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Pentecostal Sunday – Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 138:2a

*I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Scripture Reading – John 16:7–15; Acts 2:14–21

Sermon – "I believe in the Holy Spirit"

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: Pastor Lawrence Choy

Chairperson: Moses Chen

Scripture Reader: Beverly Inao

PowerPoint: David Yeung

Welcome Team: Heidi Kan, Jesila Makabenta, Timothy Ng

Offering Counter: Roland Bruce, Jasmin Delos Reyes

Sound System: Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok

Holy Communion: Rev. Philip Chow

Praise Leader: Moses Chen & Team

Pianist: Lilian Chow

Communion Usher: Imelda Choi

The Spirit's Mighty Power Can Break Barriers

By Rev Kenneth Chong

The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Acts saw the Spirit working wonders for the first time among large numbers of believers. God's ministry on earth has turned a new page.

The Prophet Joel prophesied that in the day of the Lord, God will pour out His Spirit on all people, meaning that God will not only pour out His Spirit on Israelites, His chosen people, but also on His children across the world. The last days began at the moment when the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. More wonders and miracles mentioned by the Prophet Joel are expected towards the end of the last days until the Lord Jesus Christ returns to earth in glory.

Use of the Spirit's great power is to bear testimony to gospel work. On the Day of Pentecost, the most stunning thing was that people from every nation who were in Jerusalem for the festival heard their own language spoken by the disciples declaring the wonders of God, which was the gospel accomplished by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The occasion was overwhelming for them! Nothing like that has ever happened since the creation of the world. Everybody was amazed at the wondrous works of God.

The significance of the Spirit's work at that time lies in breaking the barriers imposed by different languages. After the Flood, people built the Tower of Babel to make a name for themselves. God therefore confused their tongues. Since then, people were separated by language barriers, and different peoples also developed different cultures in the world. Conflicts and strife often arise among nations and peoples due to cultural differences.

The work of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost foretold God's removal of barriers among nations and peoples. God wanted the gospel explained in local languages of all peoples so that peoples of all nations can know the gospel, that no one would be denied access to the gospel. We need to remember that those who worship the true God as described in Revelation are from every nation, tribe, people and language. Language is no longer a hindrance. By then, no barriers will exist for chosen people from different nations who worship God. This is a perfect vision revealed to us in Revelation.

Since the Holy Spirit has broken through interpersonal barriers, we need to take action now. We need to follow the guidance and prompting of the Spirit to bring the love of God to communities originally unrelated to us, races we tend to neglect, even those we dislike. Although we are separated from those communities by historical, language and cultural factors, the Spirit will give us strength so we can take the initiative to care for and serve them. The initiative may not come naturally from us but we will be guided by God's will.

Break down the barrier. Let us start from bowing to the great power of the Holy Spirit.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20220605/>

Family News

1. Regular meetings

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

Jun 10 Bible Study: The Speck and The Log 17 Topical: Friendssss

24 Treasure Room: Parents and family Jul 1 Off

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

Jun 10 Bible Study – Jeremiah 17 Fellowship Night

24 Prayer Meeting Jul 1 Off

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

Jun 11 Social 25 Bible Study – Joshua

d. **Joint Adult Fellowship:**

- Sharing and Prayer Meeting, on Sun Jun 12, 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; Sun Jun 26, 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 Jun 5 (TODAY)

b. **CP Teachers monthly prayer meeting:** Sun Jun 19 at 12nn, Rm 219

3. **Family Sunday (Sun Jun 19):** There will NOT be Sunday School and Children's Program. Families are encouraged to worship together that day.

4. **EM 18th Baptismal Service:** Jason Choi and Timothy Ng will receive baptism on Sun Jul 3, 12noon-1pm at Education Centre worship hall! You are all invited to celebrate with them and give thanks to the Lord!

5. **Local Cross-cultural Mission Recruitment:** Join NPAC's Mission Department to visit the families of ethnic minority groups. We will join them in their outdoor recreational activities, worship service and learn from their sharing of faith. *Dates:* Thu-Sun Aug 18-21. *Fees:* \$250 (limited quota: 12 members). *Requirement:* Able to communicate in basic



English. Applicants will be interviewed. Shortlisted members must attend two pre-visit trainings on Sun Jun 26 & Sun Jul 24 (2:30-4pm).

If you are interested, sign up by Sun Jun 12 by filling out the form here or scanning the QR code. *Enquiries:* Ms. Ester Tsang (2909-9700).

6. **Collecting photos for NPAC's 70th Anniversary:** We are collecting church activity and fellowship life photos of the unforgettable moments. Send your photos (not less than 1Mb each, max. 4) to NPAC70@npac.org.hk by Sun Jun 12. Printed photos can be enveloped (marked with "70th anniversary photo exhibition") and handed to the reception. Specify your name, contact number, email address, date, and the photos' event. When you submit the photos, you have also consented that NPAC is given the right of use in all media and activities related to NPAC's 70th anniversary.
7. **Meditation at Main Church worship hall:** The worship hall in Main Church is now open for prayer on Thu night, 7-7:30pm. Brothers and sisters can use this venue for prayer, fasting, and meditation in solitude before God.
8. **Latest arrangements of English worship services, entry registration, church meetings, and coronavirus prevention measures:**
- Click [here](#) for onsite meeting guidelines and prevention measures.
 - Onsite worship service is resumed. Click [here](#) for live broadcast or YouTube channel: NPAC (recording available till Tue).



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

- "Dear God, fan into flame our passion for Your gospel so that our hearts for the Great Commission beat strongly. Transform us as we learn Your word and pray for the gospel to be amplified. Use us in our communities and the world for Your love. Strengthen our feet in standing firm and moving forward for the lost souls who need to know You well. Amen."*
- EM Baptismal Service on Jul 3:** Candidates: Jason Choi & Timothy Ng. *Pray* for courage and peace as they prepare their public declaration of commitment to Jesus. Also, *pray* for the preparation of the baptismal service and *ask* God to use it to encourage people to respond to His calling.
- Local cross-cultural mission:** *Pray* for God to stir our hearts and be sensitive to the Spirit's leading in sharing Christ's love and salvation with the foreigners – especially the underprivileged – living in Hong Kong. *Ask* God to provide for their needs. *Pray* that we will be steadfast in being Christ's ambassadors of His ministry of reconciliation to our neighbors. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Next Sun Jun 12: Speaker: Rev. Sylvia Kwok ("I believe in the holy catholic church", Ephesians 4:1–13; 1 Peter 2:9–10); Chairperson: Joseph Ho; Praise Team: Claudia Chan & Peacemakers; Pianist: Carman Chan; Scripture Reader: Yushi Takamura; Welcome Team: Peacemakers (Bonnie Chin, Sarah Chow, Kent Ang); Offering Counters: Fenny Wong, Josephine Kam; PowerPoint: Jason Choi.