

Reflection on the Train

Every month, a child's parents would take him to visit his grandmother, and the family of three would take the same trains there and back. One day, the child told his parents, "I've grown up now; I want to go to Grandma's house by myself!" After some discussion, his parents agreed. At the train station, they said goodbye and gave him a few last-minute reminders through the window. The child said, "Mom and Dad, I know; you've told me a thousand times already!" Just as the train was about to depart, his father whispered, "Son, if you feel scared or insecure, open this." The boy put the item into his pocket, and the train took off.

Alone, just as he had wanted, the child sat happily on the train without his parents' company. He enjoyed the scenery outside the window. But soon, more people began to crowd in, making noise and moving in and out of the car, and even the ticket inspector was unfriendly to him. Some people looked at him with odd expressions. Time passed, and gradually, the child started to feel uneasy. Scared and feeling cornered, he lowered his head with tears in his eyes. Then he suddenly remembered the item his father had given him, so he reached into his pocket with trembling hands. It was a note, which read: "Son, I'm in the last car of the train."

Isn't life just like this in a way? We're like that child sitting alone on the train, always carrying this note in our pocket. But often, we forget to open it. In fact, the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, is always with us on this journey of life, dwelling within us. The same goes for the ministry of the church. When we encounter needs, we instinctively try to solve them by human means. In other words, we go ahead of God instead of letting God lead us. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, Joshua instructed them, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." (Joshua 3:3-4) We see that the Israelites safely crossed the Jordan and reached the promised land of Canaan.

There are paths in life we have yet to walk, challenges we have yet to encounter, and grace we have yet to experience. If we rely on the Holy Spirit, facing life's peaks and valleys, we won't fear loneliness but can face everything bravely and experience His grace.

May we always come to God, because this is exactly what pleases Him.
(Translated by the translation team)



REDMOND CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 11/10/2024

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 Lasts Forever?"

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL	TOPIC	LOCATION
CHILDREN	Elementary Worship and Sunday School Message	9:30 AM Room 106
	Preschool	9:30 AM Rooms 114-116
YF (JUNIOR HIGH)	What Was I Made For #2 (Room M101)	
YSF (SENIOR HIGH)	Christian Spiritual Practices: Creeds/Catechisms (Room M106)	
ADULT/COLLEGE	Joint Sunday School — The After Party (English Worship Hall)	
SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Steven MacDonald	Elton Lee
WORSHIP	Alan Tang	Jordan Ott
MODERATOR	Elton Lee	Paul Yau
DOOR ROTATION	Sing Wee	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

REDMOND CANTONESE CONGREGATION

- We are thankful for God’s protection and provision during our STM trip to Thailand and Cambodia. Our hearts are full from serving the Akha communities in three villages in Chiang Rai, and witnessing God’s mighty work through the Pleroma ministries in Cambodia in combating human trafficking. We pray for the missionaries and local co-workers we met on this trip, that they be strengthened by God in their ministries.
- We praise God for a good start of our fellowship groups for the 2024-25 ministry year after the summer break. We welcomed new members who have joined to walk and grow together in Christ. We pray for deeper fellowship among members and a heart for reaching out to nonbelievers.
- We are thankful for a full team of council members and one additional deacon next year, for their faithfulness and dedication. We pray for wisdom and strength from God to serve Him and His flock, and also for God to raise up more leaders in RED-C in the coming year.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Based in Florida, Sean and Mandi Miller are international missionaries and area

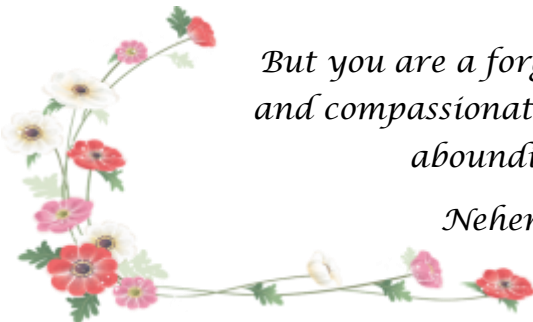
directors for the North Caribbean and Bermuda with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Responsible for eight nations of the CEF region, they work primarily with nationals in these countries to “evangelize, disciple, and establish a local church.” Sean has extensive upcoming CEF travel to the Bahamas, St. Lucia, & Barbados to meet with CEF staff and volunteers in November. Please pray for wisdom in discussion and safety in travel as he will bring his middle daughter along with him on one of the trips. Please also pray for the safety of his family when he is out town. Pray that through all the work of CEF, the gospel and the Kingdom of God will be made known.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for recovery efforts from the flooding in Spain. May the Lord comfort those who have suffered loss and help the civil authorities and communities work together on clean-up and recovery efforts.
- As we remember Veterans Day, let us pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones in military service and the veterans who have suffered physical and mental injury. May the Lord comfort them and grant them hope and peace and enable them to recover from the trauma of war.

But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Nehemiah 9:17



REDMOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGLISH SNACKS

Please remember that the snacks provided after the English Service are for those worshipping in the English Service only, to foster fellowship. Parents, please be aware that your elementary-aged children get their snacks from Elementary Worship and should not be coming here to help themselves to these snacks. You may share your portion with them if you like. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure there's enough for our congregants.

PARENT & ME ROOM (W101) - USAGE RULES

Due to incidents of unattended children and damaged toys in the Parent & Me room (W101), for the safety of everyone, we will be strictly enforcing the following rules in the play area:

- 1) only children 4 and under on Sunday mornings
- 2) an adult must be present to supervise
- 3) no shoes
- 4) clean and tidy up the room after use (leave it looking better than how you found it)

Thank you for taking care of our church home.

LIFT (LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER) MEETING TODAY

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) officially resumes today! We will continue with our study on the book "Go and Do Likewise." Please join us in M212 at 11:15pm.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: WHY DO CHRISTIANS...?

11/17, 11/24 & 12/15 (SUN) | 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM | ROOM W107

Have you ever wondered why Christians do the things they do? Have you ever just gone through the motions at church and not really understood the significance of what you were doing? Join us in this series to discuss the significance and stories behind the common practices of Christians so they can have an impact on your life!

2024 THANKSGIVING OUTREACH (IN MANDARIN)

11/22 - 23 (FRI-SAT) | 7:30—9:30 PM | UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us in prayer for this outreach opportunity, asking God to prepare our community's hearts to receive the gospel. Please invite your Mandarin-speaking friends to attend!



Please scan the QR code to receive the "ECC Happenings" email for upcoming events or important church notifications.

