

## OAKRIDGE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Garland Chow

*Leader: Welcome to all who have come in search of something;*

***Congregation: We have come to seek the living God.***

*Leader: Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;*

***Congregation: We do not make this journey by ourselves.***

*Leader: Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.*

***All: In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.***

SONG OF PRAISE

*“Come Now is the Time to Worship”*

*(Chorus) Come, now is the time to worship.*

*Come, now is the time to give your heart.*

*Come, just as you are, to worship.*

*Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.*

*Vs. 1 - One day every tongue will confess*

*You are God.*

*One day every knee will bow.*

*Still the greatest treasure remains for those*

*Who gladly choose you now. (Chorus)*

*Vs. 2 – Willing we choose to surrender our lives*

*Willing our knees will bow.*

*With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,*

*We gladly choose you now. (Chorus x 2)*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Garland Chow

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

O.T. READING

*“Nehemiah 12:27-43”*

Grace Wong

*Dedication of the Wall of Jerusalem*

*At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. The musicians also were brought together from the region*

*around Jerusalem . . . from Beth Gilgal, and from the area of Geba and Azmaveth, for the musicians had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem. When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall. I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of[a] the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of[b] the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate. 32 Hoshai and half the leaders of Judah followed them, as well as some priests with trumpets, and also Zechariah son of Jonathan, with musical instruments prescribed by David the man of God. Ezra the teacher of the Law led the procession. At the Fountain Gate they continued directly up the steps of the City of David on the ascent to the wall and passed above the site of David's palace to the Water Gate on the east.*

*The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people—past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, over the Gate of Ephraim, as far as the Sheep Gate. At the Gate of the Guard they stopped.*

*The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, as well as the priests with their trumpets. The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah. And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.*

#### DEDICATION OF OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Rev. Morgan Wong

#### INVOCATION

“Psalm 100”

*1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

#### SONG

“Cornerstone”

*Vs. 1 - My hope is built on nothing less*

*Than Jesus' blood and righteousness*

*And I dare not trust the sweetest frame*

*But wholly trust in Jesus' name (x2)*

*(Chorus) - Christ alone, cornerstone*

*Weak made strong in the Savior's love*

*Through the storm*

*He is Lord, Lord of all*

*Vs. 2 - When darkness seems to hide His face*

*I rest on His unchanging grace*

*In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus)  
Vs. 3 – When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stands before throne (Chorus)*

#### LITANY OF DEDICATION

*Minister: To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace; to the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;*

***Congregation: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: For the worship of God in prayer and praise;*

***Congregation: For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;***

*Minister: For the celebration of the holy sacraments;*

***All: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: For the comfort of all who mourn;*

***Congregation: For strength to those who are tempted;***

*Minister: For light to those who seek the way;*

***All: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: For the hallowing of family life;*

***Congregation: For teaching and guiding the young;***

*Minister: For the perfecting of the saints;*

***All: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: For the conversion of sinners;*

***Congregation: For the sanctification of believers;***

*Minister: For the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of the kingdom of God;*

***All: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in charity and goodwill to all;*

***Congregation: We dedicate this house.***

*Minister: In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church; in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; in the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;*

***Congregation: We dedicate this house.***

***All in Unison: We now, the people of this church and congregation, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifice of our fathers and mothers in the faith, confessing that apart from them our work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

N.T. READING

“John 5:1-17” (NRSVA)

Richard Wong

*1 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*

*2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew[a] Beth-zatha,[b] which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed.[c] 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ 7 The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ 8 Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.*

*Now that day was a sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, ‘It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.’ 11 But he answered them, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Take up your mat and walk.”’ 12 They asked him, ‘Who is the man who said to you, “Take it up and walk”?’ 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in[d] the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.’ 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is still working, and I also am working.’*

SERMON

“Learning to Tell A New Story”

Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Spirit Song”

*Vs. 1 - O let the Son of God enfold you*

*with his Spirit and his love;*

*Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul*

*O let him have the things that hold you,*

*and his Spirit like a dove,*

*Will descend upon your life and make you whole*

*(Chorus) Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Vs. 2 - O come and sing the song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
O give him all your tears and sadness,  
give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name (Chorus)*

OFFERING

COMMISSIONING OF SHORT-TERM MISSION

Rev. Morgan Wong

SONG OF PRAISE

*“Hope of the Nations”*

*(Jesus, hope of the nations  
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth*

*Jesus, light in the darkness  
Jesus, truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth*

*In history, You lived and died,  
You broke the chains, You rose to life*

*You are the hope, living in us  
You are the Rock, in whom we trust  
You are the light, shining for all the world to see*

*You rose from the dead, conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near  
Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive  
Lord we believe) x2*

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## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome everyone to our Inaugural Worship Service today. To God be the glory as He is faithful and mercy!
2. This morning we are very privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, the Principal of Vancouver School of Theology, to bring the message to us.
3. Please stay behind after this service for fellowship. The post service sermon discussion will take place in the Fire Side Room.
4. From now to the end of this year, our Sunday worship services will be in-person as well as being recorded and inputted to our church website for viewing.
5. We would like to welcome our new church secretary, Priscilla Ho, to join our big family. May God bless her family and her service.
6. Rev. Morgan Wong is taking one week of study leave from July 10 – 16 at VST. For urgent matters, please contact your elder or our clerk, elder Adrian Wong.
7. As the development of our new church building will soon be completed, our Session requires volunteers from the congregation to work with members from the Board of Managers and Session in developing a policy framework on the use of our church space and its rental to external ministries. If you are able to participate on this short-term committee, please contact Rev. Morgan Wong or Elder Adrian Wong (clerk).
8. Those wishing to donate towards the flowers and program bulletins for the Sunday Services, please sign up and/or let Elder Nelson Chan know. Cost for the flowers and bulletin are \$60.00 per week.
9. Rev. Morgan Wong will be taking his study leave from July 10-16, 2023. If there is any urgent matters during this time, please contact your District Elder, or the Clerk of Session, Adrian Wong.

## FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT

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### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

PARTICIPANTS	TODAY (6/18)	NEXT SUNDAY (6/25)
Worship Leader	Garland Chow	John Con
Speaker	Rev. Dr. Richard Toppings	Victor Ling
Reader	Grace Wong & Richard Wong	Meighan Wong
Music Team	John & Linda Con, Victor Ling	John & Linda Con
Ushers	Christina Wong & Athena Chu	Christina Wong & Athena Chu
A/V	Jimmy Yee	Jimmy Yee