my-self and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

17 B \flat 1. 2, 3. CHORUS Cm⁷



Here am I,

21 Eb² F^{sus} Cm⁷



all of me. Take my life,

25 E \flat^2 F^{sus} 1. D.C. 2. B \flat

it's all for Thee.

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What Does It Mean to Have God as Our King?

What does it mean to say God is our King? How does He rule over the universe and my life? How may the truth of His Kingship bring comfort to my anxious thoughts? Consider how the psalmist marvels over the Kingship of God and says in Ps 139:16, "... all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

This means firstly, God is neither whimsical nor capricious. The answer to Question 6 of the Shorter Catechism says "The decrees of God are, His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby, for His own glory, He has foreordained whatsoever come to pass." God's decrees are His plans from and for eternity. Everything that comes to pass in our universe has been foreordained by God. This means as Ps 139:16 suggests, His decrees include even every moment of my life.

Secondly, it means God is not remote and disinterested in us. God does not just decree. He also did not just create the world and left it to run by itself. Col 1:17 tells us that in Christ all things hold together. It means He controls and sustains the universe. He rules via His providence to determine how His decrees are executed. And He does so without being an agent of evil, and without violating human free will. Instead, Jas 1:17 reminds us God is the giver of every good and perfect gift and He changes not.

This is reassuring. Nothing happens to us by chance. Luke 12:6-7 says even the sparrows are not forgotten by God. Every strand of our hair is numbered. That is incredible. Remember in the book of Jonah, how God sent the big fish to save Jonah's life and the small worm to eat up Jonah's plant to reshape Jonah's heart. Most reassuring of all, at the right time, God sent us His Son. And He tells us in Rom 8:28 that He works all things in the universe together for our good, that is, for our final salvation in Christ.

However, in our study of the Gospel of Luke, we have learned that many in Jesus' days rejected His Kingship. They were too preoccupied with the things of this life. They missed the greatest privilege any soul can ever receive from God by not making Jesus their King. And Jesus is King. But that is good news only if we surrender our hearts to Him. Will you make Jesus the Lord and King of your life? Will you give Him the first place in your heart?

What Faithfulness Looks Like

Luke 19:11-27

Introduction: In waiting for Jesus to return, what can we learn from this parable?

1. Jesus' instructions

2. Servants' responses

Conclusion

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Luke 19:28-34. How have the things of God been given the top priority in the use of your resources?

Pray for our leaders to be always refreshed in the Lord so as to render to Him their faithful service.

Tuesday

Read Luke 19:35-38. How has the legitimacy of Christ as your King been reflected in your worship of Him lately?

Pray for God's continual blessing upon the German Congregation as they receive their new pastor Rev Martina Klein to work alongside them.

Wednesday

Read Luke 19:39-40. What would compel you not to keep silent about your faith, but to testify of His Kingship in your life, especially to those who have yet known Him?

Pray for the participants in the Biblical Parenting Class to have a fruitful time of learning this Saturday.

Thursday

Read Luke 19:41. How has Jesus' deep sorrow over Jerusalem moved you to consider your response to the things that weigh on His heart?

Pray for our citizens to choose wisely tomorrow so that the right candidate may be elected to the office of Singapore's next President.

Friday

Read Luke 19:42-44. How does Jesus' prophecy on Jerusalem's destruction shape your perspective on what is important in life?

Thank God for the teachers in Singapore. Pray that God will raise more good teachers to build up our next generation. Pray for God to provide our churches with faithful and godly teachers of His word always.

Saturday

Read Luke 19:45-48. What do you need to do so that Jesus is pleased when He inspects your life as the temple of the Holy Spirit?

Pray for God's grace upon our elected President as he serves our country in the period of his office.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 27	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
	9.00 am	Youth Service	Chapel
	10.30 am	Youth Fellowship	Chapel
	4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 29	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
	8.00 pm	Congregation Care Committee Meeting	Online
Wed 30	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 31	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall, SHKA, B, SR2
Sat 2	2.00 pm	Biblical Parenting Class	Online

TITHES & OFFERINGS

ORPC English Congregation

(1) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Please make this payable to "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church"
and mail to: No. 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825

(2) INTERBANK TRANSFER

Beneficiary: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering
Bank: UOB/7375/001 Account No: 450-312-122-5

(3) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

UEN No.: S90CC0750JGRO

Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church - Giro Offering

SCAN TO PAY



(Use your Bank App to scan)

We encourage our ORPC members and regular worshippers to faithfully offer their tithes and offerings and to do so electronically where possible.

This is not a general solicitation of funds from the public.

FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please indicate the type of Giving, i.e.

"ENGLISH - MISSION" or "ENGLISH - GENERAL"

- (1) at the back of Cheque or
- (2) in "Comments" box for Interbank Transfer or
- (3) in "Reference" box for PayNow

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.1.23- 31.12.23</u>	TARGET TO <u>20.08.2023</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>20.08.2023</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,176,923.08	\$1,139,463.90	(\$37,459.18)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$163,461.54	\$187,573.50	\$24,111.96
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,340,384.62	\$1,327,037.40	(\$13,347.22)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	27 Aug	3 Sep Inter-Generational Sunday	10 Sep Holy Communion Sunday
Sermon Title	What Faithfulness Looks Like	Jesus at His Temple	Jesus, the Rejected Cornerstone
Scripture Ref	Luke 19:11-27	Luke 19:28-48	Luke 20:9-26
Preacher	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Children's Message		Ps Herna Kong	
Worship Leader	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong Eld Paul Johnson	Eld Philip Ong Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Derrick Lee Eld Lim Ee Tuo
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan Dorothy Lie	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim Lim Chiew Sen	Lisa Ong Eunice Tang	Eunice Tang Dr Noah Lim
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Patrick Harjadi Team A Veronica Song Team E Eld Winston Choo	Hannah Leong Team B Jimmy Tan Team F Ang Eng Joo	Aubert Saragi Team C Kenneth Koh Team H Dcn Alicia Yeo
Greeters	Rev Dr Edward Goh Eld Richard Law Ps Lim Chung Wei Dcn Samuel Tandijanto	Pr Tan Hui Ru Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Pr Herna Kong Eld Paul Johnson	Ps Lim Chung Wei Eld Gabriel Tan Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Alicia Yeo
AV Duty Roster	Andrew Loh Delia Chan Dcn Mazmur The Huang Junxiong Dcn Mazmur The	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Selvarajan Rengasamy Davendran Arumugam Don Magkawas, Nestor M. Jr	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Geoff Holmes Eld Paul Johnson

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	27 Aug	3 Sep	10 Sep
Sermon Title	True Faith in Jesus		
Scripture Reference	Luke 19:1-27		
Preacher	Pr Ho Wei Liang		
Scripture Reader	Samuel Neo		
Worship Leader	Isaiah Tang		
Musicians	James The Joel Chua Darryl Yap	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
Ushers Team	Chloe Tjahjono Darilyn Yap		
AV Duty Roster	Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo		

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE OF APOSTLES' CREED (FROM SEP)

We will be using a more contemporary version of the Apostles' Creed from September 2023 onwards. This is to facilitate a better understanding given that many of the words used are Old English and some changes in meaning for words may also have occurred. Please refer to the insert for a theological explanation and the more contemporary version we will use.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED (FROM 31 AUG)

This course will be held via Zoom over 6 Thursdays, from 31 Aug to 5 Oct, 8 – 9.15 pm. Please see the flyer for details. Please send your name, contact number and question(s) to Poey Leng at missions@orpc.org.sg or scan the QR code here.



BIBLICAL PARENTING CLASS (2 SEP)



The Biblical Parenting Class will be conducted on Sat, 2 Sep, from 2 – 4.30 pm via Zoom. It is a pre-requisite for parents who wish to dedicate their children for infant baptism in ORPC. Please register early via <https://tinyurl.com/orpcbpc23>

SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US (3 SEP)

The class will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin from 11 am – 12.15 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please see the flyer for more details.

SEPTEMBER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (6 SEP)

Our next meeting will be on Wed, 6 Sep, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg if you have any queries.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (FROM 23 SEP)

The class will be held over 3 Saturdays, on 23, 30 Sep and 7 Oct, from 2 – 6 pm, in Dunman Basement 6 (DB6). Please see the flyer. For enquiries, please email MAP@ORPC.sg Do register early via <https://tinyurl.com/mpcsep23>

BUILDING ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (A&A) PROJECT—DIALOGUE MEETING (30 SEP)

A dialogue meeting will be held for all congregation members on Saturday, 30 Sep, from 2 – 4:30 pm at the Sanctuary where the Alterations and Additions (A&A) Steering Committee will provide an update on the project.

CEASING OF LIVE-STREAM FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (FROM 1 OCT)

ORPC encourages all worshippers to come into God's sanctuary for church service to worship our Lord together in person. For those who are physically unable to come to church, a recording of the service will be available on the same day from 2 pm – 12 am at orpc.sg. As part of our return to normal post-pandemic operations, the live-stream of our 9 am worship service will cease from 1 Oct 2023.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25

LUNCH FELLOWSHIP CUM SHARING OF DISCIPLESHIP GROUP PLANS (7 OCT)

12 – 1 pm Lunch Fellowship

1 – 2.30 pm Sharing of DG DMC Plans, Group Discussion, Q&A

Venue Dunman Hall



All Discipleship Group members are encouraged to join us for this event. You will learn about the plan for our Discipleship Groups in 2024, how we are preparing for it, and how you may participate and be equipped in the 5 growth areas in our Disciple-Making Church (DMC) journey.

Please register with your Discipleship Group leaders or through this link **by Tuesday, 26 Sep** <https://tinyurl.com/yszmnjb9>

BE PART OF A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Our Discipleship Groups seek to worship, share life, pray, study God's word and serve Christ together. Come alongside us in our daily growth journey through joining a Discipleship Group - email discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP—FOR CHILDREN IN THE FISHPORT & SUNRISE SLUM COMMUNITIES

A total of S\$9,250 was raised this year to support 29 students at primary to high school levels and 2 students at the university level. Their school term commenced in August 2023.

We thank God for the faithfulness and generosity of individuals and DGs for their support. In total as a ORPC community, we are supporting 71 students from the slum communities. These numbers include 40 students from last year that continue to be supported by their donors. All Glory to God!

JOB OPENING IN ORPC

Digital and IT Assistant Manager

The position description can be found on our website <https://orpc.sg/category/join-our-team/> and interested persons can send your enquiry to our Church Office Manager, Diane Tee (dianetee@orpc.org.sg).

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: AUG - DEC 2023

Sat 2 Sep	2 pm	Biblical Parenting Class [Online]
Sat 23, 30 Sep, 7 Oct	2 pm	Marriage Preparation Class [DB6]
Sat 23 Sep	7 pm	Congregational Fellowship Gathering [SHK]
Sat 30 Sep	2 pm	Building Alterations and Additions (A&A) Project— Dialogue Meeting [Sanctuary]
Sat 30 Sep	7.30 pm	Season's Pippings: Organ Concert & Hymn Service [Sanctuary]
Sat 7 Oct	12 pm	Lunch Fellowship cum Sharing of Discipleship Group Plans [Dunman Hall]
Sat 7, 14, 21 & 28 Oct, 4 & 11 Nov	4 pm	Membership Class [DB6] - Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer
Sun 22 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	Infant Baptism
Sun 29 Oct	9 am & 6 pm	ORPC 167 th Anniversary & Reformation Sunday
Sun 12 Nov	9 am	ECM – Elders & Deacons
Tue 14 Nov	7.30 pm	Organ Concert by Vincent Thévenaz [Sanctuary]
Wed 15 Nov	12.30 pm	Noon Organ Concert by Vincent Thévenaz [Sanctuary]
Sun 3 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	First Sunday of Advent Membership Sunday
Sun 24 Dec	9 am	Lessons & Carols
	10 pm	Outdoor Candlelight Service
	11 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service
	No PM Service	
Mon 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 31 Dec	9 pm	Watchnight Service
	No PM Service	

The Apostles' Creed: "He descended into hell"

In the traditional version of the Apostles' Creed, one paragraph reads: "He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." Perhaps the most controversial line in the creed is "[Jesus] descended into hell." Presumably, the biblical basis for this line is 1 Peter 3:19, which states that Jesus "went and proclaimed to the spirit in prison." However, there is no textual basis in the New Testament to claim that Jesus was preaching to souls imprisoned in hell between his death and resurrection (Easter and Good Friday).

Not only is there little biblical support for this view, but the claim is also inconsistent with Jesus' statement, when he spoke to the thief next to him and assured him, that "today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). Besides the view on hell, there have been two other meanings proposed throughout church history. John Calvin, for example, takes this phrase to mean that Christ suffered the pains of hell while on the cross. The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), a document expounding Reformed doctrine, also holds to this view.

Others have understood it to mean that Christ continued in the "state of death" until his resurrection. The Westminster Larger Catechism (1647), Question 50 takes this approach: "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of death, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell." This is the view that we have taken.

What is the significance of the Apostles' Creed for today? As D. A. Carson explains, the creed "very ably summarizes the gospel itself in just a few sentences." The affirmation that Jesus continued in a state of death was included as a corrective to heretical views that claim Jesus was less than fully human and that he did not die a human death. The gospel insists that Jesus died a real death and he rose on the third day, as the basis for the believer's hope for bodily resurrection one day (1 Cor 15).

It is for this reason that we have decided to use the contemporary version of the Apostles' Creed, which reads "He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead."

1. What's the difference between the two versions?

The difference is primarily in updating words to better reflect contemporary meanings due to language shifts over time, as well as a clarification in wording to prevent misunderstandings due to cultural developments.

For example, “maker” is replaced by “creator”, “hell” with “dead”, “quick” with “living”. Some words are no longer in modern use – “sitteth” and “thence” have therefore been replaced. The “how” of the conception by the Holy Spirit has also been clarified.

<i>Traditional Apostles' Creed</i>	<i>Contemporary Apostles' Creed</i>
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The word “catholic” means universal and does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church.

What is hell?

In the Old Testament, the word often translated as “hell” is *sheol* (Heb) – which simply means the place of the dead. In the New Testament, the equivalent word is *hades* (Gk) – which is again the place of the dead. For both languages, heaven (*shamayim* in Heb and *ouranos* in Greek) was not a place for humans and not an option for humans after death (instead of heaven, deserving Greeks went to *Elysium* which was in *Hades*).

The theological understanding of “hell” is a different question from what “hell” means in the Apostles’ Creed. The theological understanding of hell is that hell is the infinite and eternal death which we have earned because of our sin. In Scripture it is depicted as a place of suffering and torment (Rev 14:10-11), with eternal fire (Matt 25:41, Luke 16:23-24), shame and everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2). Hell is where those who are dead in sin are forever subject to the fury and wrath of the righteous and just God.

2. Where was Christ between Good Friday and Easter?

Jesus’ body was buried in the tomb for those three days. Other than this, the Bible’s only word on this is what Jesus said on the cross to the thief next to him – that he will be in paradise (Luke 23:43).

3. What does 1 Peter 3:19 mean then?

An interpretation of this text is that Jesus had previously done this – preaching to the people of Noah’s day through Noah while they were still living on earth, and these are the people who heard the message, rejected it, perished in the flood of Noah’s day, and are now in prison i.e. hell.

— An **ONLINE** Discipleship Course —

Christianity Explained

- INVITE YOUR NON-BELIEVER FRIENDS & FAMILY -

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR ?

This is an opportunity to invite your non-believer friends and family. This course is suitable for anyone interested in knowing the Christian faith and what the gospel is about, especially non-believers and new believers.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE COVER ?

Using videos and slides, this course examines the fundamentals of the gospel and the Christian faith, with ample time for your questions

(Course facilitators : Roger Lee and Lai Poey Leng)

DATES / VENUE

Dates : Six Thursdays, 8.00pm – 9.15pm, **Aug 31, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5.**

Online : The ZOOM link will be emailed closer to the date. Course workbook will be sent by post.

(Should you miss a class, we will gladly arrange a make-up lesson with you)

REGISTRATION / ENQUIRIES

Please send your name, contact number & question(s) to <https://tinyurl.com/CEAug2023>

Or email Poey Leng at missions@orpc.org.sg or scan the QR code. Thank you !



Biblical Parenting Class

ORPC
MARRIAGE AND
PARENTING
MINISTRY

2 SEPTEMBER 2023
2:00 - 4:30 PM ON ZOOM
REV DR EDWARD GOH

The interactive class is for all parents covering on the biblical purpose, principle, and practice of parenting.



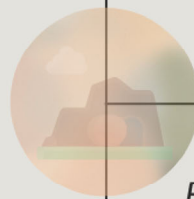
<https://tinyurl.com/orpcbpc23>

A pre-requisite class for parents who wish to dedicate their children for infant baptism at ORPC

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THE DOCTRINE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

Jesus the Messianic King had come to establish God's kingdom on earth and forgive people through his own substitutionary life, death, and resurrection, thereby qualifying them to inherit God's kingdom.



For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

SoCM Adult Sunday Class @ the Chapel

Every First Sunday

No Registration Required

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

School of Christian Ministry

ORPC Christian Education

SoCM Adult Sunday Class @ the Chapel

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

11 AM - 12.15 PM

HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor 9:13 "...others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel..." What does it mean that our obedience to God is based on the confession of the gospel? Most Christians would say that we are transformed by God when we live like Jesus. That is a good response, but there is much more to it than just trying to live like Jesus. The term "confession" in the Greek means "hold fast" to the gospel.

In our lesson, we will explore how the gospel actually transforms the Christian's heart in a deep and profound way. We will consider:

1. the barriers that keep us from genuine change,
2. the freedom from sin that the gospel provides, and
3. the motivation for long-lasting transformation.

Marriage Preparation Class

Marriage is instituted by God. He has purposed it for good. In reality, many marriages end up broken and relationships strained. What can we do so that our marriages may be a source of joy and blessings, fulfilling the good purposes which God has intended for?

If you are dating and contemplating marriage, join us to learn what the Bible teaches about marriage, to hear from a team of married couples on various practical aspects of marriage life, and to discover for yourselves how you can live out the gospel in a Godly marriage.

A pre-requisite class for members who wish to get married in ORPC

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

The classes will cover on

1. God's Design for Marriage
2. Relationships in Marriage
3. Communication and Conflict Resolution
4. Family Finance
5. Family Life & Home Management
6. Sex and Intimacy in Marriage

2 - 6 PM SAT / 23 SEP / 30 SEP / 7 OCT
DUNMAN BASEMENT 6

For enquiries, please email MAP@ORPC.sg.
Registration at <https://tinyurl.com/mpcsep23>



ORPC MARRIAGE AND PARENTING MINISTRY



ORPC encourages all worshippers to come into God's sanctuary for church service to worship our Lord together in person. For those who are physically unable to come to church, recording of the service will be available on the same day from 2pm-12am at orpc.sg. As part of our return to normal post-pandemic operations, the live stream of our 9AM worship service will cease from **1 October 2023**.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

Ceasing of Livestream for Morning Worship Service

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church was founded in 1856 to minister to the needs of the Scots community in Singapore. The first church building on the present site was completed in 1878, and has been extended several times, notably in 1975 when the sanctuary was extended and in 1985 when the new extension of the Dunman Hall was completed and a new chapel was built. Alongside the growth of the physical facilities has been the development of the church from an English-speaking expatriate congregation to a local church embracing four different language congregations and a new branch church at Bukit Batok (1995). In addition to the English-speaking congregation, the Indonesian congregation (1976) and the German congregation (1978) now regularly worship and minister as part of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church. In 2005, the Mandarin congregation (1968) became independent as Providence Presbyterian Church but continues to use the buildings for worship and ministry. In 2013, the branch church at Bukit Batok also became independent and is now Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church.

FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with our roots in historic Presbyterianism growing out of the Westminster Confession of Faith, we affirm the Lordship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We look to the Scriptures as the inspired word of God and the one authoritative and infallible standard for our faith and practice. We welcome those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour into our formal membership. Our membership is truly international, representing the breadth of God's call upon people from all ethnic and economic backgrounds.

Members are received upon initial profession of faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, confirmation and in transfer from other Christian churches. Classes for baptism, confirmation and for transfer of membership are held periodically and announced in the bulletin.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

DOXOLOGY

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