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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Deuteronomy 31:7–13	Psalm 92:1–2
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 45 – “We Gather Together”	RHC 312 – “We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 12	Exodus 2:1–10
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 12</i> (to the tune of RHC 15)	RHC 347 – “Under the Care of God, The Almighty”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 120 – “Now I Belong to Jesus”	---
<i>Scriptural Reading</i>	Matthew 5:17-19	Hebrews 11:23
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Jesus and the Whole Counsel of God</i>	<i>Parents’ Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 255 – “Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart”	RHC 441 – “Faith Is the Victory”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 80 (stanzas 1 &amp; 5)</i>

\* Congregation Stands

### THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

### DOXOLOGY

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

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

### THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

**Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”**

## **WORSHIP PART 11**

Before I move onto the next biblical guideline for worship, I'll quote one more paragraph on music. It is an abstract from *Psychology of Music*, Vol. 37, No. 1, 61-90 (2009): "A crucial issue in research on music and emotion is whether music evokes genuine emotional responses in listeners (the emotivist position) or whether listeners merely perceive emotions expressed by the music (the cognitivist position). To investigate this issue, we measured self-reported emotion, facial muscle activity, and autonomic activity in 32 participants while they listened to popular music composed with either a happy or a sad emotional expression. Results revealed a coherent manifestation in the experiential, expressive, and physiological components of the emotional response system, which supports the emotivist position. Happy music generated more zygomatic facial muscle activity, greater skin conductance, lower finger temperature, more happiness and less sadness than sad music. The finding that the emotion induced in the listener was the same as the emotion expressed in the music is consistent with the notion that music may induce emotions through a process of emotional contagion." Four researchers co-authored and researched to write this article, and again I must emphatically say that it is not written for Christians, but it is very relevant to us, who are concerned about church music. One of the co-authors is Lars-Olov Lundqvist Chief Scientist, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology (Örebro University, Sweden), and another author is Patrik N. Juslin, professor of psychology at the Department of Psychology (Uppsala University, Sweden). Both are prolific writers, and the latter has published numerous articles in the areas of expression in music performance, emotional responses to music, music education and emotion in speech in journals that include: *Psychological Bulletin*, *Emotion*, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, *Music Perception*, and *Psychology of Music*. He also edited the books "Music and Emotion: Theory and Research" and "Handbook of Music and Emotion: Theory, Research, Applications" for Oxford University Press together with John Sloboda. He himself is a guitar player. If anyone believes music is just music and it does not influence the mind, he is deceived. Music affects every aspect of our being. We remind ourselves from the previous article that music without lyrics can affect us. It is important because it contradicts the argument that styles of music do not matter as long as it has good lyrics. It is false and wrong. Music matters.

Let me go back to the sixth principle of worship: "worship includes praises to God." I have discussed two points so far: (1) there are some biblical warranties, and (2) biblical praise consists of more than hymn and psalm singing.

Three, biblical praise belongs to God. Psalm 18:3 says, "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." Psalm 68:32, "Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord." I was curious about contemporary Christian music and so googled it. I typed, "most popular contemporary Christian music," and there were ten songs listed. I found the number one song in the chart and the lyrics are something like this (by the way, I am not giving you the title and singer's name. I'll cite only a portion of the song): "told the girl that you should treat her like a lady and She told me all the things you did and it was shady, man. . . . She said it's gonna be alright. Cause God made a way through the pain and he opened her eyes. . . ." Then I typed "most popular worship songs" and found lots of songs. I'll give you some lyrics from the first, second and third songs in this week's chart: "The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice. All the earth rejoice . . . ." "God above all the world in motion, God above all my hopes and fears. I don't care what the world throws at me now. It's gonna be alright. Hear the sound of the generations, Making loud our freedom song. All in all that the world would know Your name. It's gonna be alright. . . ." "Don't want to stand here and shout Your praise. And walk away...

and forget Your name. I'll stand for you if it's all I do. Cause there is none that compares to You . . . ." You may think the quoted worship songs are good and impressive. However, when I put these words with music, I changed my mind. Do you remember that music itself without lyrics is influential? The style of music and singing are not different from what people may hear in bars and pubs.

The reason that I need to God as the ultimate receiver of our worship through our praises is because worship music must demonstrate God's character and His superior attributes. What we need to remember is that He is not one of us, but is God. Moses says in Deuteronomy 10:21, "He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen." God Himself is our praise, and Judges 5:3 says, "Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel" (1 Chronicles 16:36; Psalm 40:3). It is God who receives our praises. The reason we sing praises to God is because He is worthy of our praise. Exodus 15:11 aptly says, "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Hence we must take a few lessons: (1) the ability to sing praises to God is a sign of His grace to us and also a testimony of His enabling grace to praise Him. Psalm 51:15, "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." We ought to depend on Him even to praise Him; (2) work done according to the will of God is also a praise to God. Leviticus 19:24, "But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal"; (3) the name of the Lord must be praised. Psalm 68:4, "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him" (cf. Psalm 69:30). Psalm 135:1 also says, "Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD." Psalm 148:13, "Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven." His name represents His character, attributes and everything concerning Him. It indicates a sacred nature of praises; and (4) praise is a confession of God's worthiness. Psalm 145:3, "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." 2 Samuel 22:4, "I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."

Four, there were certain individuals devoted to praise God. 1 Chronicles 16:4, "And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel." 2 Chronicles 8:14, "And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded." 2 Chronicles 20:19, "And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high." Nehemiah 12:46, "For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God." Temple service was accompanied by temple music, which was played by some of the Levites. It was their calling to sing praises to God and to play musical instruments for temple services. We may say that church choirs are doing the same work. However, we all sing together to praise the Lord as a congregation. We are a holy priesthood and should offer up spiritual sacrifices to the Lord including praises to God.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME		
Fri 26 March	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b> Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Lydia to our worship service last Lord's Day.		
Sat 27 March	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)			
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>		
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<b><u>Today: 21/03/2010</u></b>		
<b>Message</b>	Teachings about Righteousness	Moses' Faith – Part 1	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan Kim		
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 5:20–26	Hebrews 11:24	<b>Organist:</b> Grace		
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			<b>Pianist:</b> Joy		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church Easter Camp (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April):</b> Registration forms are now available. Please sign-up by 28<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us every Saturday to pray and to study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>"</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas (knee pain), Barbara (Alzheimer's), Prema (thyroid &amp; skin condition), Eld Jack Ford (old age and knees), Margaret (asthma &amp; hayfever), Eld Chew (recovery from shoulder injury), Brian (migrane), Zachary (stye), Grace (backache), Lydia (migrane)</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Nicolas (Belgium), Eka &amp; Family (Nigeria), Eld Chew &amp; May Chew (S'pore), Anthony &amp; Helen (Austria), Caleb (Scandinavia/France)</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment/new opportunities:</b> Yetta</li> <li>• <b>British Summer Time, 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Please note that the clocks will go forward 1 hour next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 1am</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Constance		
			<b>Sunday School:</b> -		
			<b>Lunch:</b> Sharon		
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers		
			<b>PA Crew:</b> John		
			<b><u>Next Week: 28/03/2010</u></b>		
			<b>Chairman:</b> Joey Seow		
<b>Organist:</b> Joy					
<b>Pianist:</b> Sophia					
<b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Sharon					
<b>Sunday School:</b> -					
<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen					
<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers					
<b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei					
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £633.80, Lunch: £58.30, Chile Fund: £150.00</b>			<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>		
<b>Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (20/03): 12 (A)</b>			<b>Last Week</b>		
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 12</b>			<i>"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;"</i>		
<p><b>Q: What special acts of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?</b></p> <p><i>A: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> When God made Adam and Eve, he said that if they kept his commands, they should live for ever; but if they broke his commands, they should die. This was the <i>Covenant of Life</i>. God then put forth his first command, which was that they should not eat of a particular tree, called the tree of the knowledge of god and evil. Their regard for this would show how far they were willing to obey him in all things.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Genesis 2:16-17; Galatians 3:12</p>			<b>Philippians 1:29</b>		
			<b>This Week</b>		
			<i>"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"</i>		
			<b>Philippians 1:6</b>		
			<b>Next Week</b>		
<i>"Tha I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death,"</i>					
			<b>Philippians 3:10</b>		