



SOUTH VANCOUVER PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH

Transformation in Love (Ephesians 5:1-2)

May 8, 2022

ORDER OF SERVICE

Monthly Theme: Transformation in Love: Growing in Trusting the Lord

Opening Prayer		Eric Wong
Praise		Worship Team
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Pastor James Wong
Message		Pastor James Wong
	<i>“Remain Single or Choose Marriage (Part 2): Counting the Costs of Marriage”</i>	
Songs of Response		Worship Team
Announcements		Rev. Charlie Chun
	<i>Gift and Prayer for the Mothers</i>	
Closing Prayer		Rev. Charlie Chun

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SCRIPTURE READING

²⁵Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

³⁶If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. ³⁷But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. ³⁸So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

³⁹A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God. *1 Corinthians 7:25-40*

Sunday Children and Youth Ministries

9:20am to 10:45am (in-person/hybrid Sundays)	Bible Island – Basement for young families with children ages 6 and under; includes songs, Bible lessons, learning
10am to 10:30am (except joint service Sunday)	Children Bible Stories – Online/Hybrid for children between ages 7 to 9
11:15am to 12:30pm (except joint service Sunday)	CM Nursery – Nursery for children over age 2
11:30am to 12:30pm (May 8, 22. June 12, 26)	Youth Worship – Basement/White House for youth ages 10 to 13

For more information or Zoom links, please contact Pastor Justun or Stephanie Ko.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Welcome to our Sunday Service.** We wish a blessed Mother's Day to the mothers!
- 2. EM Fellowship** will be held on **May 13**, 7:15pm to 8:45pm in the church basement. Pastor Justun will prepare several topics for thoughtful and amicable debate.
- 3. EM Sunday School** will be held on **May 15, 22, and 29**, 11:15am to 12:30pm in the church basement. May 15 will be sermon-based discussion with Pastor James. On May 22 and 29, Toby Lam will be teaching on Hebrew poetry.
- 4. CM Pastoral Search Update:** Through discernment and prayer, the deacon board has accepted the pastoral search committee's recommendation of Rev. Lancelot Tong as the candidate for the Chinese associate pastor position at our church. We have invited him to preach May 15 in the CM service at 11:20am and teach a Sunday school class from 2pm to 3pm (hybrid; Zoom link will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin). In the discernment process, we also plan for him to have a meet and greet time with us (date to be announced). Rev. Tong's resume is posted on the church bulletin board. We invite you to pray together for God's guidance.
- 5. Parking Pass:** Families with seniors (over 65) or young children (under 6) who would need a parking pass for the church parking lot, please contact the administrative staff.
- 6. The church kitchen will be undergoing renovations** for 2 weeks starting **May 9**, and will be inaccessible. The fridge and microwave will be temporarily moved out of the kitchen and will be available for general use. We also recommend brothers and sisters bring their own mug for hot water or tea during this time. Sorry for the inconvenience!
- 7. Women's Group** will be meeting for a time of sharing and prayer on **May 21** at 2pm (location tbd). If you would like to join, please contact Gloriana (glorie84@gmail.com).
- 8. Seeds Fellowship is having a soccer & dodgeball sports day** with young families on Sunday, **May 15**, 2:30pm at John Henderson Elementary. Young families are invited to come; kids as young as 3 are able to join. For more details, please contact Pastor Justun.
- 9. Missions News:** Our church is excited to be in support of Hannah Li who is taking part in OMEGA, a program with Summit Pacific Bible College in missions awareness. She is traveling to Germany and nearby countries to partner with global workers in ESL, serving local churches and assisting in humanitarian aid. Her trip is April 28 to May 20.

You can receive updates on her STM here: <https://mailchi.mp/59c6d3a63ec1/omega>

You can financially support Hannah Li here and pick "Omega Projects":

<https://secure.summitpacific.ca/donation.php>

10. Church Cleanliness Reminder: Fellowship groups, please help clean up after gatherings at church and sanitize used tables/surfaces/equipment. Thank you!

11. April Offering: (Note: Fund received includes Grocery Ministry \$500)

	Jan - Mar	April
General Fund	\$98,386.23	\$42,073.09
Missions Fund	\$14,190.00	\$6,595.00
Capital Asset Fund	---	---
Total	\$112,576.23	\$48,668.09

12. Prayer Requests: Our Care Ministry and pastoral team would like to support you in prayer. If you have a prayer request, please submit it at: svpgmbc.org/prayer

13. Please continue to keep the **CM pastoral search** committee in prayer during this time of discernment. Committee members (from April 2): Jane Chu (chair), Jacky Yim, Kevin YY Lam, Monica Ng, and Rev. Charlie Chun; Rev. Paul Lam as an advisor.

14. We are having in-person/hybrid services regularly. Please note:

- Masks are optional, but please wear one while singing.
- The livestream is available at: <http://www.svpgmbc.org/live>.

Ways You Can Give and Tithe to Our Church

1. By Cheque:

- Payable to: SVPGMBC or South Vancouver Pacific Grace MB Church
- Mail to church address: 611 E. 50th Ave., Vancouver BC, V5X 1A9
- Include a memo with your name (if different), offering number, amount and offering designation (General Fund/ Mission Fund/ Capital Asset Fund/ Others)

2. By E-Transfer:

- Set up e-Transfer in bank account. Add SVPGMBC as your transfer contact with the email offering@svpgmbc.org.
- When making offering transaction, enter amount and under memo section, include your name (if different), offering number, and offering designation (General Fund/ Mission Fund/ Capital Asset Fund/ Others) and amount

3. By Cash or Cheque (In-Person):

- Fill in an offering envelope and put the cash/cheque in. Put the offering envelope in the offering box before or after service.

For inquiries, to request a personal offering number, or to update your mailing address, please contact the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

World Concerns:

1. Pray for countries where the pandemic is severe (UK, South Korea, Germany, Australia, and other countries), for effective prevention and control, for the sick to be healed, for health workers and good medical systems, for adequate supply of vaccines and fair distribution.
2. Pray for the pandemic situation in Shanghai, that the Lord would have mercy, stop the virus spread and bring the situation under control; pray that supplies are sufficiently provided, that the anxiety of citizens will be stabilized, that the sick will be treated, the lockdown lifted soon, that production will resume, and life and economy will return to normal.
3. Pray for Canada and countries that have relaxed health restrictions, that the pandemic will continue to be controlled and the economy and people's lives can return to normal.
4. Pray for the victims of natural disasters to receive rescue, medical treatment and assistance in a timely manner, maintain health conditions, and rebuild their homes:
 - After the tropical storm in the Philippines on April 10, at least 167 dead and 110 missing in landslides and flooding
 - In South Africa's two-week-old torrential rain, at least 448 dead and 63 missing
5. As the war in Ukraine continues, pray for God's mercy upon the Ukrainian people, to save and protect them, and in the process for refugees to be sheltered and settled. Pray the Lord would work in the situation and hearts, and that all parties may work to restore peace.
6. Pray that in the midst of the pandemic, war, and the tense world political situation, food and energy shortages, and rising prices, the Lord would have mercy on and take care of our daily needs, daily life, and emotions and those of people in need.
7. Pray those who are suffering and oppressed may experience Christ's salvation and peace.
8. Pray that more people would experience Christ and come to salvation during this season.

Church Direction and Ministry:

1. Pray that we would be a church that depends on God through prayer and His Word.
2. Thank the Lord for leading Rev. Charlie Chun to join the pastoral team and ask the Lord to bless his ministry during his time as senior pastor.
3. Pray for the Chinese ministry pastoral search, that God will bring a shepherd in line with His heart and will. Pray for the pastoral search committee.
4. Pray for the new deacon board, that they may serve in wisdom, love, and unity.
5. Pray for the teams serving, that they may stay healthy and rely on God's strength.
6. Pray for the health and safety of those serving in and participating in in-person service.
7. Pray that as fellowships, groups, and ministries resume in-person gatherings and activities, that God would give us renewal and growth in fellowship and ministry.
8. Pray for the children's and youth ministries, for parents' participation, children and youth participation, and the wisdom and perseverance of the ministry teams and leaders.
9. Pray for the grocery ministry for refugee families, that God's loving care would be known.
10. Pray God would continue to prepare hearts of seekers to seek Him and receive salvation.

Church Family:

1. Pray for support, healing, and comfort for seniors in their weak and ill health, and love, patience and wisdom for their family caregivers.
2. Pray for brothers/sisters and families who have contracted COVID-19 to fully recover.
3. Pray for God's comfort and presence for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
4. Pray for the healing and recovery of brothers and sisters and/or family members who are ill or unwell.
5. Pray for brothers and sisters who are unemployed or facing financial difficulty in this time. Pray that God would give them peace, provide for them, and guide them.
6. Pray that God would protect seniors and young families with physical, mental, and spiritual health and peace during the pandemic.
7. Pray for the parents of infants, that God would give them strength, patience, wisdom, and purpose in the everyday ministry of parenthood and discipling their children.

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Worship: Sunday, 9:20 am (Weekly) / 10 am (Next Joint Sunday: June 5)

Sunday School: Sunday, 11:30am to 1:00pm (Weekly, except Joint Sunday)

Servants of the Ministry:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Charlie Chun (charlie@svpgmbc.org)

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