

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

***"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 at the fellowship area."***



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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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P: The Light that shines in the darkness. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

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The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

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Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
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Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
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Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(stanzas 1-3)

UMH 420

Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me, breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me, breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will
To do and to endure

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People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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UMH 351

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Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded, broken spirit
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Thou the spring of all my comfort
More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee?

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Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Ms Sally Koay	Mr Kevin Tung
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Joshua Timothy	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Richard Lim, Mrs Falonee Lim Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Emmy Chia	Mr Christopher Wong Ms Lilian Yeoh
Finance Stewards	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mrs Wan Soo Har Ms Cheong Sau Chan	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Mr Michael Leong	Mr Michael Leong
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
Reader	Ms Selina Ngu	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Rachel Lee Mrs Nicoline Koay, Mr Matthew Yap Mr Edwin Oon	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr Joshua Timothy
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Finance Stewards	Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong Mr Khoo Boo Thye	n/a

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9.15am Church School
10.00am Worship Service in English
12.30pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
1.30pm Young Families 1 Small Group –
Tairven Lee
Young Families 2 – James Hii
2.15pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –
Jason Chieng
3.00pm Post Alpha Small Group
Boys' Brigade

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 7.00pm Young Adults III – Gerviene Sya
7.30pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am Wednesday Small Group –
Tan Saw Lee (1st & 3rd Wed)
11.00am Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00pm Galilee Kopitiam (2nd & 4th Wed)

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Small Groups:
2.45pm Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Sabrina Lee
8.30pm Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang
Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)

SATURDAY

- 10:30am Permai Village Small Group –
Daniel Teh
1:30pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
Small Groups:
2.00pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
8.00pm Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.30pm Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for Niger as soldiers declared a coup following the army's endorsement of coup leaders last week. Pray that the nation will remain peaceful and orderly without violence. Pray that the leaders of the nation will work together to safeguard the nation's democracy, peace, freedom and political stability, as well as the welfare and rights of its citizens. Pray also, for God's mercy and grace upon the nation.

Nation

- Continue to pray that all eligible voters will exercise their duty and vote wisely in the upcoming state elections in Kelantan, Terengganu, Kedah, Penang, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan on August 12. Pray that all voters, especially the younger ones, will choose God-fearing men and women of integrity who are sincere and committed to serving all Malaysians, regardless of race, beliefs or financial status.

Church

- Pray that we, as members of Christ's body, will make every effort to give our utmost best to accomplish our church's vision of "Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church". Pray that we will constantly endeavour to nurture our own personal growth and also strive towards building the community around us; to be a voice to our nation, and a vision for the world.

Self

- Pray that God will open our eyes to those in our midst who are in need, and instil in each one of us a heart of compassion for them. Pray that He will stir our hearts to show genuine concern for them, and provide us the means and capability to help them. Pray also, that God will open up opportunities and grant us the wisdom and boldness to share the Gospel with them.

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:** Please contact the church office or email office@penangtrinity.org.
- **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 – August 6

Communion Offering for August 2023 will go to Penang Hospice Society.

Prayer Service – 2023 State Elections

August 11 (Friday), 8:30pm | Penang Trinity



The Alpha Course Online

Began May 14 | 3pm, Sundays

For more information or to register, contact Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551

The Alpha Course In-Person

Began June 4
3pm, Sundays

The family of the late Mdm Tan Gaik Liew (Mrs Cindy Yap) would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to church members for their support, gifts, thoughts and prayers during their recent bereavement.

Our heartfelt condolences to Aileen Seet, Dilys Wei and family on the demise of their beloved father/grandfather, Mr Seet Kim San, who passed away on August 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

Coming up in August!

13 – Missions Sunday

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

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

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

2023 Methodist Convention

“A Renewed Church”

August 26-28, 2023 | UCSI Hotel, Kuching
RM 350/pax (incl. of meals + Twin Room)

To register, go to

<https://forms.gle/m2yyEgKgauduNS83A>

30th TRAC MSF Annual Camp

“A Grateful Life”

October 10-13, 2023 | Cititel Penang

For more information, contact Mr Tan Kok Huat
012-550 7428 | khtan1992@gmail.com

48th TRAC MW Session

RM550 (Normal rate)

For more information or to register, contact:
Mrs Angela Khong 016-470 0680