A Lesson in God's Abundant Provision

Reflection

Shortly before the start of our fall semester, I was informed by our long-serving children's choir director, Huiling Liu, that she would not be able to continue in her role this year. And I'll be completely honest with you—panic set in. I found myself wondering how we could possibly find someone with the right back-ground and heart to step into this important role on such short notice. I began to make contingency plans in my mind, considering whether we would need to forgo the choir altogether this year and offer a different activity instead.

In my relatively short two-year tenure as Children's Ministry Director, I've already experienced countless instances of God's provision. Yet, in this moment of uncertainty, I struggled to see how the pieces would fall into place. I feared we would be left without a choir director for this ministry year. But then God took the opportunity to remind me once again of the importance of trusting in His perfect timing. In His faithfulness, God provided us with someone far more qualified and prepared than I could have imagined. Enter sister Jasmin Tsao, a relative newcomer to our ECC family. Her background as a music director for 12 years in Chicago, combined with her experience as a piano teacher and vocal coach, makes her more than equipped to lead our children's choir.

I'm reminded of the familiar words from Philippians 4:6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* In this moment, I see so clearly that God not only knew this need would arise, but He had already been preparing the way—months, if not years, in advance. What's more, He has graciously answered the prayers of many faithful brothers and sisters who have sought His will for this ministry.

As we welcome sister Jasmin to her new role, let us also be a community that surrounds her with our support and prayers. May this year be a time of growth, joy, and worship through our children's choir, as we commit this ministry to God's hands. Let's all rejoice in God's abundant blessing and welcome sister Jasmin as our next Children's Choir Director for the Redmond campus!

More reflections: https://eccseattle.org/en/weekly-reflections/

REDMOND CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 10/20/2024

Worship through Praise Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer Worship through the Word Worship in Response Doxology & Benediction Welcome and Announcements

Offering is a part of our worship to God. Free-will offering box is located on the Welcome Table by the Worship Hall doors. Online Offering: https://eccseattle.org/en/give/

Message from Pastor Steven MacDonald "What If There is No Resurrection" 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

> Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at www.eccseattle.org/media/sermons

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Торіс	LOCATION
CHILDREN	Elementary Worship and Sunday School Message	9:30 AM Room 106
	Preschool	9:30 AM Rooms 114-116
YF (JUNIOR HIGH)	Newish #3 (Room M101)	
YSF (SENIOR HIGH)	Christian Spiritual Practices (Room M106)	
Adult/College	Membership Class (Room W107)	
	Finding the Right Hills to Die On (English Worship Hall)	
SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Speaker	Steven MacDonald	Ryan Summers
WORSHIP	Sing Wee	Jordan Ott
MODERATOR	Priscilla Chan	Billy Tang
DOOR ROTATION	William Cui, Lucy Liu	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS SEATTLE CANTONESE CONGREGATION

- 25th Anniversary of SEA-C: we praise the Lord for founding our congregation 25 years ago, faithfully guiding us all these years and helping us grow closer to Him.
- Legacy House outreach: we praise the Lord for calling on so many brothers and sisters to serve in this ministry, visiting the elderly brothers and sisters at the Legacy House care facility, and sharing God's love and His Word with them.
- Thailand short-term missions: we praise the Lord for calling on a group of brothers and sisters again this year to serve in Thailand for a short-term missions trip, and for watching over their footsteps as they arrived safely to start the ministry.
- Resumption of small group activities: with summer recess over and small groups resuming regular meetings to kick off a new ministry year, we pray for God's presence and lift up all our small groups to Him as we engage in Bible studies, fellowship activities, and serving Him in various ministries.
- 25th Anniversary celebration: as we prepare for a Thanksgiving celebration next month, we pray that God will be with us as we count His blessings through the years, and that He'll help us see His vision and follow His lead in serving Him.
- Chinese Grocery store outreach: we pray for God's guidance and lean on Him to open new venues for us to reach out and share the Gospel with the Chinese community.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Devendra and Koko Rai are a part of the Commission to Every Nation. They are involved with setting up Bible School on Wheels (BSOW) and multiplying churches in NE India and other parts of Asia. They are moving out of the leased church, but the new rental is not quite ready. Praise God for enabling two new Thai converts, Kenny and Risa, to help with the renovations, which involve refurnishing 5 floors and connecting power and water supplies. Pray the renovations can receive support from local departments and companies timely.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- As early voting begins this week, may the Lord grant wisdom to voters to discern the Holy Spirit's leading on the various ballot measures and candidates. May the Lord preserve the unity of the nation despite the polarized views and opinions that divide it.
- As churches celebrate Pastor's Appreciation month, may the Lord bless our full-time ministry workers with His Presence, grant them wisdom as they shepherd His people, and fill them with joy in their service.



REDMOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLIVE MINISTRY FROM CHINESE CHRISTIAN MISSION:

JEWISH MINISTRY AND CULTURE SEMINAR

TODAY | 1:30-3:30 PM | SEATTLE GYM (IN ENGLISH) Join us in exploring Jewish culture, learning about the different sects within Judaism, and hearing about experiences of sharing the Gospel with Jewish communities. Discover opportunities for involvement and action as we delve into these important topics. Contact: William Chui (<u>wcchui@gmail.com</u>)

KINDRED PRAYER MEETING

10/29 (TUE) | 7 - 8:30 PM | DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP Please come and join your sisters and brothers from the Kindred churches for a time of worship, reflection, and prayer.

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL — THE AFTER PARTY: TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

11/3 - 12/15 | 11:15 AM | English Worship Hall

We invite you to join the Joint Sunday School class for both the Mandarin and English congregations on the intersection of faith and politics. This is a valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with humility and prayer. The class features resources from Redeeming Babel ("The After Party") with videos and breakout discussions, all in English.

WE ARE HIRING: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (FMC)

ECC is seeking a dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC) who will be responsible for the overall management, maintenance, and operation of ECC's multiple facilities to ensure the functionality, safety, comfort, and sustainability of these spaces. Please visit <u>https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/</u> for details.

2025 ECC CHURCH-WIDE TENT CAMPING

Fri-Sun | July 18-20 | Deception Pass State Park, WA Reservations: <u>https://bit.ly/2025ECCCAMPING</u>



ECC has chosen Deception Pass State Park for our church-wide camping in 2025. Registration started Friday, 10/18/24. Due to its extreme popularity, please reserve your site as soon as possible as they fill up rapidly. Questions? Please contact Jacob Che at <u>jacob.chexin@gmail.com</u>.

10/20 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SEATTLE-ENGLISH

Joleena Lu, Christina Tsai, Joshua Ching, Evan Leung, Greg Weatherford, Zhenzhen Weatherford EDMONDS:

Annie Wang, Chanphalla Tan, Jianfeng Wang, Jongho Lee, Miao Zhang, Ran Zheng, Jen Liu, Will Chen, Hui Li Uelcame