



Evangelical Community Church

Gathered on Sunday, August 10, 2025

Matthew 10:7 (ESV)

"And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand'."

WELCOME

We're glad that you could join us this morning! We'd love to get to know you. Please scan the QR code which will take you to our main links page where you will find our connect card.



CHILDREN — As August is the month of our Summer Takeover Children's program, the gathering time is at 10:15am at our 4/F Metropole Ministry Center for children ages 3-12. Alternatively children are welcome to stay with their family during the worship service. We also have an overflow room/cry room for children 2 and under with a livestream. It's located behind the lobby in Room 5, near the restrooms.

FIGHTER VERSES

Last week's Fighter Verse: August 3, 2025

"The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth."

— Psalm 34:15-16

This week's Fighter Verse: August 10, 2025

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

— Psalm 34:17-18

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Here I Am To Worship

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Old Testament Reading — 1 Samuel 25:1-35

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Sermon

"How Jesus Sends"

Shannon Brown

Response Song — *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Offertory song — *All Sufficient Merit*

Benediction — Psalm 67:1-3

Silent Reflection Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Course

We are pushing back the start date of the Alpha Course to September 17th. ECC will be hosting the ALPHA COURSE in Putonghua. This class will run for about 10 weeks on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm till 9:30pm in the Ministry Centre.



This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce Christianity to your Putonghua speaking friends and family. Come along with them to ALPHA and pray and ask God to move in their hearts and lives.

Church Retreat - Early Bird Registration Open

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce our upcoming church retreat from **November 7th to 9th at Wu Kai Sha Youth Village.** It's an opportunity for spiritual renewal, meaningful activities, and deepening our fellowship. Please scan the QR code for more details and a link to the early bird registration page or contact us at info@ecchk.org.



Filipino Ministry

Ellen Ibarra (Women's Ministry Senior Associate)

Hello Pinoys! We invite you to join the FM fellowship on Sundays. We begin with a KKB Lunch gathering at 12:45 p.m. on the 6th floor of Metropole. At 2:00 p.m., we proceed to singing, prayer, and Bible Study. For the first Sunday, we join the Prayer meeting in the afternoon, on the 4th floor of Metropole. Please get in touch with Ellen at (+852) 55457746 for information.

Summer Takeover 2025 (Vacation Bible School)

The Children's Ministry is excited to announce its Summer Takeover event, themed "Magnified,". We welcome children ages 3 to 13 to join us for this summer program, which will run every Sunday morning from **August 3rd to August 31st**. **Drop-off time is at 10:15 AM, and pick-up time is at 12:30 PM**, both at the 4th Floor Ministry Centre, Metropole Building. Visitors are also welcome to join us!

Youth & Children Volunteers Needed

Nathan — youth@ecchk.org | Rebecca — children@ecchk.org

We're seeking volunteers for our Youth and Children's Ministry! If you love working with kids and teens, we need your help as a teacher, mentor, or assistant. Please contact us if you're interested.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:6-7 (ESV)

- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world; You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days; Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Tim Hughes

CCLI Song #3266032

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'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Verse 3

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 25:1-35 (ESV)

1 Now Samuel died. And all Israel assembled and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house at Ramah. Then David rose and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 And there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite. 4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 5 So David sent ten young men. And David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal and greet him in my name. 6 And thus you shall greet him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. 7 I hear that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time they were in Carmel. 8 Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.'"

9 When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David, and then they waited. 10 And Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters.

11 Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" 12 So David's young men turned away and came back and told him all this. 13 And David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master, and he railed at them. **15** Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we did not miss anything when we were in the fields, as long as we went with them. **16** They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. **17** Now therefore know this and consider what you should do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his house, and he is such a worthless man that one cannot speak to him." **18** Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves and two skins of wine and five sheep already prepared and five seahs of parched grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys. **19** And she said to her young men, "Go on before me; behold, I come after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. **20** And as she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, behold, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. **21** Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I guarded all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, and he has returned me evil for good. **22** God do so to the enemies of David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him." **23** When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from the donkey and fell before David on her face and bowed to the ground. **24** She fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, be the guilt. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. **25** Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I your servant did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. **26** Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, because the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from saving with your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be as Nabal.

27 And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. 29 If men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of the Lord your God. And the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling.

30 And when the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, 31 my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord working salvation himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."

32 And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working salvation with my own hand! 34 For as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Nabal so much as one male." 35 Then David received from her hand what she had brought him. And he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have obeyed your voice, and I have granted your petition."

SONGS OF WORSHIP

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name; Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem; And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem; And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race; Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace; And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace; And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe; On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe; And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe; And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng; We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song; And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song; And crown Him Lord of all

Edward Perronet, John Rippon, Oliver Holden; CCLI Song #25400

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The Gospel Song

Chorus

Holy God in love became
Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again

Bob Kauflin, Drew Jones; CCLI Song #4401298

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SERMON PASSAGE

Matthew 10:5-15 (ESV)

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

SERMON NOTES

"How Jesus Sends."

Matthew 10:5-15 (ESV)

Shannon Brown

Outline:

- I. Specific instructions for the twelve.
- II. General principles for the church.

RESPONSE SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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OFFERTORY SONG

All Sufficient Merit

Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

Verse 2

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

Chorus

It is done it is finished; No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient; Merit now my own

Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus; A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine

Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

BENEDICTION

Psalm 67:1-3 (ESV)

"1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, 2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!"

SILENT REFLECTION TIME

* Please use this period of silence for prayerful reflection on today's worship service. Music will indicate the conclusion of our time together.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Week's Offering — \$334,405

FY2025/26 (April to June 2025)

Offering received - \$840,704

Other income received - \$2,283

Expenses incurred - \$2,363,836

(all figures are unaudited)



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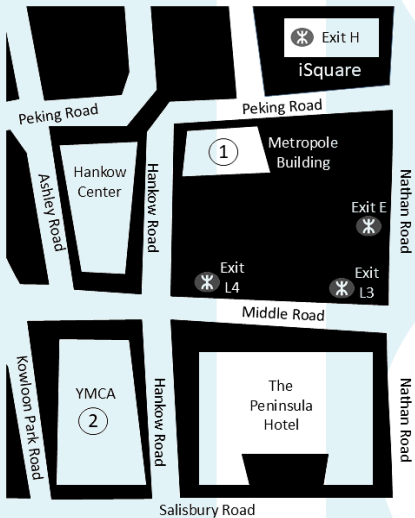
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Upcoming Church Gatherings

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday, August 24	9:15am	Youth Group, Sunday School	6/F *MC
Every Sunday (August)	10:15am	Children’s Ministry Summer Takeover	4/F *MC
Every Sunday	10:30am	Worship Service	4/F YMCA
Sunday, August 10	2:00pm	Filipino Ministry Fellowship	4/F *MC

**Ministry Center, Metropole Building*



ECC Locations

- ① ECC Office
6/F, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ECC Ministry Center
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4/F, Unit 401-403, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ② YMCA
(Sunday Worship Service)
4/F, Assembly Hall,
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