

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG

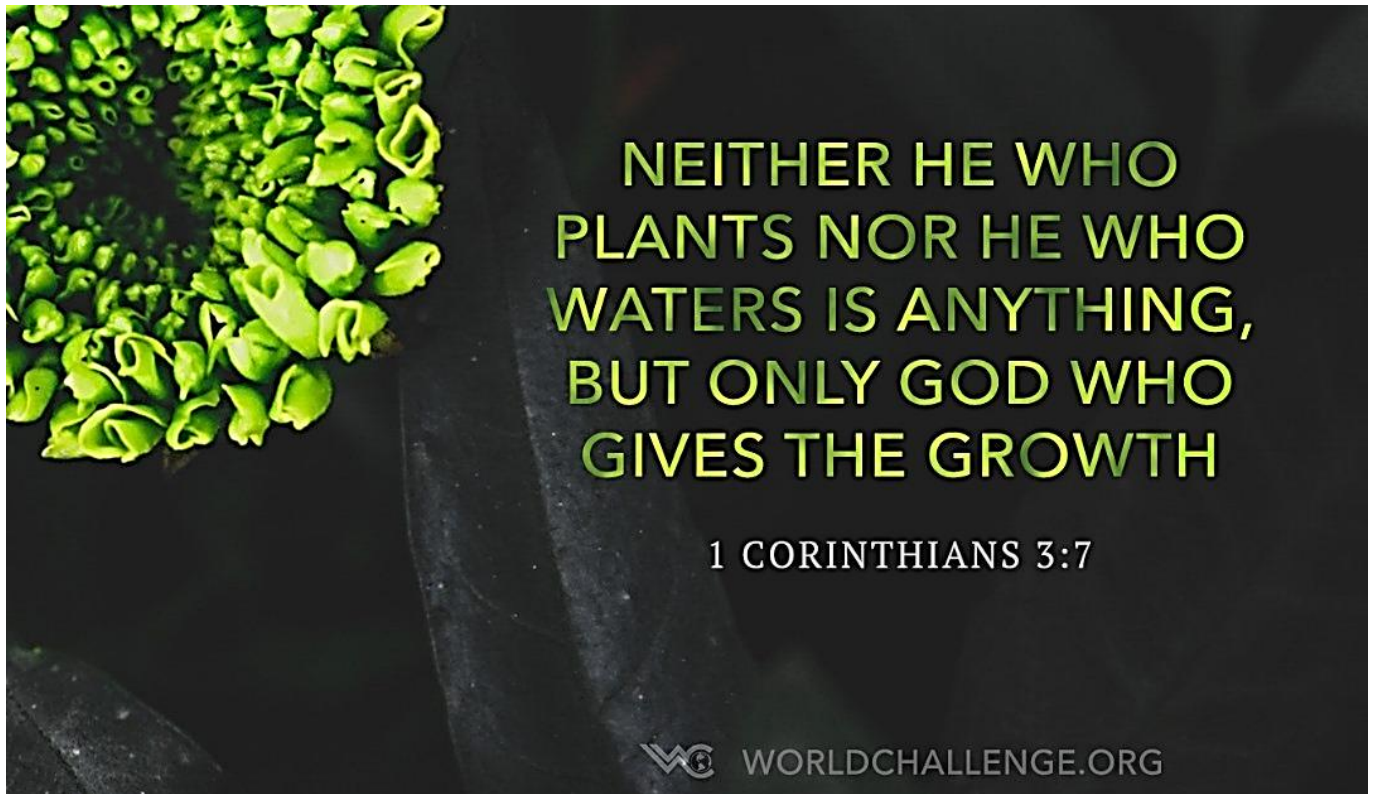


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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 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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UMH 715

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And triumph evermore

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He rules o'er earth and heaven  
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Are to our Jesus given

*Lift up your heart  
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Rejoice, again I say  
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The God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains  
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 O Thou of God and man the Son  
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour  
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
 And all the twinkling starry host  
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
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 Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
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## **E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **DOXOLOGY**

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 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**

This is My Father's World

UMH 144

This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
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The birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white  
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### **CLOSING SONG**

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UMH 157

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And endless praises crown his head  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
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Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

People and realms of every tongue  
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And infant voices shall proclaim  
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## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Unexpected Growth of God's Kingdom

Scripture Passage: Matthew 13:10-17, 31-34

### **BIG IDEA: God's Kingdom grows in unexpected ways**

#### **Key Verse: Matthew 13:31b (NIV)**

*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.*

#### **Introduction**

- Jesus taught the people in parables (Matthew 13:10-11, 13:34-35)
- Parables were like a dividing line between those who understood the secrets of the Kingdom and those who were hardened in unbelief (Matthew 13:11-17)
- Through parables, Jesus revealed the nature and experience of God's Kingdom to those who had seeing eyes and hearing ears to believe in faith (Matthew 13:16-17)

The experience and growth of God's Kingdom involve:

#### **1. Planting small seeds**

*Small beginnings, unstoppable impact*

- The parables of the mustard seed and yeast (Matthew 13:31-33) shows how small beginnings can grow into wide-ranging impact
- We should never underestimate how God's Kingdom can grow to penetrate and impact the lives of those around us.
- Take-away: Are we ready to plant seeds for the Kingdom?

#### **2. Persevering through opposition**

*Every good work is tested*

- The parable of the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) prepares disciples to expect the work of the enemy to oppose God's Kingdom
- Good seeds grow up side by side with the bad seeds sown by the enemy. But in the end, Jesus will bring a separation of the bad from the good
- Take-away: Focus on the work of the Kingdom, not on the work of the enemy

#### **3. Passion for God's Kingdom**

*Giving up everything for the One thing*

- The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl (Matthew 13:44-46) show the immense worth of finding and coming into God's Kingdom
- Those who would truly find God's Kingdom must give up everything else – nothing must hinder or prevent disciples from entering and living in God's Kingdom
- Take-away: Is there anything holding me back from fully embracing God's Kingdom?

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
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<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Mary Wolf	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Chang Jia Ren	Ms Liew Yann Wen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Richard Lim, Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Sally Koay, Mrs Connie Lim	Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin, Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	More Than Enough ( <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i> )	More Than Enough ( <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i> )
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Janet Ng	Ms Vanessa Goh
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Michi Ong Mr Edwin Oon, Mr Shane Tan Ms Olivia Lee	Mrs Audrey Tan
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Hugo Cheah	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Helen Aw Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Wong Choon Moi Mrs Annie Chan (Observer)	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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**

- 10.30am Tanjung Bungah Small Group –  
Chan Chen Weng  
8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network  
(LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

### **TUESDAY**

- 7.00pm Unknown Small Group – Gerviene Sya

### **WEDNESDAY**

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

### **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

- Continue to pray for people around the world who are suffering from wars or conflicts. Pray that God will shelter them under His wings, and provide safe and open channels for relief supplies to reach them. Pray that God will soften the hearts of the leaders and grant them wisdom to put an end to wars. Pray also, that God will touch our hearts and help us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers.

### Nation

- Pray for wisdom to steer our nation in the right direction as it navigates major economic hurdles such as a plummeting ringgit and a burgeoning national debt of 1.5 trillion ringgit. Pray for continued political stability despite the coalition's persistent underlying tensions, as well as for a deeper realisation of much-needed political reform for the nation's stability and to revitalise our current economic situation.

### Church

- Pray that God's love will be so clearly manifested in His church that we will increase and abound in love, spurring a life of holiness unto Him. Pray that in whatever capacity we are involved in, our ministry will be done out of genuine love and care for God's people. Pray too, that God will grant His continuous infilling and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that we may bear testimony of His goodness to all.

### Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind us to pause and pray in the midst of our busyness each day. Pray that we will reflect on how God has been at work in and through our lives this year. Pray that our reflection will lead us to repent, to praise and worship Him for His faithfulness, and also lead us to acknowledge that we need to depend on and trust in Him alone.

## 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 Lim & family in loving memory of Mdm Liew Yin.
- 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 – November 5

Communion Offering for November 2023 will go to D’Home Mental Health Association.

### Coming up in November!

25 – 6<sup>th</sup> LCEC Meeting



**E-Offering**

Scan the QR code with the Touch n Go app

Key-in the amount and press **Confirm**

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### 2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

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

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service starting November 5 (*TODAY*) at The Solid Rock. Lunch options will also be available for sale between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For takeaways, please bring your own containers.

We have increased our parking capacity to 150 lots. If you are coming from the south, there is ample parking at Life Hope Centre. Our RELA team will guide you.