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SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen. Amen.

Preparatory Hymn Allan Ang
Prelude Karen Ee
Call to Worship Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
*Hymn **HOP 11** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
*Invocation/Gloria Patri **1**

2 Doxology

Praise God from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;
Praise Him above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost, Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 72:12-20
Hymn **HOP 278** Sweet Hour of Prayer
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
*Doxology **2**/Offertory Prayer

3 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and
keep you, The Lord lift His
countenance upon you,
and give you peace,
And give you peace,
The Lord make His face to
shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
be gracious, the Lord be
gracious, gracious unto
you. Amen.

Choir Presentation Blessed Is He That Is Trusting the Lord
Scripture Reading Numbers 27:18-23
Hymn **HOP 378** My Saviour's Love
Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

The Needs Of God's People (II)

*Hymn **HOP 243** I Would Be True
*Benediction/Threefold Amen
Announcements
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You **3**

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

1. “If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus ‘tis now” (The Urgency of Missions)

The love of Christ our Lord constrains me to write on a matter so urgent. The days are numbered and much still remains to be done for the Lord before He comes or calls. I want to speak to you about missions, about real concerns, real things that can be done by real people. We sing that beautiful hymn by William Featherston (1846 – 1873) who left us a song full of godly and challenging thoughts. Stanza two says:

*I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.*

Let me ask you a question: how much do you truly love the Saviour of Calvary, the One who hung on the cross, wearing the crown of thorns – for your redemption? To sing is easy; to truly love Him is not. Our Lord says, “*If ye love me, keep my commandments*” (John 14:15). And what are His commandments? This is the test of love.

The last words of the One we love are the most precious and memorable. Do we treasure and remember our Lord’s last words?

“*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...*” (Matt 28:19).

“*Ye shall be witnesses unto me ...*” (Acts 1:8).

The question is: When? William Featherston finished his course at the young age of twenty-seven, leaving behind the hymn which has since encouraged, nay, provoked serious thoughtful Christians to examine themselves, how they are loving the Lord. Four times in the hymn we sing, “*If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.*” “Now” means without further delay! Think and pray! May the Holy Spirit stir you into action to go for the Master – now, before He comes!

2. MISSIONS means “Launch out into the deep!”

“Fear not; from henceforth ye shall catch men” (Luke 5:4, 10)

“Missions” is not theory or high powered degree courses in missiology, but simply the response of blood-bought and Spirit-filled souls being sent to other waiting perishing souls. Isaiah was called, cleansed, then sent. The dazzling glory of the most High revealed to him his own wretchedness and need. The Lord purified him, and equipped him for the task. Then Isaiah answered God’s call: *“Here am I; send me!”* (Isa 6:8).

“Missions” is responding to God’s call. The Lord of the harvest must call. Except He calls, no man should go.

The Lord called me in 1938. Thirty years later came the launching out into a missions pathway spanning over forty exciting fruitful years. *“The joy of the Lord is my strength”* (Neh 8:10). May this be an encouragement to some younger people: it is good to be in the Lord’s service.

To you who read these lines, here is a message. If you have a heart for souls, seek the Lord, and may He call you also, for the hour is late, and the time to go is NOW!

Now let me tell you simply what the Lord has done in my life, and the lessons which I have learnt. As said, missions is not theory, but launching out for the Lord in obedience. It was a step in faith, taking the Lord at His word, and dwelling on His unchanging promises. Today I look back with gratitude and amazement at what He has done.

Launching out is to go where the Lord sends, and to go willingly. Jonah has a message for those called of the Lord. *“Running away from the Lord is not worth it!”* Our going must be with a willing spirit, even though the pathway be narrow and the labour be tearful. Ever remember, when we cast our nets into the deep, the Lord will send the catch. Only have faith!

To those who go, be ready to endure hardness, as a good fisher for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Motive in missions must ever be pure and God-honouring. The only reason for launching into missions is the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Any other consideration – material gain, “filthy lucre,” “empire building,” popularity and self glory, come from the evil one and must never creep unto one’s thinking.

Finally, hear our Lord’s call afresh: “Launch out into the deep ... Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men” (Luke 5:4, 10).

LAUNCH OUT! (Luke 5:4)

1. Launch out into the deep,
O heed the Master’s call!
Launch out, Launch out, heed the Master’s call;
Give Him our best, our all!
2. Launch out into the deep,
O heed the Master’s call!
Let down, O let down, your nets for a draught;
Give Him your best, your all!

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,
Dr SH Tow*

BLESSED IS HE THAT IS TRUSTING THE LORD

1. Blessed is he that is trusting the Lord,
For the help that he daily needs;
He shall inherit the promised reward,
If he follows where Jesus leads.

Refrain:
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
And in all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct thy paths;
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
And in all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct thy paths.
2. Blessed is he that is trusting the Lord,
Who doth follow the heavenly way;
- Keeping with patience and hope the
path.
All His steps shall be guarded each day.
[Refrain]
3. Blessed is he whom the Father will aid,
And the Saviour will e’er befriend;
He shall not fear, and shall not be
dismayed,
For the Lord will his soul defend.
[Refrain]
4. Blessed is he who will keep in the way
That will upward and onward lead;
Walking by faith in His love ev’ry day,
Who supplieth his daily need. [Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. The Session would like to wish all the mothers worshipping today in our midst a blessed Mother's Day! May God bless you richly. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Proverbs 31:28

Please do stay behind for a special Mother's Day tea fellowship after the worship service. All are welcome.

2. **Seniors' Fellowship:** this Saturday (16th of May) at 10:30am at Brother Allen Liew's house (13 Edmonton Road, Canning Vale WA 6155). Rev Joseph will be speaking. The meeting will be followed by lunch, so please bring along a dish to share. All are warmly welcome. Passenger pick-up from church is available for the seniors, please be at church by 10am.
3. **July Family Camp (5th - 9th July):** Registration for this year's Family Camp **opens today**. Registration forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the conclusion of this mornings Worship Service. The subsidised, full-time fees listed below include 5-days, 4-nights accommodation, all lunches and dinners, and a camp jacket souvenir (adult fee only).

	2 Bedroom Chalets (4 pp)	3 Bedroom Chalets (6 pp)
Adult	\$230	\$215
Children under 10 years	\$180	\$165
Children under 6 years	\$150	\$135
Children under 2 years	FREE	FREE
Part Timers	\$30/night	\$27/night
	Meals: \$12/meal for lunch, \$16/meal for dinner	

Theme: "Walk Worthy Of The Lord" (Col 1:10)

Speaker: Rev Prabhudas Koshy (Gethsemane BPC, Singapore)

Venue: Orchard Glory Farm Resort

For any further queries regarding this year's camp, please visit our registration team in the Fellowship hall.

4. **Car Park:** please remember to move your car after the service if your car is blocking other cars from getting out. Please register your vehicles with our new car park register at www.bpcwa.org.au/carpark so that we can coordinate car parking better.
5. **City Evangelism:** will be held in 2 weeks' time on Sunday the 24th of May. We encourage everyone to come and join the church in this bi-monthly evangelical outreach. More details to come.
6. **FEBC courses:** We thank God for the recent courses which have just finished, and for the many precious lessons learnt. We are currently meeting on Wednesday at 7:30pm to continue the series on Names of God and Bible and Science. All worshippers are cordially welcome to attend. And for those planning to take courses next semester, they are offering Life of Christ 2 (Rev Khoo); Ezekiel 1 (Rev Koshy) and Zechariah (Rev Khoo). All are 2 units.
7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - For the safe return of Elder James and Sister Choon Fang from Myanmar and Sister Joyce from Myanmar and Cebu. Thank God for a blessed mission trip and the many valuable spiritual lessons learnt. Pray that the church and more brethren will be willing to be involved in mission work.
 - Planning and preparation for the July family camp. Pray that many families and individuals will be able to join the camp to learn God's Word.
 - All worshippers to have spiritual discernment.
 - For the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
 - A strong, faithful and united Church Session.
 - Re-building of Nehemiah Place and the building committee to have wisdom and a clear direction to proceed with the project.
 - God's leading and timing in re-starting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
 - Those who are working away from home and travelling.
 - Those who are spiritually and physically unwell.
 - Safety and security in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	10/5 COMBINED	17/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Adrian Ng, Allan Ang, Alex Luu, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Adrian Cheng	*Edward Ee, *Eddie Foo, Albert Ho, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Audrey Liow, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Kenny Chia	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Lee Chin Yong	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	12/5	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Caleb Cheng, Ruth Wong
Friday	15/5	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	16/5	10:30am	Seniors' Fellowship
Sunday	17/5	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (3/5)

Attendance: 241 (Combined-205; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 52

Offerings in Total: \$10347.00

General Fund: \$10347.00 (#3897-\$1000; #3898-\$329.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the seventh commandment? The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.* (Exo 20:14).