

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 29, 2021

10:00 AM

(*please stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

—Psalms 63:1-5, NIV

PRAISE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

—Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

THE APOSTLE'S CREED*

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:18-25

18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Elder Chris Choi

SERMON

Following in His Steps

Pastor Peter Pak

OFFERING & RESPONSE*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to pray for our Senior Pastor, Elders & Pastoral Staff.
 - Especially keep in prayer the ongoing search for our new Senior Pastor.
- Continue to pray for our college students and our college ministry.
- Please join us for a time of fellowship in the gym. We will continue to use the gym as our fellowship hall after our Sunday Services.
 - New member interviews will be held after the service today.
- EM Children's Service to start next Sunday (Sept. 5). This service is for children of the English Ministry (ages 5-10 only). We are asking parents to come to service with their child, and participate in the worship service together with them. The children will then be dismissed before the sermon and an education pastor will come and escort them to the Kindergarten sanctuary.
 - We ask that parents pick up their children right after service so that the education pastors can prepare for their programming starting at 11:30AM.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Table together on September 5.
- Reminder: We encourage families to bring their children to EM worship. We will have a nursery room for infants/toddlers. All Education Department programming will begin at 11:30AM.
- Online Giving: Please go to <https://www.bcpcem.org/give>.



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