



Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
September 17, 2023 - ESC Worship Service

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:9-14

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “Blessed Poverty ” (Pastor Joseph Yu)

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- Welcome! If you're new to our worship service, welcome to our church! You are invited to stay for snacks and refreshment at the Fellowship Hall after today's service. If you like us to connect with you, please email us at hello@vcefc.org so that someone from the care team can reach out to you.
- New Sunday School Class:
 - Church History II: Protestant Reformation and Theology by Pastor Joe Yu
The **Protestant Reformation** was one of the major epochs in European history. It began in 1517 with the publication of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five*. It changed people's way of looking at themselves and the world, it led to wider European literacy, and eventually forced governments to grant religious freedoms. More importantly in our Sunday school context, it impacted our view of the role and relation between the Church and individual believers, as well our theology about faith and salvation.
 - How to Interpret the Bible II by Hansel Wang
As an extension to the general principles and guidelines that govern the interpretation process for the Bible. This “Part II” course explores the specific rules for the interpretation of different literary types, such as narrative, prophecy, epistle, apocalypse, etc., in both the Old and New Testament.

- Our church's outreach ministry, Joyful Centre, is hosting a friendly Piano Contest. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music followed by refreshments.
Date: Sep 24 Sunday
Time: 4: 3m
Age: 12 or under
Contest Materials: 1 song - RCM (6th Ed.) up to level 5 or Piano Adventures
Contact: Joyful@vcefc.org or (604) 254-1242
- For our third Sunday of the month event on September 17th, we will be doing a program call The Wisdom Session. The objective of the meeting is for brothers and sisters to encourage one another spiritually through sharing and learning of life experiences as a Christian. The meeting is meant to encourage the building of spiritual friendships across different ages and life stages, learn from one another, and motivate each other to grow spiritually.
Lunch 12:45-1:15 (Bring your own lunch and eat together)
Small Group Question and Answer Period 1:15-2:30
Refreshment 2:30-2:45
- Chinese International Missions (CIM) will hold a sharing event at our church for their Roma ministry in Ukraine.
Date: September 30, Saturday
Time: 7:30 pm
Theme: Mercy in the Midst of Turmoil
Speakers: Vlad Matvieiev and Vasyl Fenchak
We are honoured to have Pastor Vlad Matvieiev and Pastor Vasyl Fenchak from Ukraine with us to share their first-hand experiences, witnessing the cruelty of human nature, and also testifying to God's miraculous work in the midst of darkness. Please reserve time to join the event, and pray for the critical situation in Ukraine.
- Volunteer is needed to help with our neighbourhood coffee ministry. It is a way for us to reach out and get to know our neighbours by serving them with coffee and refreshments. The next one is on Sep 24.
- Special Family meeting on October 7th at 2pm to meet with Pastor Lucy Li as our children ministry pastor candidate. She will be preaching at ESC worship service on September 24th.

Benediction:

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.