



Evangelical Community Church

Gathered on Sunday, August 17, 2025

Matthew 10:16 (ESV)

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

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 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

This week's Fighter Verse: August 17, 2025

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. — Psalm 34:19-22

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“Persecution Will Come”

Pastor Adam McCulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECC Worship Service: Temporary Venue Change (Aug. 31 & Sept. 7)

Please note that there will be a temporary venue change for our upcoming worship services due to the renovation of the 4/F Assembly Hall! Join us on the 3rd floor of the YMCA Hall on **August 31 and September 7**. We look forward to seeing you as we come together for worship.

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.



Monthly Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Time

(Saturday, September 6th, 9:00-11:00AM in the Ministry Center)

Attention men! If you're looking to connect with other men from the church, please join us on Saturday mornings for our new monthly men's breakfast and fellowship time. On the first Saturday of each month, we will gather to eat and listen to a short devotion from God's word. Coffee and drinks will be provided – please bring your own breakfast!

New Small Group

Rickie and Catherine Hung will lead a new small group together. Their vision is for the group to be child-friendly but not exclusive to young families. They want to work toward an inter-generational group, so all are welcomed. They plan to meet once a month. They will hold the first kick-off meeting on **Saturday, August 23, 3:00-5:00pm at the Ministry Center**. If you're interested or have questions, please email elders@ecchk.org.

Summer Takeover 2025 (Vacation Bible School)

Hey everyone! Join us for our Summer Takeover event, "Magnified!" We are on our 3rd Sunday but It's not too late to participate—kids ages 3 to 13 are welcome every Sunday from August 3rd to August 31st. Drop-off is at 10:15 AM and pick-up at 12:30 PM at the 4th Floor Ministry Centre, Metropole Building. Visitors are also welcome! We hope to see you there!

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.



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.

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, or assistant. Please contact us if you're interested.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-8 (ESV)

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Here For You

Verse 1

Let our praise be Your welcome; Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You; We are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You; We are here for You

Chorus

To You our hearts are open; Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy; Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down

Verse 2

Let our shout be Your anthem; Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You; We are here for You
Let Your Word move in power; Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You; We are here for You

Bridge

We welcome You with praise; We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love; Be welcome in this place (*REPEAT*)

Let ev'ry heart adore; Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love; Be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise; We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love; Be welcome in this place

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By Faith

Verse 1 & 2

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3 & 4

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 3 (ESV)

1 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. 6 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." 7 Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. 11 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of

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Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. **14** Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? **15** Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. **17** If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **18** But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. **20** And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. **21** Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. **22** Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. **23** And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." **25** He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. **27** And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. **28** Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. **29** Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." **30** Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Holy Spirit

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Verse 4

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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SERMON PASSAGE

Matthew 10:16-25 (ESV)

16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. **17** Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, **18** and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. **19** When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. **20** For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. **21** Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, **22** and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. **23** When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. **25** It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

SERMON NOTES

"Persecution Will Come"

Matthew 10:16-25 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Outline:

1. Expect persecution (10:16-18, 21, 24-25)
2. Don't be anxious about persecution (10:19-20)
3. Endure persecution (10:22-23)

RESPONSE SONG

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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OFFERTORY SONG

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

Verse 1

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Verse 3

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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BENEDICTION

2 Timothy 4:18 (ESV)

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. "

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 — \$49,855

FY2025/26 (April to July 2025)

Offering received - \$1,493,478

Other income received - \$63,837

Expenses incurred - \$3,001,791

(all figures are unaudited)



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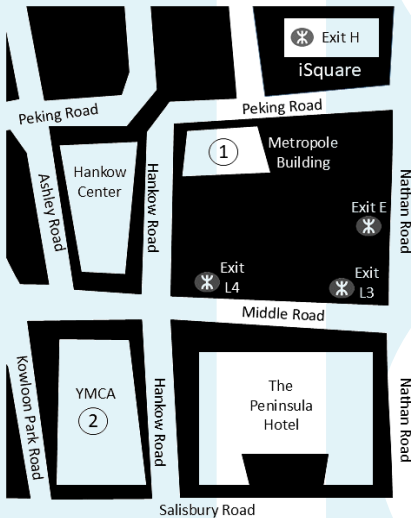
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Upcoming Church Gatherings

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
Every Sunday, (August)	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
(Metropole MC)
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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