

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

- WHERE DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES -

**“Our daily work can be a calling only if it is reconceived as God’s assignment to serve others,”**

**~ Tim Keller, in his book *Every Good Endeavour***



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Methodist Church

# WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**31 December 2017**

**10.30 pm**

✠ **Enter to Worship** .....(Please switch phone to silent mode)

As you enter the Sanctuary,  
let your conversation with others cease and begin to commune with God.

## **WE UNITE IN PREPARATION**

"On December 25, 1747, John Wesley strongly urged the Methodists to renew their Covenant with God. His first Covenant Service was held in the French Church at Spitalfields on August 11, 1755, when he recited the words of 'that blessed man Richard Alleine,' which he published that year in the Christian Library. Wesley issued this as a pamphlet in 1780, and the form was used without alteration for nearly a century. Various modifications were then made, till a form was prepared which gave the people a larger share in the devotions. That form has been revised with a deep sense of the importance of a service which has been a fruitful source of blessing to Methodism ever since 1755"

The Book of Offices, The Methodist Church of Great Britain and Ireland

## **Silent Reflection & Meditation**

**Organ Prelude**

Mrs Maureen Ng

## **WE UNITE IN PRAISE**

**\*Call to Worship**

Dr Chan Chong Hiok

**Leader:** We have gathered here tonight out of custom but also out of need.

**People:** We bring to this gathering love and laughter, grief and pain, some rejoicing, some fear and some doubt.

**Leader:** We have heard the glowing stories of the things which God has done.

**People:** We have heard of His power and His glory, of His love in Christ His Son.

Leader: God of human transformation, we ask for Your presence in this place.

People: Lead us ever on the journey as we gather here tonight.

\*Hymn of Praise "We Gather Together" UMH 131

### **WE UNITE IN PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn "With All My Heart" (see p9)

Personal Silent Prayer & Confession

Prayer On Behalf of All

Organ Response

### **WE UNITE IN SHARING**

Greetings & Welcome Pastor Timothy Yong

Offering

\*Doxology "My Tribute" UMH 99

### **WE UNITE IN LISTENING**

Scripture Reading Zechariah 8:22-23 (TNIV p876) Dr Guo Xiaoxuan

Sermon "A Witness Wherever You Are" Pastor Alvin Chan

### **WE UNITE IN COVENANT MAKING**

\*Covenant Hymn "Come, Let Us Use the Grace  
Divine" UMH 606

The Invitation

Pastor: Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants.  
Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him.  
Christ has many services to be done.  
Some are more easy and honourable, others are more difficult and disgraceful.  
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both.  
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.  
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

Pastor: It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**People: Let me be Your servant, under Your command.  
I will no longer be my own.  
I will give up myself to Your will in all things.**

Pastor: Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**People: Lord, make me what You will.  
I put myself fully into Your hands:  
put me to doing, put me to suffering,  
let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You,  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and with a willing heart  
give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.**

Pastor: Christ will be the Saviour of none but His servants.  
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.  
Christ will have no servants except by consent;  
Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that  
He requires.  
Christ will be all in all, or He will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you;

In carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant, in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ, consider what your sins are.

Consider the laws of Christ: how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all.

Be sure you are clear in these matters; see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so that you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.

You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

## **COVENANT PRAYER**

**People:** O righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before You.  
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done Your will, for You have promised mercy to me if I turn to You with my whole heart.

**Pastor:** God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

**People:** I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with You that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.  
Against Your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power, I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from You.  
For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before You.

**Pastor:** Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let Him.

**People:** Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge You as my Lord and God.  
I take You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as Your servant, to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Pastor: God has given the Lord Jesus Christ  
as the only way and means of coming to God.

People: Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only  
new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant  
with Him.  
O blessed Jesus, I come to You, hungry, sinful, miserable,  
blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of Your  
servants. I do here, with all my power, accept You as my Lord  
and Head.  
I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that You are  
the Lord, my righteousness.  
I renounce my own wisdom, and take You for my only guide.  
I renounce my own will, and take Your will as my law.

Pastor: Christ has told you that you must suffer with Him.

People: I do here covenant with You, O Christ, to take my lot with You  
as it may fall.  
Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall  
part me from You.

Pastor: God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

People: I do here willingly put my neck under Your yoke, to carry Your  
burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good.  
I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and  
actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life  
according to Your direction, and not allow myself to neglect  
anything I know to be my duty.

Pastor: The Almighty God searches and knows your heart.  
Let us pray ...

ALL: O God, You know that I make this covenant with You today  
without guile or reservation.  
If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me set it  
aright.  
And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, whom I from this  
day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.  
Glory be to You, O God the Son, who have loved me and  
washed me from my sins in Your own blood, and now is my  
Saviour and Redeemer.

ALL: Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, who by Your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant Friend.  
And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant.

So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

**WE UNITE IN COMMUNION**

\*Communion Hymn "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" UMH 622

Ritual beginning with the Great Thanksgiving UMH 13  
(Responses to be sung: UMH 17, 18)

The Lord's Prayer (sung ~ Malotte)

Communion Hymns

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| 1) UMH 117 | 2) UMH 122 | 3) UMH 130 |
| 4) UMH 337 | 5) UMH 368 | 6) UMH 377 |

**WE UNITE IN ENTERING 2018**

\*Song of Promise "Hear the Call of the Kingdom" (see p10)

\*Benediction

\*Grace before Supper

Postlude

*(Please refrain from clapping and remain seated until after Postlude)*

Prayer Ministry at Altar

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.....Depart to serve†

\*indicates congregation to stand

<b>Pulpit Ministry</b>	
<b>7 January</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany   Baptism of the Lord   Holy Communion	Pastor Paul Nga
<b>14 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany   Dedication of CM Teachers & Helpers	Pastor Timothy Yong
<b>21 January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	Dr Hum Sin Hoon
<b><i>Sermon Series: Basic Kingdom Living</i></b>	
<b>28 January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	Pastor Alvin Chan
Sermons Online: <a href="http://www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html">www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html</a>	

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**Church Closure.** The church will be closed on 1 January (New Year's Day). The Chapel of Life will remain open as usual.

**Floral Offering:**

**With Thanksgiving from**

- Lawrence & Linda Sim, for God's blessings
- Mdm Helen Lim
- Mrs Lucy Tan, for God's blessing
- Mr & Mrs Samuel Hum

**In Loving Memory of**

- our brother, *Jimmy Koh*, from Mr & Mrs Steven Koh & family



**The Pastors, Church Office Staff, and the Leaders wish all  
A BLESSED & JOYOUS NEW YEAR!**



Prayer Hymn:

**“With All My Heart”**

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In this quiet place with You  
I bow before Your throne  
I bear the deepest part of me  
To You and You alone  
I keep no secrets  
For there is no thought  
That You have known  
I bring my best and all the rest  
To You I lay them down

*Chorus:*

*With all my heart  
I want to love You Lord  
And live my life  
Each day to know You more  
All that is in me  
Is Yours completely  
I'll serve You only  
With all my heart*

You faithfully supply my needs  
According to Your plans  
So help me Lord to seek Your face  
Before I seek Your hand  
And trust You know what's best for me  
When I don't understand  
Then follow in obedience  
In every circumstance *(Chorus)*

Song of Promise:

## **“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”**

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Hear the call of the Kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy  
Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven  
The humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ may shine through us

*Chorus:*

*King of Heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him *(Chorus)*



## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

- 8.45am English Service**  
Sanctuary @ L1
- Children's Ministry**  
Hallelujah @ L3
- 9.00am Youth Ministry**  
The Upper Room @ L3
- Serving at IMH (last Sun)**  
10 Buangkok View
- 9.30am Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting**  
Prayer Chapel @ B1
- 11.00am Mandarin Service**  
Sanctuary @ L1
- 11.15am English Service**  
Emmanuel Hall @ L2
- Children's Ministry**  
Hallelujah @ L3
- After 11.15am service Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship**  
Meet in Plaza @ L1

### Wednesdays

- 10.00am Yum Cha@10 (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)**  
Plaza @ L1
- 8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting**  
Prayer Chapel @ B1

### Thursdays

- 10.00am Serving at St Luke's Eldercare Centre (last Thu)**  
Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4 #01-156

### Fridays

- 9.15am Friday Bible Study (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, in recess)**  
Prayer Chapel @ L1
- 8.00pm Healing Ministry**  
Prayer Chapel @ B1

### Saturdays

- 9.00am Fellowship of Ukulelians (not on 5<sup>th</sup> Sat, in recess)**  
Hallelujah Room @ L3

For a snapshot of all church events, please visit [www.tmc.org.sg/calendar.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/calendar.html)

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