

English Worship Service February 11, 2018, 11am

Prelude		Allison Zhang
Scriptural Call to Worship	Psalm 47:1-2	Po Yeung
Worship in Song		Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Jonathan Na
Scripture Reading	Genesis 33	Brendon Li
Message	Reconciliation	Rev. Jonathan Na
Response Song		Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Jonathan Na
Announcements		Po Yeung
Silent Prayer		Congregation
Postlude		Allison Zhang
Worship in Giving	A giving box is near the door for believers to worship through giving (after the service).	

February Bible Memory Verse

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

–1 John 5:14

Our Daily Bread

Brother to Brother

A new command I give you: Love one another. John 13:34

My brother and I, less than a year apart in age, were quite “competitive” growing up (translation: we fought!). Dad understood. He had brothers. Mom? Not so much. Our story could have fit in the book of Genesis, which might well be subtitled A Brief History of Sibling Rivalry. Cain and Abel (Gen. 4); Isaac and Ishmael (21:8–10); Joseph and everyone not named Benjamin (ch. 37). But for brother-to-brother animosity, it’s hard to beat Jacob and Esau.

Esau’s twin brother had cheated him twice, so he wanted to kill Jacob (27:41). Decades later Jacob and Esau would reconcile (ch. 33). But the rivalry continued on in their descendants, who became the nations of Edom and Israel. When the people of Israel prepared to enter the Promised Land, Edom met them with threats and an army (Num. 20:14–21). Much later, as Jerusalem’s citizens fled invading forces, Edom slaughtered the refugees (Obad. 1:10–14).

Happily for us, the Bible contains not just the sad account of our brokenness but the story of God’s redemption as well. Jesus changed everything, telling His disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another” (John 13:34). Then He showed us what that means by dying for us.

As my brother and I got older, we became close. That’s the thing with God. When we respond to the forgiveness He offers, His grace can transform our sibling rivalries into brotherly love.

Lord, we invite You to transform our relationships with Your healing love.

Sibling rivalry is natural. God’s love is supernatural.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

1. We welcome Rev. Jonathan Na to bring us God's Word this morning.
2. Please continue to pray for Karen Chum and her family. May the peace and strength of the Lord be with her family throughout this difficult time.
3. Chinese New Year Celebration and dinner will be held on February 17 at 6pm. Please reserve time to join.
4. The next baptism will be held on 5/20, the 13th anniversary of our church. Please talk to Pastor Robert if you have any questions and/or are interested.
5. YA Fellowship's Bible Study will be meeting every Sunday from 12pm to 1pm. Pastor Joseph Chi will also be studying the Book of John with them. YA members are encouraged to join and have fellowship with one another.
6. Please contact Uncle Theo (theoklee@gmail.com) and Pastor Robert (robert_chau_lp@yahoo.com) if you would like to serve in the English service.
7. Pray for God's will in bringing a dedicated pastor to the EM and Canaan Church. For any questions and concerns, please speak to Pastor Robert and the deacons.
8. If you need to host any future events that is related to church matters, please talk to Pastor Robert at robert_chau_lp@yahoo.com or the deacons first. If you need to borrow any items from church, please ask Uncle KK (Justin & Clarence's Dad) at kenkwong999@live.com.

Upcoming Serving Schedule

Date	Presider	Scripture Reading	Usher	Music Worship	Prelude	GMs
2/11	Po	Brendon Li	Lisa/Selena	Jedd	Allison Z	Clarence/Derek
2/18	Ming	Isabelle	Grace/Allison Z	Allison H	Sabrina	Clarence/Derek

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Pray without Ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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