



**North  
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## Worship Order

### Prelude

### Call to Worship – Psalm 72:19

*Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.*

*Amen and Amen.*

### Songs of Praise

### Corporate Prayer

### The Apostles' Creed

### Holy Communion

### Scripture Reading – Psalm 42

### Sermon – "Why, my soul, are you downcast?"

### Response Song

### Offertory Prayer

### Welcome & Family News

### Monthly Bible Verse – Psalm 42:11

*Why are you in despair, O my soul?  
And why have you become disturbed within me?*

*Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him,  
The help of my countenance and my God.*

### Doxology & Benediction

### Postlude

**Speaker:** Rev. Stera Chan

**Chairperson:** Christina Bruce

**Scripture Reader:** Roland Bruce

**PowerPoint:** Shayne Descartin

**Welcome Team:** Veronica Tamondong, Jasmin Delos Reyes, Ailene Almondiente

**Offering Counter:** Fenny Wong, Claudia Chan

**Sound System:** Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok

**Holy Communion** Rev. Stera Chan

**Praise Team:** Joshua Kan & Team

**Pianist:** Stephanie Poon

**Communion Usher** Stanley Kam

## Fervent Hope

By Rev Arnold Chow

There is a line in the NPAC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme song “70+” that goes: “Obey and hope in You, enter new horizons.” This is very much in line with the overall theme of our Five-Year Plan, which is “Steadfast Mission in New Horizons.” “New” connotes change. Indeed, changes happening all around and continual scenes of sorrow and joy, separation and reunion make one feel an unbearable depression.

Our sermons in the last quarter reviewed the Apostles’ Creed, through which the key doctrine of our faith reminds us that despite our mixed feelings, we can still be sure we know in whom we “believe”.

Nevertheless, between “believe” and the ultimate consummation of salvation, “hope” is needed. Earlier, we have studied selected passages from Genesis to Kings about Levi and his descendants. Korah in Numbers 16 originally served God in the tabernacle. The Kohathites to which Korah belonged was a clan of the Levite tribe and was responsible for the important work of carrying the Ark of the covenant. But he was eyeing Aaron’s high priest work. Despite Moses’ exhortation to the contrary, he would not stop his bid. This caused great anger on the part of God resulting in Korah and all those associated with him to be swallowed by the earth. But the Bible tells us that God spared Korah’s offspring. It was possible that some of Korah’s sons were faithful to their duties as Levites and had not followed Korah in causing havoc. Really, God’s salvation is with those who fear Him.

Psalms is divided into five books. In Book II (Psalm 42 to 72) and Book III (Psalm 73 to 89), 11 psalms were attributed to the sons of Korah (12 if we include the unattributed Psalm 43, which is traditionally considered to be the second part of Psalm 42). These psalms are Psalm 42, (43), 44 to 49, 84, 85, 87 and 88 respectively.

In terms of content, many of them were cries to God from the bottom of the psalmists’ hearts. This is particularly so because the sons of Korah, who habitually served as singers in the temple (see 2 Chronicles 20:19), were stranded in a foreign land and could not wholly fulfil their original mission. In a new environment, it was difficult to fulfil one’s mission. What these psalms reveal is the inner conversation in man’s heart, how he continues to pray before God answers his prayer, and how he prays with others.

Today, we see the nations entangled. Some people may have to make decisions for the family which has them hesitate and worried. Many may ask: What should we do in future? When the people and things all around keep changing, one inevitably feels downhearted and confused.

It is true that some feelings, some losses cannot be dismissed by speech, nor can they be brushed aside or covered up simply with joyful celebrations in a community.

As children of God, we long to see the acts of the LORD. We look forward to the sunshine after the rain when we can continue to respond to God’s calling in our lives in this vast land. This quarter, let the psalms by the sons of Korah lead us to pour out our hearts to God and help us to firmly believe that God alone is the One we can truly depend on. He alone is our hope. Let us continue to have “fervent hope” in Him!

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20220703/>

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

a. **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219

Jul 8 Bible Study: New Cloth on Old Garment      15 Topical: Body Image  
22, 23 Summer Camp “Kingdom First”      29 Treasure Room: Lectio Divina

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

Jul 8 Bible Study: Jeremiah      15 Outreach night  
22 Prayer meeting: adoration      29 Random group dinner

c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8

Jul 9 Topical      Jul 23 Bible Study: Joshua Lesson 7

d. **Joint Adult Fellowship:**

- Sharing your faith 1, on Sun Jul 10, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children’s Room: Rm 219

e. **Women’s Fellowship:** OT Character (9); Sun Jul 24, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215

f. **Couples Fellowship:** Book Study: Shepherding a Child’s Heart Chs. 16-17; Sun Jul 24, 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. **Sunday School Teachers (Primary & Youth) Monthly Prayer Meeting:** After worship service on Sun Jul 10

b. **Saturday Men’s Group:** Sat Jul 16, 10:30am

3. **Sermon theme (Jul-Sep):** “Put hope in God: Psalms of the sons of Korah”. **NPAC’s yearly theme of 2022:** “Reconnecting and Giving Thanks”.

4. **EM 18<sup>th</sup> Baptismal Service:** Jason Choi and Timothy Ng will receive baptism on Sun Jul 3 (TODAY), 12noon-1pm at Education Centre worship hall! You are all invited! For details and the baptismal booklet (booklet will be available by 11:45am), [click here](#).

5. **EM Youth Summer Camp “Kingdom First”:** Join us at the 2 days 0 night summer day camp at church. All youth (secondary school students & those starting secondary school in Aug/Sept 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. *Enquiries:* [em\\_youth@npac.org.hk](mailto:em_youth@npac.org.hk)

6. **A Talk about C&MA** 「細味宣道人的人・書・誌」: To learn about C&MA’s influential figures, publications, and significant events, join the talk and visit the bookstall. *Date & Time:* Sat Jul 30, 2-3pm. *Venue:* Resource Centre, G/F of Truth Centre. *Speakers:* Dr. Tsang Pui Ming (Director of China Alliance Press) & Rev Wayne Cheung. *Organizer:* CAP Book Store & NPAC Equip Department. *Language:* Chinese. [Click here](#) to register and sign up by Wed Jul 20. *Enquiry:* Ms. Chan (Tel/WhatsApp: 2909-9770).

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 Sun Jul 31). 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.
8. **Worship Service Arrangements for Extreme Weather**: When extreme weather warnings are in effect, the English worship service will be conducted online. Zoom link and login info will be provided separately. [Click here](#) for details.
9. **Opening Hours**: All sites will be closed on Fri Jul 1 (public holiday).
- ★ **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 [click here](#).

## Prayer Items

- Bangladesh**: Flooding has [killed dozens](#) in northeast Bangladesh. It is the worst flooding in the South Asian nation in over a century. Bangladesh declared Islam its state religion. 89% of the population is Muslim. The Christian population (1%) experiences bouts of persecution and oppression, and missionaries are prohibited from traveling freely. Pray for the rescuers as they work to bring people in from the floodwaters. Ask God to strengthen His Bangladeshi people with Jesus’ love. Pray for an outpouring of servants willing to reach out to Bengali Muslims in the name of Christ. (Learn more from [Prayercast](#)).
- DSE Results on Wed Jul 20**: Pray for HK students who will receive their DSE results, to experience God’s guidance in their path and His goodness in all kinds of situations. Ask for God’s help in their search for the next step and encouragement to grow in faith. Also, pray for NPAC’s ministries serving the youth for their strength, wisdom, and faithfulness in preaching the gospel to these students in order to help them to learn about their purpose of life in Christ.
- EM**: Pray that more families will bring their children to Sunday School to learn about God. Pray for spiritual growth, brotherly love and the evangelistic passion of our fellowships. Pray for each of us to be diligent in studying the Bible and have a close relationship with God.

**Next Sun Jul 10**: Speaker: Rev. Philip Chow (“We had not forgotten You, LORD”, Psalm 44); Chairperson: Joseph Trinh; Praise Team: Marianna Yu & Fri Team; Pianist: Rev. Stera Chan; Scripture Reader: Carman Chan; Welcome Team: Matthew Kam, Beatrice Wong, David Wong; Offering Counters: Dawn Yiu, Imelda Choi; PowerPoint: David Yeung.