



# Evangelical Community Church

*Gathered on Sunday, September 21, 2025*

## **Matthew 11:11 (ESV)**

"Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

# 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** — Children will be dismissed for Sunday school right after the first part of the worship service. **Team Ruth (ages 3-6) will meet in Room 301 on the 3rd floor of the YMCA.** Other age groups (ages 7-12) will gather at the Ministry Center.

Alternatively children are welcome to stay with their family during the worship service. Additionally, we have an overflow/cry room for children aged 2 and under, equipped with a livestream of the service. This room is located on the same floor, right outside the welcome table.

## PRAYER REQUEST

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We would be happy to pray for you. If you have any prayer requests, please email us at [prayer@ecchk.org](mailto:prayer@ecchk.org).

## 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 August 2025)

Offering received - \$2,255,460

Other income received - \$77,104

Expenses incurred - \$3,667,060

*(all figures are unaudited)*

**Last Week's Offering—\$21,450**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship — Psalm 42:1-5

Songs of Worship

*Hear Our Praises*

*Lord, I Need You*

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 35

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

*God Moves In A Mysterious Way*

*Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call*

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — Matthew 11:1-15

Sermon

***“How to Handle Doubt”***

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Response Song — *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Offertory song — *“Still”*

Announcements

Benediction — Romans 15:13

Silent Reflection Time

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### Psalm 42:1-5 (ESV)

- 1 As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?
- 3 My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation.

# SONGS OF WORSHIP

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## Hear Our Praises

### Verse 1

May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn and pray

### Chorus

From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air

### Verse 2

May our light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water over the seas

### Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah

Reuben Morgan

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# 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  
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

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher  
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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### Isaiah 35 (ESV)

- 1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
- 2 it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
or waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;
- 7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- 8 And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;

the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



## SONGS OF WORSHIP

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### God Moves In A Mysterious Way

#### Verse 1

God moves in a mysterious way; His wonders to perform  
He plants His footsteps in the sea; And rides upon the storm

#### Verse 2

Deep in unfathomable mines; Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs; And works His sovereign will

#### Refrain

God of mercy God of grace; Give us eyes to see  
Eyes to see Your smiling face within the mystery  
Within the mystery

#### Verse 3

Ye fearful saints fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break; In blessings on your head

#### Verse 4

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense; But trust Him for His grace  
Behind a frowning providence; He hides a smiling face

#### Verse 5

His purposes will ripen fast; Unfolding every hour  
The bud may have a bitter taste; But sweet will be the flower

#### Verse 6

Blind unbelief is sure to err; And scan His work in vain  
God is His own interpreter; And He will make it plain

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# Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

## Verse 1

Lord from sorrows deep I call; When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall; Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed; God come to my rescue  
Even so the thorn remains; Still my heart will praise You

## Verse 2

Storms within my troubled soul; Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll; God be now my shelter  
Why are you cast down my soul; Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold  
Cause this heart to praise You

## Verse 3

Should my life be torn from me; Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief; God be then my treasure  
Be my vision in the night; Be my hope and refuge  
'Til my faith is turned to sight; Lord my heart will praise You

## Chorus

Oh my soul put your hope in God  
My help my rock I will praise Him  
Sing oh sing through the raging storm  
You're still my God my salvation

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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## FIGHTER VERSES

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### Last week's Fighter Verse: September 14, 2025

"I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me."

— Jeremiah 32:40

### This week's Fighter Verse: September 21, 2025

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

— Psalm 73:25-26

## SERMON PASSAGE

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### Matthew 11:1-15 (ESV)

1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

# SERMON NOTES

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## **"How to Handle Doubt"**

Matthew 11:1-15 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

### **Outline:**

1. Real Greatness (11:7-11a)
2. Even the Greatest Can Doubt (11:1-6)
3. Our Amazing Privilege (11:11b-15)

# SERMON NOTES

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## RESPONSE SONG

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### It Is Well With My Soul

#### Verse 1

When peace like a river; Attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot; Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well; It is well with my soul

#### Verse 2

Tho' Satan should buffet; Tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded; My helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood; For my soul

#### Chorus

It is well, with my soul  
It is well; It is well with my soul

#### Verse 3

My sin O the bliss; Of this glorious tho't  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross; And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord O my soul

#### Verse 4

And Lord haste the day; When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound; And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well; With my soul

Horatio Gates Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

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# OFFERTORY SONG

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## Still

### Verse 1

Hide me now  
Under Your wings  
Cover me  
Within Your mighty hand

### Chorus

When the oceans rise  
And thunders roar  
I will soar with You  
Above the storm  
Father You are King  
Over the flood  
I will be still and know  
You are God

### Verse 2

Find rest my soul  
In Christ alone  
Know His power  
In quietness and trust

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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).



## Membership Class

Are you interested in learning more about Evangelical Community Church? If so, please join us on **Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 12:30 pm at the 4/F Metropole Ministry Center.** Lunch will be provided. We'll share our vision for church life, ministry, our beliefs, and what it means to be a member of ECC.



Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. If you are interested, kindly register at the welcome table or by scanning the QR code. Please contact us at [info@ecchk.org](mailto:info@ecchk.org) for more details.

## HAPPENING TODAY

Time	Event	Venue
9:00am	Adult Education: Foundation Classes: Parenting 101	4/F *MC
9:15am	Youth Sunday School	6/F *MC
10:30am	Worship Service	4/F *YMCA
11:00am	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Sunday School <i>Team Ruth (ages 3-6)</i> <i>(Dismissed to class after Praise &amp; Worship)</i>	3/F *YMCA Room 301
11:00am	<b>Children's Ministry</b> Sunday School <i>Teams Joshua &amp; Timothy (ages 7-12)</i> <i>(Dismissed to class after Praise &amp; Worship)</i>	4/F *MC
2:00pm	Filipino Ministry Fellowship	4/F *MC

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Wednesday	10:30am	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	4/F *MC
Sunday, September 28	9:15am	<b>Adult Education:</b> <i>Foundations classes:</i> <i>Parenting 201</i>	4/F *MC
Sunday, September 28	1:30pm-3:30pm	<b>Ladies Tea Fellowship</b>	4/F *MC

\*Ministry Center, Metropole Building

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If you have any questions for our staff or need assistance in any way, please email us.

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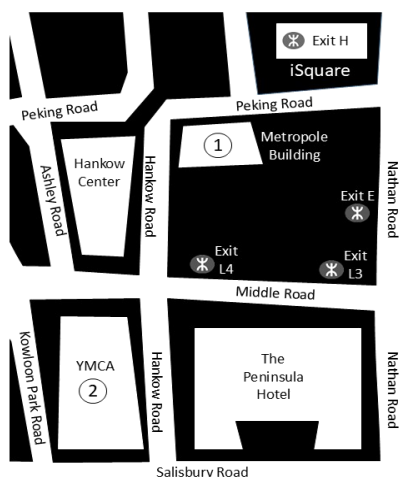
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② YMCA  
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