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Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship - Psalm 136:1,3, 16

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who led his people through the wilderness;

His love endures forever.

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's prayer

Scripture Reading - 1 John 1:1-2:2

Sermon - "Jesus Christ, the Righteous One"

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse - 1 Corinthians 15:10a

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.

Doxology & Benediction Postlude

Speaker: Rev. Stera Chan Chairperson: Christina Bruce

Praise Leader:Marianna Yu & Fri TeamScripture Reader:Vincy NgPianist:Minnie HoPowerPoint:David Yeung

Welcome Team: Josephine Kam, Matthew Kam, Faith Trinh

Offering Counters: Beverly Inao, Dawn Yiu, Jason Choi, Josephine Kwan

Sound System: Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok

Anniversary: Recount God's Works, Remember God's Grace

By Rev Samuel Tam

Throughout the anniversary month, we praise God's Holy Name and give thanks to Him for His gracious guidance with joyful hearts. With the responsive Scripture reading, candle-lighting as well as thanksgiving and grace-seeking prayers of the anniversary worship service, the church has provided brothers and sisters with opportunities to "remember God's grace, commit and pray." Meanwhile, in the afternoon of the Anniversary Sunday, a thanksgiving meeting on the theme "A Date with the Family of 70" was held. During the meeting, we could see that God has used a lot of ordinary people who offered themselves according to the grace given by God to build up the NPAC family in different roles. After listening to their testimonies, we are all the more united in offering our thanks to God.

Are we aware that brothers and sisters of different generations of NPAC have all received rich blessings from God? I think it is indeed a very meaningful training of faith for us to count God's blessings as one corporate body during the anniversary. Not every brother or sister has the habit of recounting the happenings at NPAC, but I really think we should follow the example of ancient Israeli tribes to "set up stones of remembrance." This lets people know that God has always been helping them. It also lets future generations know the LORD's might and works so that they might always fear Him (Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Samuel 7:12).

The prophet Isaiah, too, has exhorted us to remember the former things, those of long ago because they are proof that God abides with His people and also their source of motivation to follow Him. It is true that there is no other god on earth who can compare with the God we believe in. Our God has upheld and carried us since our birth and He will not change even to our old age and gray hairs. His purpose for the end will stand and He will do all He pleases (Isaiah 46:3-5, 9-10). Therefore, if we can remember His past and present blessings for the NPAC family, we will believe unswervingly that He is the source of grace, the One who blesses. And as long as we do not claim merit for ourselves or be arrogant, we will definitely see His hand of grace in our church life.

The traces of God's works of grace in the past 70 years are everywhere. This Sunday afternoon, we will have a rare opportunity to learn about NPAC's spiritual legacy through photos and videos. I believe you have often heard sayings like "Only the meek will receive grace", "In harmony and unity respect one another", "It is more blessed to give than to receive", "Be God-centered in all that we do", "Be established in the truth", "Faith offering pledge" and "Love our church." They are all actions to be put into practice based on the teachings in the Bible, which have now become the "faith values, blueprint for growth, and ministry direction" of NPAC to which we attach much importance. It is also the reason why we continue to be blessed by God's grace. May we all try to "listen and carefully observe" why and how this spiritual legacy came about. May we discover the precious meaning in there so we can be ones who would remember God's grace, testify His grace before others and give God glory.

Read the article online: https://npacem.org/ps20221023/

Family News

1. Regular meetings

- a. Gatekeepers (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219
 - Oct 28 Treasure Room: Persecuted Christians Nov 4 Bible Study: God's Attribute

<u>11</u> Special: Minecraft Selfie <u>18</u> Topical: Pirating

b. Peacemakers (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8

<u>Oct 28</u> Topical: Spiritual Friendship <u>Nov 4</u> Bible Study: Jeremiah

<u>11</u> Evangelism Prayer Meeting <u>18</u> Thanksgiving Dinner

c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2nd & 4th Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8 *Oct 29* Bible Study: Joshua *Nov 12* Outing

- d. Women's Fellowship: OT Character (11): David; Sun Oct 30, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 219
- e. **Couples Fellowship**: Book Study: Growing Old Gracefully; <u>Sun Oct 30</u>, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 215
- f. **Joint Adult Fellowship**: Games Day; <u>Sun Nov 13</u>, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children's Room: Rm 219
- g. EM Prayer Meeting: 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: Rms 217-218

2. Other meetings

- a. Sunday School Teachers Monthly Prayer Meetings: Sun Nov 6, after worship service
- b. Men's Group: Sat Nov 19, 12:30pm (TBC). Contact Pastor Lawrence for details
- 3. Charity Offering will be collected in the green offering bags TODAY.
- 4. NPAC 70th Anniversary Revival Meeting "LORD! You Are Our Shepherd": *Date & Time: Fri Oct 28 & Sat Oct 29*, 8-9:45pm. *Venue*: Main Church. *Speaker*: Dr Bernard Wong (President of CGST). *Topic*: 1st night: "Follow the Lord before us"; 2nd night: "Walk together all life long with the faithful Shepherd". *Language*: Chinese.
- 5. NPAC's Spiritual Legacy Tour: Sharing meeting and guided tour of NPAC's "Historical Document Archive Room." *Date & Time*: <u>Sun Oct 23 (TODAY)</u>, 2:30-4:30pm. *Venue*: Worship Hall, 1/F, Truth Centre. <u>Speaker</u>: Rev Raymond Chan and Ms Esther Wan. <u>Language</u>: Chinese.
- 6. NPAC Annual Church Members Conference "Take Up His Yoke & Walk Together"「結伴同行負主軛」: In God's love, we are redeemed and encouraged to walk with Him and be transformed into Jesus' likeness. We invite you to join us and walk together as one body of Christ. Date & Time: Sun Nov 13, 2:30-4:30pm. Venue: Main Church. Program: Praise singing, annual review, financial report, next year's direction, company registration, etc. Target participants: NPAC members (baptized at NPAC or membership transferred to NPAC) and regular attendees of NPAC meetings. Other brothers and sisters are also welcome to join us. Language: Chinese.

- 7. EM's prayer meeting: Prayer is the most powerful way we can seek God's purposes and His transformation. Join our morning prayer meeting and pray together for our church, our city, and our world. Our weekly prayer meeting is held every Sunday morning from 8:30-9am in Rm 204. We will also pray for different fellowships and Sunday School classes in EM. You are welcome to join us or send us the prayer requests for your ministry.
- 8. EM Resource Library: The library is <u>open every Sun</u> after worship service till 12:15pm. You are welcome to borrow books from it for spiritual growth. If there are book donations, please send a photo of the titles to EMResourceLib@gmail.com first. We will contact you to see if the titles can be added to the library.
- 9. Faith Offering for Mission: Our budget for Oct 1, 2022–Dec 31, 2023, is <u>HK\$45,283,250</u>. As of <u>Sun Oct 16</u>, we have received pledges totaling <u>HK\$20,142,723</u> from 808 units. Pledge Form: <u>bit.ly/Mission-Pledge</u> (Submit by: <u>Wed Nov 30</u>).
- ★ What's at our Info Table? NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more!

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 4th Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please click here.

Prayer Items

- 1. Migrants from HK: A migration trend has led many families and individuals to leave Hong Kong. <u>Pray</u> that the migrants will adapt well to their new life. <u>Pray</u> that non-believers will be received well in local churches and get to know Jesus. <u>Pray</u> that believers will continue to walk with God and participate well in local churches. <u>Pray</u> that the left behind elderlies could find help for practical and emotional difficulties. <u>Pray</u> that all the local churches will bring hope, comfort and support to those affected by the migration trend.
- 2. NPAC: <u>Pray</u> for God's guidance and spiritual protection for all church members to stand fast in the truth, faith and our <u>spiritual legacy</u>. <u>Pray</u> for brothers and sisters' spiritual growth and continuous practice of humility, kindness and all kinds of good works to glorify God in society. To learn about NPAC's spiritual legacy, please <u>click here</u>.
- 3. EM and Individuals: <u>Pray</u> for our pastoral and ministry planning for 2023. <u>Pray</u> that more members will join our prayer meeting to pray for God to watch over the congregation together. <u>Pray</u> for our wisdom and persistent effort in stewarding our time well to put God first with devotions, Bible studies, and cultivating fellowship. <u>Pray</u> for the adults to learn from the Bible and be role models for the next generations. <u>Pray</u> for us all to walk in love and care for others. <u>Pray</u> that God will equip us all to share the truth and gospel with our families and friends in our communities.

Next Sun Oct 30: Speaker: Pastor Lawrence Choy ("Whoever says, "I know God", 1 John 2:3-11); Chairperson: Samuel So; Praise Leader: Samuel So & Team; Pianist: Vincy Ng; Scripture Reader: Wilson Lam; Welcome Team: Edna Sables, Ailene Almodiente, Lily Cheung; Offering Counter: Claire Liao, David Wong; PowerPoint: Shayne Descartin