

**Worship Service
October 11, 2015**

*Worship Song Together with Band
Opening Prayer Presider

Bible Reading John 9:1-7 Kurt Schwartz
Prayer Chong H. Park
Announcements Samuel Lebbie
Offering Prayer Presider
Offering Together

Message Timothy Hong

Cultural presentation Korean, Indian, Pakistani & African group

*Benediction Presider
* *Please stand*

Today's Sermon Outline

The Light of The World

John 9:1-7

Through perspective in God's goodness

One day when the disciples of Jesus were walking down the street, they saw a man blind from birth. In those days, the common belief was that such disaster was the result of a sin. The disciples knew of this common belief. Then a troublesome thought came into their minds and they asked Jesus a question: "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?" The disciples could see only two options both of which gave a negative perspective on the life of the blind man. Their perspective on the blind man's life was negative.

But, Jesus gave a positive answer to them. Jesus told them that his blindness had nothing to do with his sin or his parents' sin but that God might display His work through the blindness. While the disciples were struggling with a negative perspective on the man's handicap, Jesus saw a positive opportunity in it. Jesus deals with all our sicknesses and trials with a positive perspective that they can be opportunities to reveal God's goodness.

When we face difficulties in our lives, we tend to have negative thoughts and perspectives. But, Jesus helps us to see all our trials with a positive perspective through faith in the goodness of God. Healing and hope can get started when we see our sicknesses and difficulties with a positive perspective. See everything in your life through Jesus' perspective, which sees something positive in everything, even in the most difficult trial. Then you will always find hope in your life.

Through transforming touch

After Jesus encouraged the disciples to see the blind man's life positively, He actually did something to heal the blind man. To open the blind man's eyes, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. During His public ministry, at least four times Jesus opened blind eyes. He did it differently each time, depending on the person. This means that Jesus takes care of us through a personal touch. Also it means that His way of taking care of us is not limited by our expectations or understanding. In such a way Jesus' touch transforms people's lives.

Just because you can't imagine how you're ever going to solve a big problem, don't despair. The Lord has no limitations! Don't expect God to be limited to helping you solve your problems in the conventional manner. Don't limit Him to helping you solve your problems in the way you expect. Don't limit God to your preconceived ideas about how He is going to solve your problem. God has ways of doing things you've never dreamed of. He has unlimited ways and resources to take care of your needs. Place your trust in His abilities. Place your life in His hands. Do the tasks He has assigned you to do and then trust Him to do the rest.

Questions for application and sharing

1. How can you maintain a positive perspective on suffering and trials in your life?
2. How can you receive God's transforming touch which enables you to overcome impossible problems?

Announcements

Lunch preparation

This week- Korean, Indian, Pakistani & African group

Next week (Oct 18) - Central American & North American group

International Festival Services

Each group must discuss and decide the contents of their presentation by today.

- 1). First Sunday (Oct 4) – Opening ceremony (wear your ethnic clothes). Asian group (Filipino),
- 2). Second Sunday (Oct 11) –Asian group (Korean, Indian, Pakistani) & African group,
- 3). Third Sunday (Oct 18)- Central American & North American group,
- 4). Fourth Sunday (Oct 25) –European and South American group.

Flyers are available. You may take them as you need.

Prayer request

-For condolences – Lidia & Raul Lopez (Lidia’s mother passed away last Tuesday in a car accident)

Special Thanks

Elder Chong Park and his wife Kyong Ja have come from Philadelphia to pray for and participate in our international festival service today.

Volunteers for Church Cleaning on Sundays (October)

| Place | Group | Leader |
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| Fellowship Hall | College and youth group | Moses Sanchez |
| Sanctuary | Filipino | Lyle Atonson |
| Bathroom & Hallway | African/Korean/English | Samuel Lebbie |
| Sunday school rooms & Offices | Spanish | Analiz Garcia |

Ushers of the Month of October

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| Offering Ushers | Patricia Grass, Martha Velaquez, Lyle Atonson, Jovi Dumlao |
| Welcome Ushers | Lidia Lopez, Priscilla Caronongan, Rose Alcaria, Christine Alegre |
| Kitchen | Lunch preparation group |

Last Week’s Offering

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| Tithe | Eryln Blanco//Teresita Dumagpi//Jovie Dumlao//Romulo & Isabel Eswpinoza//Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Lydia Hong//Anish & Suja John//Lidia Lopez//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Alex & Analis Lucas//Leiva Rolando Sanchez//Esperanza Evans//Christine Plimpton//Nora Javier//Connie Dumagpi//Dara Javier//Susan Han//Lyle & Lynnne Atonson |
| Lord's Day | Angelina Barrera//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song//Bethsaida & Jada Rodriguez//Fausto Bobadilla//John Ayettey//Naria Turek//Dara Javier |
| Thanksgiving | Jovie Dumlao//Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill//Gail Hill//Samuel Lebbie |
| Mission | Bong & Priscilla Caronongan//Eryn Corachea//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Gail Hill//Lydia Hong//Lidia Lopez//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Carlos Lopez//Nora Javier//Connie Dumagpi//Susan Han |

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

| Date | Old Testament | Check | New Testament | √ |
|------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|---|
| 10/12(Monday) | Isaiah 50-52 | | 1 Thessalonians 1 | |
| 10/13(Tuesday) | Isaiah 53-55 | | 1 Thessalonians 2 | |
| 10/14(Wednesday) | Isaiah 56-58 | | 1 Thessalonians 3 | |
| 10/15(Thursday) | Isaiah 59-61 | | 1 Thessalonians 4 | |
| 10/16(Friday) | Isaiah 62-64 | | 1 Thessalonians 5 | |
| 10/17(Saturday) | Isaiah 65-66 | | 2 Thessalonians 1 | |
| 10/18(Sunday) | Jeremiah 1-2 | | 2 Thessalonians 2 | |

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Worship services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

Saturday 10:30 AM

Prayer services

Fridays 8:00 PM

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 105

Bible Study

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM

Cell groups –By appointment

Cell Groups

According to arrangement of each cell

Campus Ministry

Wednesday- At Truman College

Youth Ministry

Friday – 8:00 PM

Children’s ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Friday 6:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Missionaries

- Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru
 Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
 Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
 Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
 Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
 Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
 Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
 Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe
 Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa

Ministers

Senior pastor -Timothy Hong

Youth group ministry- Aldrick Lim

Audio visual ministry -Ki Wang Song Administration –Samuel Lebbie

Assistant pastors– Ramon Roman, Kurt Schwartz, Harold Goneh