

FULLERTON ENGLISH

- 1. Welcome to our worship service!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We invite you to worship the Living God, in Spirit and truth, for those are the kind of worshipers He is seeking. We also want to welcome Rev. Joseph Lao as he preaches God's Word to us today. If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor David know.
- 2. World Vision 6K For Water, Saturday, May 22:** join us in raising money and awareness of the desperate need for clean drinking water for people who need it the most. You can sign up at tiny.cc/2021FECC6K. For more information, please see Andrea.
- 3. 30 Days Of Prayer For The Muslim World, April 13 – May 12:** Ramadan, in the Islamic calendar, is a month for Muslims to fast, pray and reflect spiritually. Every day, during Ramadan, we invite you to join Christians in prayer for the Muslim world and for their salvation in Christ. For daily prayer updates, please visit www.30daysprayer.com. Please join daily Christian prayers for the Muslim world and bring them to Christ during Ramadan.
- 4. Holy Communion, Sunday, April 25:** we invite you to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Table next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts and minds as we gather to remember what the Lord Jesus has done for us in the cross. If you are joining us online at home, please prepare the bread and the cup for you and your family.
- 5. National Day Of Prayer, Thursday, May 6:** we invite you to set this date aside as we gather together to pray for our nation. This year's theme is "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). The prayer meeting will be over Zoom, more details to follow.
- 6. Prayer Requests:** **(1)** for us to continue to live and serve in the transformational power of Easter; **(2)** for those you know who are battling COVID-19 and other illnesses; **(3)** for our church to effectively minister to the next generation; **(4)** for us to have a godly and wise response to the increased violence against Asian Americans; **(5)** for God's provision as our church faces a deficit of \$96K (Jan-Feb.) **For Our World:** **(a)** for the indigenous islanders from **Torres Strait, Australia** who face the prospect of losing their homes to rising sea levels, coastal erosion and flooding in recent years as a result of climate change.; **(b)** for the agreements being negotiated between the **United States, Japan, South Korea** and **Canada** to bolster their carbon emission reduction targets in anticipation of Earth Day (April 22); **(c)** for the family of Daunte Wright and the people of **Minnesota, United States**, as yet another Black life cut too short at the hands of a police officer; **(d)** for the people of **Borno State, Nigeria**, as suspected Boko Haram militants have attacked a humanitarian hub in the state with the loss of a unconfirmed number of deaths; **(e)** for the people and the families as they mourn the 20 pre-school children who died after they became trapped in a fire at a school in **Niamey, Niger's** capital; **(f)** for the Syrian refugees in **Denmark** as it becomes the first EU country to deny them of their asylum status, even as Syria remains shattered.; **(g)** for the people of **Afghanistan** as the United States withdraws by September 11th. It remains unlikely the fighting will end within the country will end.

English Worship Service

April 18, 2021 9:45 A.M.

Praise & Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Tsai

Announcements

Pastor David Tsai

Tithes & Offerings

Congregation

Message

Pastor Joseph H Lao

“Redeeming Your Time”

Ephesians 5:15-17, Proverbs 10:27-29

Doxology

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor David Tsai

FECC FAMILY NEWS

April 18, 2021

1. **FECC's Theme for 2021:** Discipleship: Be Like Jesus ; "The disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." (Luke 6:40 NIV). May we commit ourselves this year to following Christ's example by being his disciples and making other disciples.
2. We will be partaking **communion** together next Sunday. For those who are worshipping from home, please remember to gather your elements.
3. **30 Days Of Prayer For The Muslim World, April 13 – May 12:** Ramadan is a month for Muslims to fast, pray and reflect spiritually. We invite you to join Christians in prayer for the Muslim world and for their salvation in Christ, please visit www.30daysprayer.com.
4. The joint **National Day of Prayer** service will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, May 6 for all campuses. Let us come together to uphold our nation in prayer especially in this time of pandemic.
5. **World Vision 6K For Water, Saturday, May 22:** Join us in raising money to provide clean water for countries in need. Register at tiny.cc/2021FECC6K today.
6. In response to the recent **Anti-Asian Attacks and Hatred**, FECC has issued a statement against racism. Please visit our website for details: www.fecc.us.
7. **Financial Update:** Thank you for your faithful giving!

	Year to date as of 3/31/2021				
	Actual Receipts	Budget	Variance	Actual Disbursed	Surplus/Shortfall
Gen. Fund	\$323,980	\$500,150	-\$176,170	\$420,246	-\$96,266

*Not including reimbursements and fees from use of church facilities, which is not recorded in General Fund.

Oakland Campus News

1. **Beloved Children's Academy** is now enrolling! The preschool program is open to children from 2.5 to 5 years old. With our newly renovated learning environment and huge activity space, rich and diverse curriculum, we welcome families with children in the community to register! For registration and fee details, please contact the Director, Lisi Yu at Tel: 248-635-0722

East Lansing Campus News

1. In-person services have resumed on Saturday mornings at 10am at Faith Church! Come join us for a time of worship and fellowship! All safety and health precautions will continue to be taken and services will continue to be streamed on our YouTube channel.

Cerritos Campus News

1. **FECC Children's Ministry** welcomes the children to worship in-person! Worship services will be as follows:
 - 9:45am-10:45am in rooms B100-B102 in the Community Life Center
 - 11:15am-12:00pm in rooms B106A-B106B in the Community Life Center
2. **Children's Zoom Sunday school** will be held on 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, and 6/20 from 11:00am-12:00pm.
3. Cerritos Children's Ministry is now accepting advanced orders of **Mother's Day corsages**, which is selling for \$5 each. Please order through your fellowship leaders or contact the church office, Tel: 562-865-8444 by April 27.

English News

1. **Corporate Prayer:** The midweek prayer meeting is held online via Zoom on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:10pm. Let us come together before the throne of grace to lift up our church/family needs. If you have any prayer requests, please email a request to esong@fecc.us.
2. **Sunday School via Zoom:** Women's Study on Sundays from 1pm to 2pm, PE's One to One Discipleship from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, study on Book of Jonah with Brother Ed Jewik from 11:30am to 12:30pm, and the study on Pentateuch from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Youth (CREW) News

1. Our youth will continue to use Zoom for Sunday school, fellowship and their weekly activities: Wednesday: 4pm – Games; 9:30pm – Prayer Meeting; Thursday: 4pm - Worship Session; 4:30-6pm – Study Hour Friday: 8pm – Fellowship

Kairos News

1. Fellowship groups are still meeting during the week online! Please join a group for connection and encouragement during this quarantine period! Contact Leonard Tan at ltan@fecc.us for details.

Mandarin News

1. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His face for our nation, our church and our families. Come join the **prayer meetings** on Wednesday night at 7:30pm. For more details, please email txu@fecc.us (for Mandarin early session) or pshiung@fecc.us (for Mandarin noon session).

Cantonese News

1. Any Cantonese speaking person who would like to join our fellowships or worship service, please contact Pastor Godwin Ngai.



CALLING: INVITATION AND SUMMONS

Pastor David Tsai



First Evangelical Church Association

A joint and integrative ministry of spirituality, mission and social concern
FECA Theme for 2021: "Building the Missional Church: Market Place Mission"

April 18, 2021

²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours (1 Corinthians 1:2, NIV)

Many of us have had the experience of receiving a letter we are not especially glad to receive. Prominent on the envelope in bright red all caps were the fateful words: OFFICIAL JURY SUMMONS ENCLOSED. I have mixed feelings about my last summons. Partly, I felt a sense of duty to participate. Yet, as I gazed at the summons in my hand, I also felt a sense of dread. As much as I want to do my civic duty and serve as a juror, the thought of missing many days of work is a daunting one. My work doesn't stop when I'm not doing it. It merely piles up higher and higher.

But a summons is not something one should ignore. The State of California reminds us, "Failure to respond may subject you to a fine, incarceration or both." A summons carries substantial authority and needs to be taken seriously. So, we respond to the summons by making ourselves available for jury duty.

In our effort to make sense of the biblical notion of calling, we'd do well to keep in mind a summons to jury duty. In fact, the meaning of the Greek verb "to call" (*kaleō*) in the standard New Testament lexicon, is: **to call, call by name; to invite; to summon.** The last two definitions are of greatest interest to us here. When God calls, it is a kind of invitation. God doesn't use His superior power to force us to respond. Rather, God invites us to join His family and His work. He extends this invitation with grace rather than compulsion.

But God's invitation comes with distinctive clout. Though God does not compel us to accept His invitation, it really is a summons. It comes, after all, from the Sovereign of the universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords. So, in 1 Cor. 1:2, when Paul writes that the Corinthian Christians – and by extension, we ourselves – are "called to be saints," he doesn't mean they have received an invitation they might ignore without consequence. Rather, when we are called by God, we are summoned by the supreme Authority. God's invitation comes with unique clout. We would do well to take it seriously.

As we consider our relationship with the Lord, we hold in tension that God's calling is both an invitation and a summons. We hear the invitation in so many passages of Scripture, including for example, when Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Or God's gracious invitation in Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." At the same time, we rightly understand that God is summoning us to follow Jesus with our whole lives and to live each moment for the praise of God's glory (Eph. 1:11-14). Let me encourage you today to reflect on the invitation and summons dimensions of God's calling.

**Lord Jesus, help me to receive Your invitation with grateful openness.
Help me to respond to Your summons with heartfelt obedience.**

1. Prayer for Muslims during Ramadan, 4/13 – 5/12, 2021

Ramadan is the month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast, pray and are open for spiritual reflection. The 2021 30 Days of Prayer booklet have been delivered by pastors and missions leaders of FECA member churches. Please visit www.30daysprayer.com for daily prayer updates. Please join daily Christian prayers for the Muslim world and bring them to Christ during Ramadan.

2. FECA Statement on the Recent Anti-Asian Attacks and Hatred

In response to the recent anti-Asian and Asian American attacks, FECA has issued a statement against racism. Please visit our website for details: www.feca.org. Thanks to the FECA Social Concern Committee for their effort in helping us to draft the statement.

3. 2021 World Vision Global 6K for Water Online Registration

PTL! So far we have more than 240 participants from FECA member churches signed up for this event trying to have a taste of poor children walking 6 kilometers to get water. Please join us!

Event Description: please go online at www.feca.org

Date of the event: 5/22/2021 (Saturday)

Format: Participation in small groups organized by each member church

Online Registration and Donation: (All links are case sensitives)

FEC Glendale: tiny.cc/2021FECG6K

FEC SGV: tiny.cc/2021FECSGV6K

FECC: tiny.cc/2021FECC6K;

FEC Diamond Bar: tiny.cc/2021FECDB6K

FEC Arcadia: tiny.cc/2021FECArcadia6K

Registration Fee: Adult \$50 / Youth (under 18) \$25

A registered participant will receive a T-shirt, a race bib, and a finisher medal in the mail before the event.

4. FECA-sent Field Workers Back for Home Assignment

We welcome Adam & Susan Lin back from the field after wrapping up their services of 10 years and now planning for the next steps. Adam will need temporary accommodation for quarantine purposes on 6/15-6/30. If you can provide a place to meet his need, please contact Waichu Luk at waichu.luk@feca.org or Edwin Leung at edwin.leung@feca.org. Thank you.

March's Balance					
	Glendale	SGV	FECC	Diamond	Arcadia
03/21 Sur./Def.	(642)	83,627	(244)	(7,609)	(15,686)
01-03/21 Sur./Def.	(19,878)	107,179	(96,266)	(31,606)	(44,152)