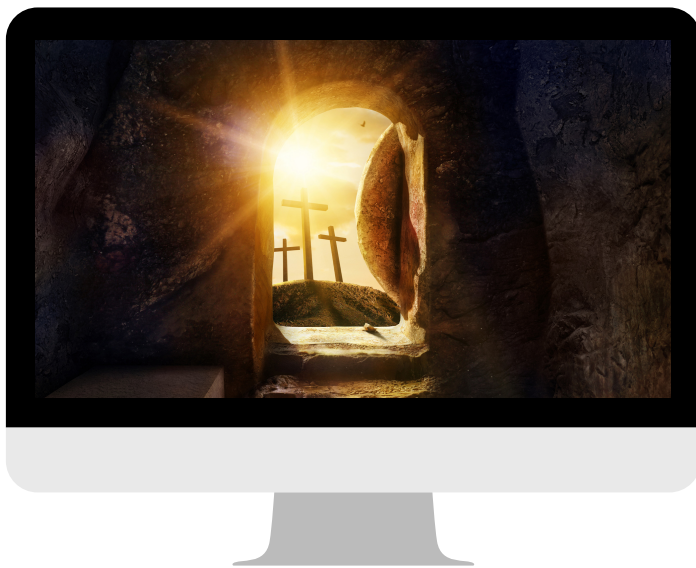


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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



17 April 2022

Resurrection of the King

By Gordon Gower
Live @ 11am

While churches of Christ do not traditionally observe the Christian calendar (think Christmas and Easter), this is the one day in the year that the whole world—Christian and non-Christian—are paying attention to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Moreover, it's never a bad idea to celebrate the Resurrection, which Paul says is the foundational truth upon which Christianity stands (1 Cor 15:19).

This truth is actually so central to our faith that we almost take it for granted. But the more we think about it, the Resurrection should fill us with constant awe, wonder and hope. Death itself is defeated. Abundant, everlasting life is assured to us. Everything that is wrong and fallen in this world will one day be swallowed up in a glorious restoration.

Truly, Christ is risen, and He is risen indeed!

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

To God Be The Glory

I Stand Amazed

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

Opening Prayer

Low In The Grave He Lay

Communion And Giving

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Sing Hallelujah To The Lord

Reflection Questions

- 1 What does the Resurrection mean to you? What difference does it make in your life?
- 2 How will you share the good news of Jesus' resurrection with others this week?

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,490.00**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
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If you plan to make a contribution via cheque, please make sure it is made payable to "**Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore**". Please ensure that you write the full name so that the cheque can be processed smoothly.

Upcoming Events



17 Apr | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"When a Donkey Talks"

Numbers 21-24

By Clarence Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"God Hears His People"

Exodus 1-4

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

Youth Bible Class

"What's Up With Easter?"

By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"The Widow's Giving"

Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Christians in Antioch"

Acts 11

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

P6 Apologetics Class

"The New Testament Church"

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



20 Apr | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)

"The Shield of Faith" (Eph 6:16)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



23 Apr | 8pm

Young Parents Dialogue Session

Zoom ID: 819 1264 0099

Passcode: OurFather



Introducing Gordon Gower



Our preacher this morning hails from the United States. He got his Bachelor and Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Abilene Christian University (ACU) and a secondary Teaching Certificate from the University of Houston.

He has 35 years of experience in preaching and teaching, along with 10 years of teaching English and History in US public schools. Interestingly, his longest "tenure" has been as an amateur astronomer for over 50 years!

Gordon and his wife Glynnna have been married for 50 years and have one son. They will be in Singapore for the next two weeks to teach a course at SIBI Singapore. We are most delighted to have them here!



PP Retreat 2022



Thank you to all who joined us for the Retreat on Friday! We had a wonderful time of worship and fellowship jointly led by our Youth, Young Adults and Adults. May God bring our hopes and plans to fruition according to His will!



Ukraine Relief Funds via SIBI GRM



Last week, the church announced that we will be giving \$3000 from our Benevolence Fund to the relief efforts for Ukraine. During the week, several members came forward to make additional contributions, and so the church will be sending a total of \$3800. We will be sending the money through SIBI's Global Relief Ministry which will be channeled to SIBI's satellite school in Kyiv.

If God continues to stir your heart to give, you can do so yourself at www.sibi.cc. **You do not need to go through the church to make this offering.** Above all, let us be prayerful for God's peace to reign in times of war, for love to cast out hatred, and for reconciliation to triumph over tension.



Elders Prayer Session

2 May | 10am to 12pm



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Elders' prayer session during the long weekend in May. More than planning and logistics and management strategies, the church of God runs on the prayers of the whole body. More details will be announced next week, so stay tuned!



“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.] John 16:33 (AMP)

In John 16, Jesus speaks to His disciples about His impending death and departure, as well as their desertion. Jesus tells them, “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.” (John 16:32)

This must have been disconcerting for the disciples to hear, so Jesus immediately followed up with His comforting words in verse 33,, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world.”

In this verse, we see that the disciples faced three realities:

- 1) The followers of Jesus will suffer great distress;
- 2) Jesus has already won the victory;
- 3) He didn't want His disciples to be under the delusion that their future ministry would be full of ease and comfort, and He doesn't want us to think that either.

21st Century Challenges

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” (John 15: 18-19)

1. Compartmentalization.

This year, we’ve watched our lives become dictated by the COVID pandemic. We chat with multiple people at a time, post one fragment of our lives here and another there, consume visual media in one window and read the Bible in another, etc.

This fractures our lived experience into disconnected compartments. It wreaks havoc on our mental and spiritual development and growth. Integrity means wholeness (integer = whole number). All parts of our lives should be (mind, body and soul) integrated and aligned with the Lordship of Christ.

As individuals and as a family, how are we doing as a part of God’s Church today?

2. The Idol of Individual Rights and Autonomy

This is the key threat to the Lord’s Church in the 21st century. Our global culture says that individuals can “be and do whatever feels right to you”. This philosophy of expressive individualism is also “the Pride of Life” and it is fundamentally at odds with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which calls us to bow to the lordship of Christ.

As God’s children need to examine our convictions, sincerity and authenticity to the authority of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in Scripture. “For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world.” (1 John 2:16)

3. Aversion to Commitment.

We live in a culture that is averse to commitment. Because of a FOMO (“fear of missing out”) worldview, we prefer to keep options open rather than commit to something or someone, in case we miss out on other possibilities.

So, people are less likely to be affiliated with a religion or be tied down to major life commitments than previous generations. We see people preferring to stay single or get married later in life than our parents and grandparents did.

This will gradually lead to a weak (or no) commitment to the local church. What we get is discipleship that is more virtual than real, especially with the COVID pandemic that has been ongoing for more than two years!

Against this backdrop, we the church need to stay relevant by reinforcing community life instead of the individualistic lifestyle already rooted in society. Let's connect more at every given opportunity and commit to the body of Christ.

Solution: Are we listening to God's whisper?

‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.’ (John 15:9-12)

We are not called to overcome the world alone. Jesus has already provided us with a certain future: a “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” and “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade” (2 Peter 1:3-4). So we can “take heart and be of good courage.”

Reflect and Respond

1. Review our worldviews and life's assumptions. Clearly identify them.
2. What can we learn from God's gentle whisper (the Bible) for God's view?
3. How can we be guided by God's wisdom and apply it to our daily life?
4. Meditate on the verse(s) you have chosen.
5. Pray for God's strength and help to become more and more like Christ.

Prayer:

Father, we ask for patience to wait and listen for Your gentle whisper today. Quieten the lures and calls of the prevailing voices to pursue worldliness. Instead, may we desire to listen to Your whispers of hope, peace and loving guidance so we can focus and be mindful of Your will and purpose for us. May Your peace fill our hearts today. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Connect With Us

Prayer Requests/ Feedback



<http://bit.ly/35FTEyp>



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