

OAKRIDGE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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Vancouver, BC

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August 27th, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The Joy of His Presence

Leader: *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go to the house of the Lord.*

Women: Calm my spirit, Lord. Stop the churning inside of me caused by the rush of getting everyone fed and here on time, quiet my confusion, Lord. In all the tension of getting here, I know I made the effort because I do really need You. Lord, speak to me in the quietness.

Leader: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good.*

Men: I am thankful, Lord for what we have. But this week has been so hectic, and it seems that no matter how hard I work and how well I plan, there is always something I didn't plan on, and there isn't enough time to go around. Forgive me, Lord, for letting worry get in the way of my gratitude. You are good to us, Lord. We do have so much to praise You for.

Leader: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.*

Youth (12-18): It's hard to sing so early in the morning. And it's hard to come here with gladness too sometimes. It was not so easy serving You this week and especially hard to keep the joy. This world is not very fair and it seems like I can't do much to change things. But I know that it's just because the

problems are so close to me that I can't seem to see the answers. But I do know that You're the answer and for that I will Sing to You with my whole heart.

Leader: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures.
He restores my soul.*

All: Restore my soul, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free spirit.

SONG OF PRAISE

#341 "*Come, Thou Almighty King*"

Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
gird on Thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend:
come, and Thy people bless,
and give Thy Word success:
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence, evermore.
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Tim Tam

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Dale Woods

SONG

#386 *"Thanks to God"*

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and stormy fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,

Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

N.T. READING

“James 1:19-27”

Kiat Chang

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dale Woods

“Testing Our Hearing”

SONG OF RESPONSE

#372 *“What a Wonderful Savior”*

Christ has for sin atonement made,
What a wonderful Saviour!
We are redeemed! the price is paid!
What a wonderful Saviour!

(Chorus) *What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Jesus!*
What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Lord!

I praise Him for the cleansing blood,
What a wonderful Saviour!
That reconciled my soul to God;
What a wonderful Saviour! (Chorus)

He cleansed my heart from all its sin,
What a wonderful Saviour!
And now He reigns and rules therein;
What a wonderful Saviour! (Chorus)

He gives me overcoming power,
What a wonderful Saviour!
And triumph in each trying hour;
What a wonderful Saviour! (Chorus)

To Him I've given all my heart,
What a wonderful Saviour!

The world shall never share a part;
What a wonderful Saviour! (Chorus)

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dale Woods

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please join the sermon discussion with Rev. Dr. Dale Woods at the Fireside Room.
2. If anyone who would like to join the church through baptism, please contact Rev. Morgan for membership classes.
3. Chinese Language School is now open for registration.
4. The OCM will be hosting a meeting today at 12:30pm in the MPR 1 with Jacqueline to share ideas and strengths to help support the Church's growing ministry. Snacks will be provided.
5. God Sightings Opportunity! We only have today left to write your weekly God sightings on the white board near the front entrance. You are invited to write where you saw God this week.
6. Pastor Morgan Wong is taking two weeks off from August 21 to September 3. For any urgent matter, please contact your district elder or our clerk of Session Adrian Wong.
7. Our Sunday School Fall Program is starting soon! Children, ages 4 to Grade 12, are welcome to join us starting September 10th at 11:15 AM. Parents can register their children on September 10th at 11:15AM in the church lobby. We are looking forward to restarting in-person classes in our beautiful new church. All classes will be held in MPR 1-3.
8. Sunday School is seeking teachers for our high school students, grades 8-12. Please contact Lela Ling (lelamling@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

9. Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. Please prepare your heart as we come to the Lord's Table.

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

PARTICIPANTS	TODAY (8/27)	NEXT SUNDAY (9/3)
Worship Leader	Tim Tam	George Sze
Speaker	Dale Woods	Dale Woods
Reader	Kiat Chang	TBD
Music Team	Tim Tam	TBD
Ushers	Lenora Der* & Linda Tan	Jimmy Yee* & Mary Yee
A/V	Jimmy Yee	Jimmy Yee

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LAST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES RECORD:

ENGLISH ATTENDANCE	CHINESE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING
32	56	\$3,826