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# Worship Order

Prelude Call to Worship – Psalm 35:9,28 Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in his salvation. My tongue will proclaim your righteousness,

your praises all day long.

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:1–13; 1 Peter 2:9–10

Sermon – "I believe in the holy catholic church"

**Response Song** 

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Hebrews 2:3b-4

This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Doxology & Benediction Postlude

Speaker:	Rev. Sylvia Kwok	Chairperson:	Joseph Ho
Praise Team:	Claudia Chan & Peacemakers	Scripture Reader:	Samuel So
Pianist:	Carman Chan	PowerPoint:	Jason Choi
Welcome Team:	Peacemakers – Bonnie Chin, Sarah Chow, Kent Ang		
Offering Counter:	Fenny Wong, Josephine Kam		
Sound System:	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

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### Anybody Willing to be a Nazirite Today?

By Rev Gordon Siu

In Numbers 6 in the Old Testament, God told Moses specifically that if anybody wants to be a Nazirite, he is required to observe three restrictions: first, during his period of dedication to God, he must refrain from shaving his head. He can only do so when his Nazirite vow is over. He has to put the hair cut from his head in the fire under the sacrifice of the fellowship offering to God. Secondly, during the period of the vow, he must avoid contact with the dead, otherwise he will defile himself. Thirdly, he needs to abstain from wine and other fermented drink.

In the history of God's grace of salvation, the Nazirite is a symbol of holy life. "Nazirite" means to be consecrated, dedicating oneself to God. Both men and women can take a Nazirite vow, but the act must be voluntary. He or she will be consecrated and dedicated to God for His use only. (In other words, an important meaning of "holiness" is to separate someone out for the Lord and for His use, not any others.) The Nazirite cannot cut his hair for his hair is a symbol of consecration to the Lord. So it will not be cut out for other purposes. When the days of the vow are over, he can cut his hair. But what is cut out must be offered to God in sacrificial rituals. What belongs to God can only be offered to Him.

Secondly, the Nazirite must not come in contact with a corpse. It is because death and decay come from sin. But holiness belongs to the everlasting God, who will not in any way be linked to, or come in contact with, evil or unrighteousness. The dead here symbolizes all things that are unclean. "*Therefore, 'Come out from them and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.' And, 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty.*" (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

Thirdly, the Nazirite must abstain from wine and fermented drinks since a holy life will only obey God, with God alone being his joy. He does not need wine, which symbolizes all kinds of artificial ways, to "boost" personal strength. Neither will he be bound by any person or anything other than God that will likely steer him out of control. "*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*" (Ephesians 5:17-18)

God calls all those who have experienced His salvation to no longer be enslaved to sin. They are to consecrate themselves to Him, to offer their bodies to Him as vessels of righteousness, to be used by Him so that their lives can completely belong to Him. Today, is anybody willing to take this calling seriously, to offer himself to God and make it his utmost desire to belong to Him completely – to be a New Testament Nazirite?

Read the article online: <u>https://npacem.org/ps20220612/</u>

## **Family News**

### 1. Regular meetings

- a. Gatekeepers (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219
  - Jun 17 Topical: Friendssss 24 Treasure Room: Parents and family
    - <u>Jul 1</u> Off <u>8</u> New Cloth on Old Garment
- b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8 <u>Jun 17</u> Fellowship Night <u>24</u> Prayer Meeting
  - <u>8</u> Bible Study Jeremiah
- c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8 <u>Jun 25</u> Bible Study – Joshua <u>Jul 9</u> Topical
- d. Joint Adult Fellowship:

Jul 1 Off

- Sharing and Prayer Meeting, on <u>Sun Jun 12 (TODAY)</u>, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- e. Women's Fellowship: OT Character (7 & 8); Sun Jun 26, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- f. Couples Fellowship: Book Study: Shepherding a Child's Heart Chs. 18-19; <u>Sun Jun 26</u>, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- g. EM Prayer Meeting: Every Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- h. Sunday School (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- i. Children's Program: For children aged 3-10 during English worship service
  - CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211
- 2. Other meetings
  - a. CP Teachers monthly prayer meeting: Sun Jun 19 at 12nn, Rm 219
  - b. Sunday School Teachers (Primary & Youth) Monthly Prayer Meeting: After worship service on <u>Sun Jul 3</u>
- **3. Family Sunday (<u>Sun Jun 19</u>):** There will NOT be Sunday School and Children's Program next week. Families are encouraged to worship together.
- 4. EM Youth Summer Camp "Kingdom First": Join us the 2 days 0 night summer daycamp at church. All youth (secondary school students & those starting secondary school in Aug/Sep 2022) are welcome! Dates: Fri Jul 22; Sat Jul 23 Program: Praise, devotion, Bible study, topical, prayers, games, crafts etc.) To apply: Click here for registration by Fri Jul 8. Enquiry: em youth@npac.org.hk
- 5. Evangelistic Meeting for Seniors "I Only Wish My Family Well「我只想家宅平安」": Invite your unbelieving senior family members to join. *Speaker:* Rev. Jason Chan. *Date & Time:* <u>Sat Jun 18</u>, 2:30-4pm. *Venue*: Main Church. *Language*: Cantonese. *Enquiries*: Pastor Tim Yuen (2909 9700).
- 6. NPAC is turning 70 this Oct. Mark your calendar for the following events!
  - a. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme: Deep Links, Grateful Hearts.
  - b. Church life photo collection and exhibition: 2022 Q2 & Q3
  - c. Evangelistic Meeting: Fri Oct 7 & Sat Oct 8
  - d. Celebration Worship Service: Sat Oct 8 & Sun Oct 9
  - e. Thanksgiving Meeting: Sun Oct 9, afternoon
  - f. Revival Meeting: Fri Oct 28 & Sat Oct 29

7. Dawn Prayer Meetings "Connecting with God in Prayer through the Five Senses" 「細味上 帝 用五感禱告」":Date & Time: Jul 4-8 (Mon-Fri) from 7-7:45am. Venue: Main Church (with live broadcast, recording available until <u>Sun Jul 31</u>). Mon-Stone; Tue-Hand; Wed-Seed; Thu-Contact List; Fri-Wallet. The materials can facilitate your prayer during the meetings. Please bring a stone, a contact list (in paper form or on the mobile) and your wallet on respective days. The seed will be provided at the venue.

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- Worship Service Arrangements for Typhoon Signal No. 8 or Above, Black Rainstorm Signal & Post-super Typhoon Extreme Conditions Announcement: When the above warnings are in effect, the English worship service will be conducted online. Zoom link and login info will be provided separately. <u>Click here</u> for details.
- ★ What's at our Info Table? NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, Gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more! Come after the worship service.

#### **Prayer Corner**

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

#### Tithe & Offering

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please <u>click here</u>.

#### **Prayer Items**

- USA: America is hurting. Pandemics, racial inequalities, job loss, violence and political division have caused great suffering. <u>Pray</u> that the Holy Spirit will bring repentance over national rebellion. <u>Pray</u> for radical love for God and people to heal and unite the true believers. <u>Pray</u> for godly men and women to take courageous, humble leadership and wisdom to spread the gospel across the land. <u>Pray</u> for life transformation that brings peace, justice and love of God to the distorted societies. (Learn more from <u>Prayercast</u>)
- 2. Worship: <u>Pray</u> that we always come to worship service ready to praise God, give the glory and honor that are due to Him, and be sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in daily lives.
- **3.** Fellowships: As we are planning for the new quarter, <u>pray</u> for our love, wisdom and faithfulness in planning the program for life growth. <u>Pray</u> that our fellowships will continue to strive together in spiritual growth. <u>Pray</u> that the Holy Spirit will stir our hearts and help us to use His spiritual gifts in serving and reaching out.

**Next Sun Jun 19 (Family Sunday):** <u>Guest Speaker</u>: Rev. Wallace Louie ("I believe in the communion of saints – Christ is the head of the community", 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Philippians 2:1–4); <u>Chairperson</u>: Christina Bruce; <u>Praise Team</u>: Gatekeepers; <u>Pianist</u>: Rev. Stera Chan; <u>Scripture Reader</u>: Nathaniel Bruce; <u>Welcome Team</u>: David Wong, Edna Sables, Lily Cheung; <u>Offering Counters</u>: Stanley Kam, Veronica Tamondong; <u>PowerPoint</u>: Shayne Descartin.