

## Prayer Items

1. Pray for God's mercy and help for people throughout the world who are suffering on account of conflicts between nations.
2. Please pray for those in the church who are still seekers, praying that the Lord open their hearts so that they may accept Jesus Christ as his/her Savior and become a new creation.
3. Please pray for God's love to be known to more and more people, and for His blessings to be upon those who love Him. Even though there may be hardships, God will surely grant us grace! His love and faithfulness will endure forever.
4. Pray for the many people affected by the war(s) in the Middle East, as well as between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for God's mercy on those who suffer so intensely from war.
5. Please pray for our Pastoral Search Committee as it continues the search for a candidate for an Associate Pastor who will focus largely on the Youth in our church. God grant them refreshing, encouragement, creativity and help in their task.
6. Please pray for sons and daughters of families among us who are struggling in various ways. Pray for God's help, strength, and wisdom--both for these precious young people and also for their parents as they discern how best to come alongside their children.
7. Please pray that brothers and sisters will invite new friends to church to attend Sunday worship and bring others to hear the gospel so that they might come to know the truth, and experience rebirth and salvation. Please pray for the salvation of new friends!
8. Please pray for the church's fellowships. Some groups, such as the Sisters' Fellowship and Rock Fellowship, have daily Bible reading. Through reading the Bible together, may brothers and sisters be led to draw closer to God and become more involved in caring ministries. Also, pray for the evangelism efforts of the groups, asking God to bring new friends to each group. During this joyful season, may we invite more people to join in fellowship activities.
9. Please pray that brothers and sisters will have the desire to study God's Word, and that they will not only have regular devotional time, but also intimate time with God. Pray also that the Lord would equip and encourage them, so that they might use their gifts to serve God, to benefit others and to glorify our King!
10. Please pray for each fellowship group so that new people can join. Pray also for the group leaders of the fellowship, asking God to give them wisdom and strength to lead these groups and make them a source of love, fellowship and spreading the gospel. The fellowship also invites many gospel friends to participate through evangelistic meetings.
11. Please pray for all the various missionaries and missions endeavors we support, including the UConn outreach, Pastor Rebecca Mao and COCM in England/Europe, and Pastor Ed Stuart and his work with SALT (Support and Leadership Training). Please pray especially for Pastor Achara -- not only for her ministry with the Pakping Church and Christian School in Khaolak, Thailand -- but also for her health.

## Today's Scripture Reading:

## Acts 1:1-5 ESV

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with <sup>b</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>1</sup> 提阿非羅阿，我已經作了前書，論到耶穌開頭一切所行所教訓的，

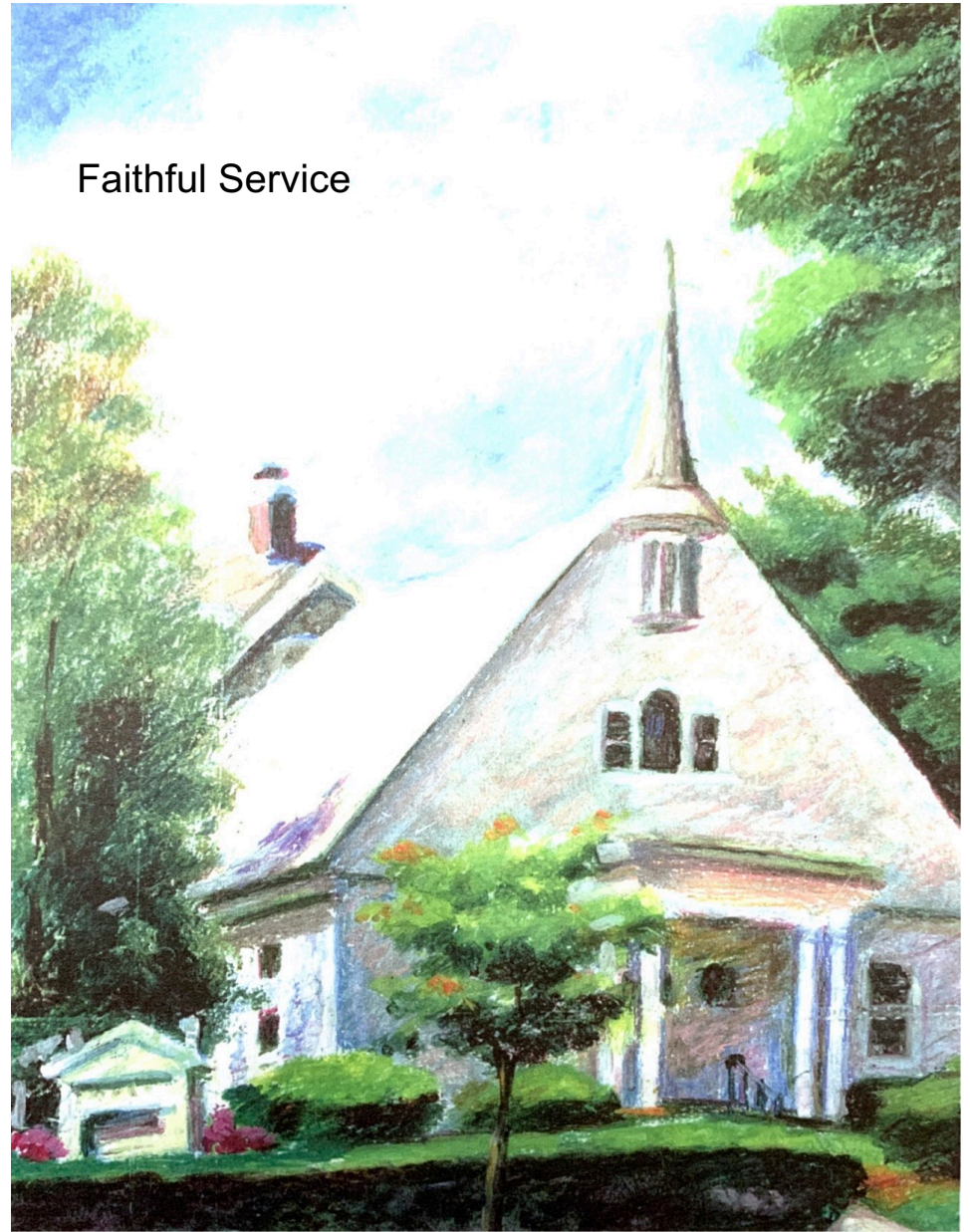
<sup>2</sup> 直到他藉著聖靈吩咐所揀選的使徒，以後被接上升的日子為止。

<sup>3</sup> 他受害之後，用許多的憑據將自己活活的顯給使徒看，四十天之久向他們顯現，講說神國的事。

<sup>4</sup> 耶穌和他們聚集的時候，囑咐他們說：不要離開耶路撒冷，要等候父所應許的，就是你們聽見我說過的。

<sup>5</sup> 約翰是用水施洗，但不多幾日，你們要受聖靈的洗。

Faithful Service



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English Worship

11:30 AM

# Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

## English Worship Service

April 12th, 2026, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 33:1 - 3, 18

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.<sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love

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### ➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 33:1 - 3, 18)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

### ➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Scripture Reading (Acts 1:1-5)
- ❖ Message - **(Re)Orienting: The Strange (But Real) Presence of the Risen Jesus** ()

### ➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Song of Response
- ❖ Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

### ➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

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### Theme verse for April, 2026

Act 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

## Announcements

1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship service. God's blessing on you and your family.
2. We warmly invite brothers and sisters to participate in serving. For the English congregation, please speak to Pastor Alan or another leader. For the Chinese congregation, the sign-up sheet for first-half-of-the-year Sunday volunteer service is posted in the lobby. Please consider signing up to serve the Chinese congregation as a greeter, with altar flowers, or in lunch service (preparing tea and rice, distributing lunch, and cleaning up).
3. In the first half of 2026, four brothers and sisters completed their membership training and applied to join CACW as members. They are: Sister Jessie Zhang, Sister Angela Li, Sister Hsin-Yi Huang, and Brother Songyun Duan. Welcome to the CACW family!
4. We are so thankful to all the people who served in various ways to make our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services so memorable. What a wonderful thing when the members of the body of Christ use the gifts they've been given celebrate and live out his story!
5. There is a Chinese Sunday school today on the book of Ecclesiastes; all brothers and sisters are welcome to attend.
6. The 2026 annual theme is "Faithful Service" (1 Timothy 1:12). May the church, through this theme, serve together in unity and faithfulness as we wait for the Lord's return!
7. Praise the Lord! Three people have confirmed joining the Middle East STM trip (9/22-10/3 "schedule change"), and six people are currently participating in the STM to Khaolak, Thailand (4/4-4/14). Please pray for these two trips and pray for the brothers and sisters participating. The estimated cost is \$2300 per person for the Middle East STM trip, and \$2000 per person for the Thailand STM trip. The cost will be shared by CACW, team members, and special fund raising. If you feel led in prayer, please consider donating to support these two STM trips. Please note "STM 2026" when making a donation.
8. Everyone is welcome to join a fellowship group, to live a godly life, study the Bible together and live out the teachings of the Bible!
9. The English Bible Study meets Friday evenings at 7:45PM. All are welcome to join as we study the Book of Ecclesiastes. We gather in the basement of the church, and also online for those who cannot attend in person. For more information contact Jim Anderson.
10. Encourage brothers and sisters to participate in a yearly Bible reading plan. Read the Bible daily, pray, recite the scriptures continuously, and keep the word of God in their hearts, so that it will become a daily strength.
11. Everyone is warmly welcome to join our Wednesday evening prayer meetings via Zoom. The prayers of the saints are powerful, pleasing to God, and effective. The Chinese group meets at 8:00PM, and the English starts at 8:30PM (except the first week of each month, when the two groups begin by briefly meeting together at 8pm). Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
12. will share the Word of God in the Chinese/English service next Sunday, Apr 19.