



# Evangelical Community Church

*Gathered on Sunday, September 7, 2025*

**Matthew 10:38 (ESV)**

*"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."*

# WELCOME

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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** — Sunday school for **Team Ruth, ages 3-6**, is starting **today** at **Room 301, 3/F YMCA**. Other teams (ages 7-12), class will start on September 21st but will be dismissed for special activity at the 4/F Ministry Center today. 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 on the same floor, right outside the welcome table.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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### Giving to ECC:

Please Scan the QR code above for online giving methods. You may place your gift in the offering bag as it is passed.



### 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)*

**Last Week's Offering—\$299,815**

## FIGHTER VERSES

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### Last week's Fighter Verse: August 24, 2025

"... If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32

### This week's Fighter Verse: September 7, 2025

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship — Psalm 3

Songs of Worship

*Blessed Be Your Name  
Only A Holy God*

Old Testament Reading — Micah 7:1-7

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

*The Solid Rock*

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Children's Summer Takeover Presentation

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon

***"What Should Christians Expect?"***

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Response Song — *"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"*

Offertory song — *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Announcements

Benediction — Jude 24-25

Silent Reflection Time

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Monthly Prayer Meeting— Today!

Come and join our monthly prayer meeting every 1st Sunday of the month. We'll meet at **2:00 pm** at the 4/F Metropole Ministry Center. We'll pray for the needs of our church family and other evangelistic/ ministry opportunities. We hope to see you there.

## Seeking Volunteers for the Book Table

Are you an ECC member looking for an easy way to serve the church? Be a book table volunteer! For details, please contact Mary (mcculloch.marym@gmail.com) or Joey (joey.keung@ecchk.org).

## Ladies Tea Fellowship

Attention, all women! **SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ladies Tea Fellowship, Sunday, 28 September from 1:30-3:30pm.** Catherine So will be sharing with us from Acts 4:32-37. Please register at the welcome table or scan the QR code.



## Church Retreat

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 or contact us at [info@ecchk.org](mailto:info@ecchk.org).



## Alpha Course

**The Alpha Course will start on 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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### Psalm 3 (ESV)

- 1 O Lord, how many are my foes!  
Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of my soul,  
"There is no salvation for him in God." *Selah*
- 3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,  
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cried aloud to the Lord,  
and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*
- 5 I lay down and slept;  
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O Lord!  
Save me, O my God!  
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the Lord;  
your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

# SONGS OF WORSHIP

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## Blessed Be Your Name

### Verse 1 & 2

Blessed be Your name; In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name; When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be Your name

### Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll; Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord; Still I will say

### Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

### Verse 3 & 4

Blessed be Your name; When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name; On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering; Blessed be Your name

### Bridge

You give and take away; You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say; Lord blessed be Your name

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# Only A Holy God

## Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

## Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

## Chorus

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

## Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

## Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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### Micah 7:1-7 (ESV)

1 Woe is me! For I have become  
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,  
as when the grapes have been gleaned:  
there is no cluster to eat,  
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.

2 The godly has perished from the earth,  
and there is no one upright among mankind;  
they all lie in wait for blood,  
and each hunts the other with a net.

3 Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;  
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,  
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;  
thus they weave it together.

4 The best of them is like a brier,  
the most upright of them a thorn hedge.

The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come;  
now their confusion is at hand.

5 Put no trust in a neighbor;  
have no confidence in a friend;  
guard the doors of your mouth  
from her who lies in your arms;

6 for the son treats the father with contempt,  
the daughter rises up against her mother,  
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord;  
I will wait for the God of my salvation;  
my God will hear me.



# SONGS OF WORSHIP

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## The Solid Rock

### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

### Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

### Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

### Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

### Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

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## SERMON PASSAGE

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### Matthew 10:34-42 (ESV)

**34** "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. **36** And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. **37** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**40** "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. **41** The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. **42** And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

# SERMON NOTES

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*"What Should Christians Expect?"*

Matthew 10:34-42 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

## Outline:

1. Resistance (10:34-39)
2. Reward (10:40-42)

# RESPONSE SONG

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## My Worth Is Not In What I Own

### Verse 1

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

### Verse 2

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

### Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

### Verse 3

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

### Verse 4

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

### Verse 5

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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# I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

## Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back no turning back

## Verse 2

The world behind me the cross before me  
The world behind me the cross before me  
The world behind me the cross before me  
No turning back no turning back

## Verse 3

Though none go with me I still will follow  
Though none go with me I still will follow  
Though none go with me I still will follow  
No turning back no turning back

Jeffrey Rickard, Unknown

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday, September 14	9:15am	Youth Sunday School	6/F *MC
Every Sunday	10:30am	Worship Service	4/F *YMCA
Every Sunday (September)	11:00am	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Sunday School Team Ruth (ages 3-6)	3/F *YMCA
Every Sunday (September)	11:00am	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Sunday School Teams Joshua & Timothy (ages 7-12)	4/F *MC
Sunday, September 7	2:00pm	Prayer Meeting	4/F *MC
Every Wednesday	10:30am	Women's Bible Study	4/F *MC
Sunday, September 21 & 28	9:15am	<b>Adult Education:</b> Foundations classes: Parenting 101, 201	4/F *MC
Sunday, September 28	2:00pm	Ladies Tea Fellowship	4/F *MC

*\*Ministry Center, Metropole Building*

# CONTACT US

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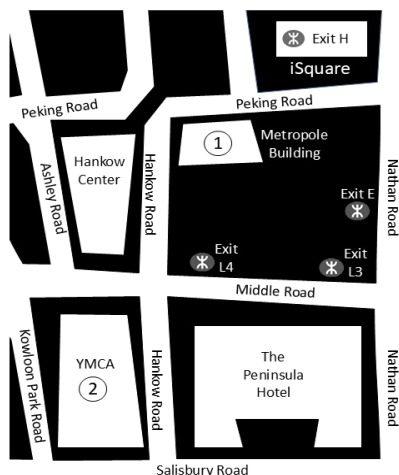
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