

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

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"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available."



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Our Vision

Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church

The 4 Essentials

***Personal Growth, Building Community,
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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L: O God, You are righteous,

P: Transform us by Your Word!

L: Your judgments are upright,

P: Transform us by Your Word!

L: Reform us, reconcile us,

P: Transform us by Your Word! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Jesus Is All the World to Me

UMH 469

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My life, my joy, my all
He is my strength from day to day
Without Him I would fall
When I am sad, to Him I go
No other one can cheer me so
When I am sad, He makes me glad
He's my friend

Jesus is all the world to me
And true to Him I'll be
O how could I this Friend deny
When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right
He watches o'er me day and night
Following Him by day and night
He's my friend

Jesus is all the world to me
My friend in trials sore
I go to Him for blessings, and
He gives them o'er and o'er
He sends the sunshine and the rain
He sends the harvest's golden grain
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain
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I want no better Friend
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when
Life's fleeting days shall end
Beautiful life with such a Friend
Beautiful life that has no end
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Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

*God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you
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Through days of toil when heart doth fail
God will take care of you
When dangers fierce your path assail
God will take care of you

All you may need He will provide
God will take care of you
Nothing you ask will be denied
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No matter what may be the test
God will take care of you
Lean, weary one, upon His breast
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DOXOLOGY

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Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(...Those leaving for their Sunday School Classes will stand...)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord.

Children: For He is good, and His love endures forever.

People: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
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Acts 9:1-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spirit-filled Transformation

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The world is ever near
I see the sights that dazzle
The tempting sounds I hear
My foes are ever near me
Around me and within
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion
The murmurs of self-will
O speak to reassure me
To hasten or control
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Thou guardian of my soul

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Spirit-filled Transformation

Scripture Passage: Acts 9:1-22

BIG IDEA: God uses Spirit-transformed lives to change the world.

Key Verses: Acts 9:15-16 (NIV)

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Introduction

- Saul (later known as the Apostle Paul) was filled with zeal to persecute the church (Acts 9:1-2)
- But the Lord set him apart to be his chosen instrument to bring the Gospel to the nations (Acts 9:15-16)
- Saul needed a personal encounter with the Risen Christ and a Spirit-filled transformation to fulfil his calling (Acts 9:3-6, 17-22)

We experience Spirit-filled transformation by being:

1. Redeemed

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23, NIV)

- Saul was filled with zealous devotion to the law and religious traditions. But he stood in need of redemption through a personal encounter with Christ
- God redeems us from the enslavement of sin and darkness
- Christ alone paid the price of our redemption (Romans 3:21-26)

2. Renewed

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)

- Saul had to leave behind all that once gave him identity, status, and purpose to embrace a new life in Christ (Acts 9:15-16, Philippians 3:3-8)
- Our new life in Christ changes our worldviews, attitudes, behaviour and values (e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:15-16, Galatians 5:13-25)

3. Repurposed

We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20, ESV)

- Saul had used his zeal, scripture knowledge, strong character for the wrong reasons
- God turned his life around – Saul was now transformed to be God's chosen instrument (Acts 9:15-16)
- The Holy Spirit works the same transformation in us to be God's instruments of Gospel love, grace and transformation to the world around us (Romans 6:13, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Matthew 5:13-16)

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

04/09/2022

Sermon Title/Text

Preacher

Liturgist

Reader

Musician

Sound

Livestream

Visual

Ushers

Finance Steward

10.00 am Service

Spirit-filled Transformation
(Acts 9:1-22)

Mr Tan Chong Jin

Mr Daniel Teh

Mr Mak Ngai Leong

Mr Daniel Khoo

Mr Tan Siew Jin

Ms Wong Fong Yi

Mr Seah Por Shen

Mrs Mary Wolf

Ms Teo Lay Tinn

Mr Richard Lim

Mrs Falonee Lim

Ms Cheong Sau Chan

5.00 pm Service

Spirit-filled Transformation
(Acts 9:1-22)

Mr Tan Chong Jin

Dr Cheah Ui Hock

Dr Serena Nga

Mrs Audrey Tan

Mr Andrew Lee

n/a

Mr Joshua Timothy

Mr Tony Teh

Ms Tan Yu Ai

n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

11/09/2022

Sermon Title/Text

Preacher

Liturgist

Worship Leaders

Reader

Musicians

Sound

Livestream

Visual

Ushers

Finance Steward

10.00 am Service

TBA

Rev Shearn Sya

n/a

Mrs Lim Huey Yoke

Dr Gerviene Sya

Mrs Joanna Tham

Mr Daniel Khoo

Mrs Nicoline Koay

Mr Edwin Oon

Mr Jason Tham

Mr Chuah Chang En

Mr Calvin Fong

Mr Khoo Boo Thye

Mrs Sally Loh

Ms Helen Aw

Mr Cheong Kum Loong

Mr Khoo Boo Thye

5.00 pm Service

TBA

Rev Shearn Sya

Mrs Loo Li Lin

n/a

TBA

Ms Amelia Loo

Mr Chuah Chang En

n/a

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Dr Chin Chean Kok

Mrs Chin Peck Wan

n/a

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9.15am Church School
10.00am Worship Service in English
2.00pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
2.00pm Boys' Brigade (Juniors)
3.00pm Post Alpha Small Group
Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
3.30pm Boys' Brigade (Seniors)

MONDAY

- 8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network (LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

TUESDAY

- 8.00pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group – Chan Chen Weng

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am Wednesday Small Group – Tan Saw Lee (1st & 3rd Wed)
Church Office Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

- 8.30pm Church Prayer Meeting – <http://bit.ly/tmcprayer>
9.00pm Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

- 8.30pm Small Groups:
Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang
Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)

SATURDAY

- 10:30am Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (4th Saturday)
5.45pm Small Groups:
Young Families – Tairven Lee
8.00pm Young Families 2 – James Hii
8:30pm Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray that peace will reign over East Asia and that political tensions between China and North Korea will not escalate into an all-out war. Pray that all political leaders in the region will exercise wisdom, restraint and foster peace. Pray for Japan who is considering to boost its counter-attack capabilities. Pray also, that the work of the gospel will continue to flourish despite the challenges.

Nation

- Pray that our judicial system will be free from any interference or political pressure and resolute in upholding the law so that justice may be served. Thank God for His protection over our Chief Justice and Federal Court judges who carry out their duties with impartiality, preserving the judiciary's integrity and independence. Pray that peace and harmony will continue to reign in our nation.

Church

- Pray for God's protection over the elderly members in our church. Pray that He will keep them safe from harm and danger, particularly from falling and hurting themselves. Pray that God will nourish them both physically and spiritually, providing strength, comfort, hope, and joy through His Word. Pray also for the unwell. Pray that God will hear their cries, and bring comfort and healing to them.

Self

- Pray that our hearts and minds will be opened to the simple yet profound truth that all we need is Christ. Pray that His promises and words of assurance will bring comfort to our hearts and healing to our souls. Pray too, that God will grant us the wisdom, words, and grace to bring comfort to others who are going through difficult times.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at *Trinity*. For any assistance please contact:

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

Administrator – Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Angeline Choo.
- Floral Gifts: From Ruth & Kevin Tung in Thanksgiving.
- Online/ATM Transfer: **Maybank Account No. MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)**. Please indicate for “Offering/Pledge” or “Poor & Needy” in Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – September 4

Communion Offering for September 2022 will go to Kawan Centre.



Coming up in September

23 – Renewal Service (8:30PM)

24 – 2nd LC / 5th LCEC Meeting (9:30AM)
Renewal Service (8:30PM)

25 – 65th Church Anniversary Combined Service (10AM)

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required (Capped at 220)*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *MySejahtera checks – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Required (6 per pew)*

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.
All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

Covid Care Form

<http://bit.ly/tmcpccovidcare>

Senior Interaction Day

September 10, 3pm – 5pm @ GYM
To register/for more information, contact
Angela Khong at 016-470 0680

Floral Calendar (September – December 2022)
is ready for booking at the reception area.

NECF 40-Days Fast & Prayer

<https://tiny.cc/40daysbooklet>

Vacancies: Accounts Clerk

Certificate/Diploma in Accountancy or equivalent professional qualification, with relevant working experience and skilled in using Excel functions for accounting purposes. To apply, please submit resume to joinus@penangtrinity.org.

TRAC MW 47th Annual Conference

September 16-18, 2022
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