# WELCOME



## ENGLISH COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE – Sep 3, 2023

## CHURCH THEME: TRUST GOD, LIVE IN UNITY, SERVE FAITHFULLY

EM MISSION : Know Christ and Make Christ Known

Verse for Reflection/Memory – His Help in Temptation

"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Hebrews 2:18

### Order of Service

Call to Worship Praise and Worship Pastoral Prayer Scripture Reading Acts 26:1-8 Sermon I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ Song of Response Holy Communion Tithes and Offering Church Announcements Doxology & Benediction

## A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

#### WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE

Thank you for joining our Communion Sunday Service. Church programs and updates are available in our Sunday bulletin and website.

## CORPORATE PRAYER WITH REV GUS FUNG @ 11AM - SEPTEMBER 3

September is NCAC's Mission Focus Month with special events organized by Mission Department. EM will have the opportunity to hear mission updates, pray for our IWs, and explore ways to serve in our community and around the world. Rev. Gus Fung, International Worker in UK/Europe, will be joining us online on Sep 3 to share and seek our prayers for their ministry.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER Hospitality - Hosted by Jasmine Vinson

In September, EM Sunday School will have a series on the biblical topic of "Hospitality" facilitated by Jasmine. We will explore this topic from a biblical perspective for 3 Sundays.

#### Today's Service

Samuel Leung | Service Leader Leah Chan (L), Enoch Chan, Jeffrey Xu and Ricky Hong | Worship James Chow and Michael Huynh | Greeters Matthew Leung, Samuel Leung and Gabriel Huynh | Tech Rev Dr Vinson Samuel | Speaker

### **EM NEWS & UPDATES**

## 2023 EM MISSION: KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

This year, EMT desires to focus on: Being A Caring Community; Connect into Small Groups and Develop Ministry Leaders. Be part of our plans and mission!

#### **TODDLER CORNER**

EM will not be moving ahead with the Toddler Corner as planned for September 10, 2023.

#### **EM SMALL GROUPS**

Being part of a Small Group is truly beneficial for the Christian life and experience. Become part of our church community by joining our Small Group! To contact the Small Group leaders, see details in the church bulletin.

#### WELCOME LUNCH FOR PASTOR STEVEN

The Lord is faithful and gracious: Pastor Steven has successfully gone through Alliance's Accreditation process and will officially begin as the Chinese Ministry pastor, effective September 1, 2023. To welcome Pastor Steven and his family, the church will host a church-wide lunch after the Chinese worship service on Sept. 10, an opportunity to get to know Pastor Steven personally and make him feel welcome. RSVP is required, \$8/person. If interested, please contact Jasmine by Sep 6.

#### 2023 NCAC MISSION CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in September with the theme "New Horizons Beyond the Pandemic". We have invited IWs Rev. Stanley Leung and Rosa C Mo, and Rev. Derek and Bonnie Burnett to share with us their service in the mission field through their respective sermon, especially the challenges of serving during the pandemic, and how we will work together with God for the mission ministry after the pandemic. The specific program arrangement for EM is as follows:

**Corporate Prayer Meeting** - September 3: Rev. Gus Fung, IW serving in UK/Europe, will share during the prayer meeting.

Worship Speakers - September 10: Rosa C Mo September 17: Rev. Derek Burnett International Lunch - September 17, we will enjoy Thai Cuisine with Rev. Derek and Bonnie Burnett and listen to their stories in Thailand. \$8/person, please sign up with Charlotte by September 10.

#### MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL GOSPEL EVENT

This Cantonese gospel event will be held on Sep 24 (Sunday) at 11:15am. Lunch will be served after the event. Lunch fee is \$8 per person, and FREE for first-time guests and age under 5. Please invite your Cantonese-speaking guests to hear the gospel and enjoy lunch together. Please contact Minnie for lunch registration before Sep 20.

#### UPDATE FROM THE ELDER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Praise the Lord! We have prayerfully considered and approached various members in good standing to fill the elder vacancies that we have for the year 2024 - 2025. The Committee followed the NCAC By Law process for considering potential elder nominees. The names of these elder candidates are Louisa Lau, Michael Huynh, Keith Lau and Elaine Kong. The Election will take place in a Special Membership Meeting on Oct 1. Please keep the whole nomination process in your prayers. Thank you so much everyone for your love and commitment to the Lord and to our church! God bless.

#### AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A HOMESTAY HOST

Christian Hospitality Ministry (CHM) Homestay in partnership with the Toronto District School Board is requesting anyone who is interested to provide a short term homestay (1 month from Sept 16-Oct 15, 2023 or Sept. 30 - Oct 30, 2023) for Colombian high school students. These students will be attending high schools within North York. An allowance will be provided to the host to offset expenses. If interested in being a host, please send your email to connectchm@gmail.com or call (647)-463-7671.





Have a lunch meeting with IWs Pastor Derek and Bonnie Burnett Get to know their ministry in the mission fie

Date: Sept 17

Fee:\$8/person

Please sign up with Charlotte by Sept 10

Attendance and Offering – Last Sunday 55 onsite | English Service 180 (81 onsite, 18 online, 81 recording) | Cantonese Service 14 Teens, 4 Adults | FOG Fellowship

5 Kids, 1 Adult | Children Worship Chinese and English Service Giving (Aug 21– Aug 27) \$3,395.00 | Total Offerings General Fund \$2,845.00; Thanksgiving \$50.00; Missions \$500.00; Building Repair 0.00; Love Fund 0.00; Others 0.00

#### People to Connect with SMALL GROUP (SG) LEADERS

Jasmine Vinson & Samuel Leung, Downtown Keith Lau & Susanna Tong, Uptown Michael and Anki Huynh, Northeast Rev Vinson & Florence C Mo, Agape Matthew Leung & Rahel Vinson, CU Connect

#### **English Ministry Team**

Charlotte Pang & Enoch Chan Michael Huynh, Elder Rev Dr Vinson Samuel, English Pastor

#### CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel, English Pastor Mr Jon Moe, Children and Youth Ministry Director Ms Samantha Li, Administrative Coordinator

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