



Evangelical Community Church

Gathered on Sunday, October 19, 2025

1 Peter 1:8 (ESV)

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

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 — 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 REQUESTS

We would be happy to pray for you. If you have any prayer requests, please email us at prayer@ecchk.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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 September 2025)

Offering received - \$2,709,006

Other income received - \$83,514

Expenses incurred - \$4,303,307

(all figures are unaudited)

Last Week's Offering—\$53,983

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 84:1-4

Songs of Worship

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Doxology (God Be Praised)

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

And Can It Be

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — 1 Peter 1:3-12

Sermon

"Born Again To A Living Hope"

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Response Song — *His Mercy Is More*

Offertory Prayer — *Almost Home*

Benediction — 2 Corinthians 13:14

Silent Reflection Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Retreat - Ticket Collection

If you have registered for our church retreat taking place from **November 7 to 9**, please check your email for an invitation link to our WhatsApp group and details about ticket collection. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to info@ecchk.org. Additionally, you can scan the QR code for more information about the retreat.



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).

Cantonese Tutor Needed

Three Christian young ladies from the USA will visit Hong Kong from November to December as part of a cross-cultural ministry exchange. They will be attending ECC. We need a lady who has some free time and can volunteer to teach them basic Cantonese 2 to 3 days a week for one hour. This can be done while enjoying dim sum or at a cha chaan teng, helping them experience the local culture of Hong Kong. If you are interested, please see Shannon.

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Join our ECC WhatsApp Community and sign-up to our Weekly Email, where you can stay connected and receive the latest news and updates about our weekly Sunday church services and programs.



WhatsApp Community



Weekly Email

Psalm 84:1-4 (ESV)

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
 O Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints
 for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
 to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
 and the swallow a nest for herself,
 where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
 ever singing your praise! *Selah*

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Verse 1

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Chorus

Lift up your heart lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 2

Jesus the Saviour reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above

Verse 3

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope
For Christ the Judge shall come
To gather all his saints
To their eternal home

Charles Wesley, John Darwall

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Doxology (God Be Praised)

Verse 1

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus 1

Praise the Father; Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit now with us
Every moment; All our days
God be praised; Oh God be praised

Verse 2

Praise God with morning's breaking light
Praise Him through darkness of the night
Praise Him with every breath of life
Praise Him my soul with all your might

Verse 3

Praise God when face to face we see
The One Who died to set us free
The One Who rose in victory
Praise now forever Christ our King

Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Todd Fields

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (ESV)

52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. **14** As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— **15** so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **2** For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. **3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not

his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he
opened not his mouth. **8** By oppression and judgment he was
taken away; and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the
transgression of my people? **9** And they made his grave with
the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had
done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him
to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see
his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of
the Lord shall prosper in his hand. **11** Out of the anguish of his
soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the
righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted
righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will
divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin
of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Verse 1

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood
has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that
drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that
judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power
of sin and death
My only Savior before
the holy Judge
The Lamb Who is
my righteousness
The Lamb Who is
my righteousness

Verse 2

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought
my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness
my standing place
Though foes are mighty
and rush up on me
My feet are firm
held by His grace
My feet are firm
held by His grace

Verse 3

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life
with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me
at gates of gold
And when He calls me
it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Steve Cook, Vikki Cook

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And Can It Be

Verse 1

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in
the Savior's blood
Died He for me
who caused His pain
For me who Him
to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God
shouldst die for me

Refrain

Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God
shouldst die for me

Verse 2

'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies
Who can explore
His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths
of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds
inquire no more

Verse 3

He left His Father's
throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's
helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Verse 4

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in
righteousness divine
Bold I approach
th'eternal throne
And claim the crown
through Christ my own

Charles Wesley, Thomas Campbell
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FIGHTER VERSES

Last week's Fighter Verse: October 12, 2025

"... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

— James 1:19-20

This week's Fighter Verse: October 19, 2025

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

— 2 Corinthians 8:9

SERMON PASSAGE

1 Peter 1:3-12 (ESV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, **11** inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. **12** It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

SERMON NOTES

"Born Again To A Living Hope"

1 Peter 1:3-12 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Outline:

1. Understand Your Salvation (1:3-5)
2. Rejoice During Suffering (1:6-9)
3. Praise God for Your Privilege (1:10-12)

SERMON NOTES

RESPONSE SONG

His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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OFFERTORY SONG

Almost Home

Verse 1

Don't drop a single anchor; We're almost home
Through every toil and danger; We're almost home
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone
No stopping now; We're almost home

Verse 2

The promised land is calling; We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then; We're almost home
Make ready now your souls for that kingdom come
No turning back; We're almost home

Chorus

Almost home; We're almost home
So press on t'ward that blessed shore
Oh praise the Lord; We're almost home

Verse 3

This journey ours together; We're almost home
Unto that great forever; We're almost home
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne
Come faint of heart; We're almost home

Verse 4

This life is just a vapor; We're almost home
That sun is setting yonder; We're almost home
Take courage for this darkness shall break to dawn
Oh lift your eyes; We're almost home

HAPPENING TODAY

Time	Event	Venue
9:30am	Youth Sunday School	6/F *MC
10:30am	Worship Service	4/F *YMCA
11:00am	Children’s Ministry Sunday School <i>Team Ruth (ages 3-6)</i> <i>Teams Joshua & Timothy (ages 7-12)</i>	3/F YMCA Room 301 4/F *MC
2:00pm	Filipino Ministry: <i>Bible Study and Fellowship</i>	4/F *MC

UPCOMING EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Wednesday	10:30am	Women’s Bible Study	4/F *MC
Every Wednesday Night	7:30pm	Adult Education: Bible Study	4/F *MC
Friday, October 24	7:30pm	Youth Ministry: Friday Fellowship	4/F *MC
Sunday, October 26	9:30am	Youth Ministry: Serve One Another	6/F *MC

**Ministry Center, Metropole Building*

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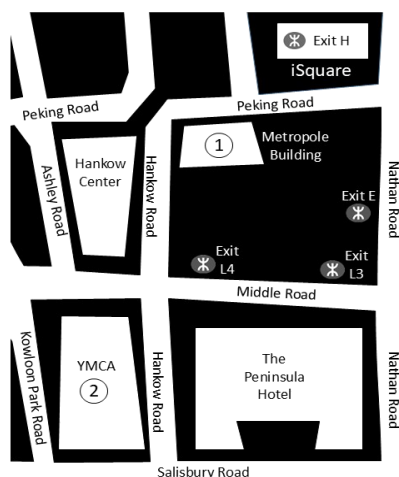
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