



1st
Sunday
in
Lent

11:20 English Worship
February 18, 2018

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Welcome & Family News

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Nelson Wong

L: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

P: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

L: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

P: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

ALL: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship God and rejoice!

*Opening Hymn

#51—How Great Thou Art

*Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Nelson Wong

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelson Wong

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Choir

Prayer to the Shepherd

Williams/Drennan

FCBC Choir | Flutist - Wendy Quan | Accompanist - Joyce Moy | Director - Victor Low

Gentle Shepherd lead me down the hillside steep

Gentle Shepherd lead me, I am but a sheep

Help me Lord to listen, gladly to obey

Gentle Shepherd lead me, lead me Lord today

Gentle Shepherd lead me through the wilderness

Gentle Shepherd lead me, You know what is best

Keep me near You always; Lord may I never stray

Gentle Shepherd lead me, lead me all the way

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name

In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace
Gentle Shepherd lead me when my way is hard
Gentle Shepherd lead me be my shield and guard
Lead me to green meadows, safely there I'll graze
Gentle Shepherd lead me, lead me all my days

Prayer of God's People (*We invite your prayer concerns and celebrations.*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Message

Pastor Visal

Scripture

***Closing Hymn**

#355—This Is a Day of New Beginnings

***Postlude**

Today's Flowers were given by Butch & Gayle Chan in Celebration of Corey's Birthday. Lay Reader: Nelson Wong Ushers: Butch & Gayle Chan, Robert & Darlene Mah Accompanist: Joyce Moy
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WHAT A PARTY! My thanks to all of you for your generous love gift (which by the way left me speechless!), kind parting words, and for all the support you gave me while I was at FCBC. May God continue to bless you and the ministries of the church. Pastor Linda

THANK YOU – “We appreciate your support! Thank you for your gift to the Annual Fund of the American Baptist Historical Society.” Kay A. Eland, Financial Secretary.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON will be held at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Feb 25th. There will be booths on 3rd Floor for you to try New Year's snacks. You may also learn to write and/or get Biblical Fai Chun (Chinese New Year antithetical couplets) to celebrate with your family. Save the date to attend this All Church Celebration. For details please contact Deacon Che-Chiu Yee.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST – If we strive to be holy and wholly acceptable to God, just what are we doing? Together, let's bring to life our FCBC 2018 Discipleship and Worship themes, taken from Romans 12:1-8. Guest Leader: Pastor Chris Otani. Registrations due by today. Brochures available on the table in the entry way.

THINK SPRING! The Annual FCBC Yosemite trip will be from Saturday, April 21 to Monday April 23 this year. This FCBC yearly excursion should be a great experience for those who have made this trip with us for many years and for new comers, young and old. We will have Christian fellowship and worship in the great outdoors near the Merced River and under El Capitan. Applications for lodgings and/or meals are in the vestibule and from

coordinator, David Louie. Please contact David Louie for lodging in Yosemite, more info and/or questions.

BASS CHURCH LEADERS CONVENTION – MARCH 1 – 3

Every year, you have an opportunity to learn about serving, leading, and teaching at the BASS Church Leaders Convention. This year the convention is at 20600 John Drive, Castro Valley. FCBC is registered and allowed up to 200 attendees so registering is easy! Simply go on line, fill out the form and use confirmation code: **YHZAF**

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018

WHEN: August 9-10, 2018

WHAT: Two Days of World-Class Leadership Training

WHY: Get a unique blend of vision, inspiration and practical skills you can immediately apply; Leverage the Summit as a resource to transform yourself and your community; Join with people from 128 countries and 60 languages who attend the Summit around the world.

WHERE: Various sites in the Bay area.

COST: FREE! FCBC has reserved and paid for 10 spaces, there are 4 still available. First come, first served. Please let Wendi Lin know if you are interested in attending.

For more information about this event go to:

www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership

PICK THEM UP TODAY! Hard copies of the annual report and 2018 directory are now available. Please see Wendi in the office.

Today at FCBC

8-10:00 Joe's Café

10:00 SS Classes for All Ages

10:00 Cantonese Worship – Pastor Lydia Yeung preaching, Sanctuary

10:00 English – Pastor Visal Sok preaching, YMCA

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Next Sunday

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10:00 SS Classes for All Ages

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11:20 English Worship – Becky Lessler speaking, Sanctuary

1:00 Chinese New Year Luncheon

Upcoming Events

2/19 President's Day, (H) - Office Closed

2/25 Chinese New Year Celebration and Luncheon

3/1-3 BASS

3/9-11 FCBC Women's Retreat

4/1 Easter Sunday, Joint English @ 11:20

4/21-23 FCBC Yosemite Trip



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Sermon Notes

Welcome to Sunday Worship!

We are glad you're here! Our Deacons and Pastors would like to meet you. The ushers are ready to answer any questions that you may have. Join us for youth, young adult and adult Sunday school classes after worship! We hope you are enjoying the warm fellowship of First Chinese Baptist and pray that the good news of the Risen Christ is in your life!

All **parking meters** including yellow truck loading ones are free on Sundays. If you need to park in a garage, parking stickers for 2 hours are available to all visitors and members at **St. Mary's Garage** on the corner of California (entrance) and Kearny Streets. Bring your ticket to one of our ushers for a sticker when you leave the service. The sticker has a \$6.00 value. The hourly fee is: \$2.50/hr. before noon and \$3/hr. noon to 3:00 PM. If you stay after 3:00 PM, the hourly rate is lower. **Golden Gateway Garage** at 250 Clay St. is \$3 all day on Sundays by using a stamp in our vestibule. It's still easy to worship at FCBC in the heart of Chinatown where new friendships are developed with Jesus Christ and with each other!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

FEBRUARY PRAYER FOCUS – Please pray for:

- This time of transition at FCBC.
- The Friday Night School teachers and students as they start their new semester.
- Victims of natural disaster in the U.S. and around the world.
- Our nation.

Vision/Mission Statement

The First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco is a multi-generational bilingual bicultural church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be a people so transformed by God's gracious love in Jesus Christ that we joyfully commit ourselves in worship, witness, discipleship, and ministry.

2018 Church Theme: Living Sacrifice

... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
Romans 12:1b

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An American Baptist church founded in 1880