



2020 ACWC Day

Worship Liturgy

Theme: Breaking Walls, Bridging Gaps and Moving forward in Solidarity

*prepared by Women's Ministry Committee of
the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan*

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-3 (NRSV)

- 1 Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Hymn

PCT Hymnal 240 (PCT Hymnal Supplement 64) - **【Let all nations praise the Lord】**

Repentance

O Lord who bestows upon us justice, equality and love, we come to you humbly, we repent, and we ask for your mercy and forgiveness.

We live in a patriarchal culture that expresses “Men are superior, Women inferior” and our society continues to be unjust towards women and children; yet we don't have enough courage to stand up and speak out to introduce concrete reforms. Please forgive us.

We ignore the marginalized people in the society; we chose not to help so they continue to live a hard life. Please forgive us.

When serving in the church we are proud of wanting to do things our way while often looking down on others; we forget we are one body in Christ. Please forgive us.

Confession

Women's Creed (To be read in unison.)

I BELIEVE IN GOD

who created woman and man in God's
own image
who created the world

and gave both sexes
the care of the earth.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

child of God
chosen of God
born of the woman Mary
who listened to women and liked them
who stayed in their homes
who discussed justice with them
who was followed and financed
by woman disciples.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who discussed theology with a woman
at a well
and first confided in her
his messiahship
who motivated her to go and tell
her great news to the city.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who received anointing from a woman
who rebuked the men guests who scorned her
I believe in Jesus
who said this woman will be remembered
for what she did
minister of Jesus.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who healed a woman on the Sabbath
and made her whole
because she was
a human being.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who spoke of God
as a woman seeking the lost coin
as a woman who swept
seeking the lost.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who thought of pregnancy and birth
with reverence
not as punishment
but as wrenching event
a metaphor for transformation
born again
anguish-into-joy.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who spoke of himself
as a mother hen
who would gather her chicks
under her wing.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS

who appeared first to Mary Magdalene
who sent her with the bursting
message GO AND TELL.

I BELIEVE IN THE INCLUSIVENESS OF THE SAVIOR

in whom there is neither
Jew nor Greek
slave nor free
male nor female
for we are all one
in salvation.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

as she moves over the waters
of creation
and over the earth.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

the woman spirit of God
who like a hen
created us
and gave us birth
and covers us
with her wings.

Rachel C. Wahlberg

from Prayers & Poems, Songs & Stories Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women

Responsive Reading

Leader: Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Help us to break walls.

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling we have received. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Help us to break walls.

Leader: The parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Help us to bridge gaps.

Leader: God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Help us to bridge gaps.

Leader: Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Empower us to move forward in solidarity.

Leader: Agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Congregation: Oh Lord! Empower us to move forward in solidarity.

All: For now we are the body of ACWC, and each one of us is a part of it.

Choir

Scripture Readings

Numbers 27:1-8

1 Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hopher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 They stood before Moses, Eleazar

the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said,
3 “Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.”
5 Moses brought their case before the Lord. 6 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 7 The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father’s brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. 8 You shall also say to the Israelites, “If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter.

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Sermon

Breaking Walls, Bridging Gaps and Moving forward in Solidarity

Preface:

The improvements of the social system often come from people who live a hard life and put forward reforms. In Numbers 27:1-8, Zelophehad, the offspring of Manasseh, died in the wilderness. According to the ancient Hebrew law, daughters can’t inherit property. Facing the death of their father and the survival of their family, the five daughters of Zelophehad bravely offered solutions.

Subject:

- A. Facing Deadlock Boldly: When it comes to “Men are superior, Women inferior” and the injustice of the social system, women frequently don’t have the courage to challenge and change the root cause which leads to the misery. When their father died, the daughters of Zelophehad could not inherit property. Despite the law and social system, they tried to offer their suggestions to change the law. It shows that their thoughts and actions were not suffocated or suppressed by any deadlock.
- B. Amending the Law: As Moses listened to people’s needs he brought their case before the Lord. Moses knew his authority came from the Lord, so he turned to ask the Lord when things needed to be changed. After the Lord agreed to the five daughters’ suggestion Moses obeyed the Lord and changed the law, consequently the daughters of Zelophehad could inherit property. It shows that the huge gap between men and women’s rights was amended a bit.

C. Being a Leader: As the law was challenged by real life, Moses was able to listen to people's needs, brought their case before the Lord, and obeyed the Lord. In doing this, Moses turned a crisis into a turning point. It also glorifies the Lord's justice and love.

Conclusion:

Being a God-chosen leader is to stay away from the lust of power, to abide in God humbly when governing, to break the wall between people, and to take care of the minority in the society. In order to expose the inadequate laws and rules women, who generally have less social resources, should take courage to break through the constraints of society and tradition, and boldly propose new strategies. Hence, the inadequate laws and rules can be amended; the structure of the social system may become more adequate; the life of the minority could be protected. It takes three components to glorify justice in the secular world: the Lord's love and mercy, the daughters of Zelophehad's wit and courage, and Moses' wisdom and humility.

Hymn

PCT Hymnal 173 - Spirit of the living God

Intercessory Prayer

1. Pray for Asian Women, may they show their courage and brake through the deadlocks and boundaries of cultural traditions, systems, gender and race which cause isolation.
2. Pray for Asian Women, may they have equal opportunity, can access resources and narrow the gap between the rich and poor.
3. Pray for Asian Women, may they accompany together, establish a community with love and justice.
4. Pray for partner countries' needs
5. Pray for ACWC and FLC

Offering

For ACWC

Prayer after Offering

Hymn

We are the Women of the World (extracted from 16th General Assembly of the Asian Church Women's Conference)

Benediction

普世子民的團契：

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萬民啊，恁著謳咗

Let all nations praise the Lord

♩ = c.88



萬民 啊， 恁著 謳 咗， 恁著 謳 咗 主 上 帝；
Let all na - tions praise the Lord, and all peo - ple bless God's name,



祂 對 咱 大 施 慈 愛， 祂 信 實 到 萬 世 代。
Whose great love for us is strong, and whose truth will al-ways last.

Bān-bīn ah, lín tiòh o-ló,
lín tiòh o-ló Chú Siōng-tè;
I tùi lán tōa si chū-ài,
I sìn-sit kàu bān sè-tāi.

Repeat a few times by changing the tempo, dynamic and voices to feel the spirit of the song.

Words: Psalm 117
Music: Tiuⁿ Hiong-ki (張香琦), Taiwan, 1988

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慰助者聖神的權能：

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懇求永活主聖神

Spirit of the living God

J = c. 84

1. 懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 重 新 充 滿 我，
2. 懇 求 聖 神 佇 教 會 運 行 閣 做 工；

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 重 新 充 滿 我。
助 阮 盡 心 求 合 一， 和 睦 相 疼 痛；

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:

破 碎、 塑 造、 鍛 鍊、 重 用；
犧 牲、 謙 卑、 克 己、 分 享；

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

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LIVING GOD
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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. Below the staves, there are two lines of Chinese lyrics and two lines of English lyrics. The Chinese lyrics are: 懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 重 新 充 滿 我! 懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 賜 阮 疼、向 望! The English lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me! Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 重 新 充 滿 我!
懇 求 永 活 主 聖 神 賜 阮 疼、向 望!

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me!
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

Acts 11:15

1. Khún-kiû éng-oáh Chú Sèng Sîn
Têng-sin chhiong-móa góa,
Khún-kiû éng-oáh Chú Sèng Sîn
Têng-sin chhiong-móa góa.
Phò-chhùi, sok-chō, thoàn-liân, tiōng-iōng;
Khún-kiû éng-oáh Chú Sèng Sîn
Têng-sin chhiong-móa góa!
2. Khún-kiû Sèng Sîn tī kàu-hōe
Ūn-hêng koh chòe-kang;
Chān goán chīn sim kiû háp-it,
Hô-bòk saⁿ thiàⁿ-thàng:
Hi-seng, khiam-pi, khek-kí, hun-hióng;
Khún-kiû éng-oáh Chú Sèng Sîn
Sù goán thiàⁿ, òng-bāng!

We are the Women of the World

Kwan - Keeratikarn
Transcribed : Sakon Paosu

G A F#m Bm G A D D D

We are the wo-men of the world We

7 D D G A F#m Bm

work as part-ners of our God In ev - ery where e-ven far we'll be there, to

11 G A D G A F#m Bm

share the love of o - ur God Are you see - ing peo-ple suffe ring here and there They're

15 G A D G A F#m Bm

cry ing_ with trou bles_ and pains It's time for us to choose life as Sa ma ri tans and to

19 Em A7 1. G G A

change our_ act - tions and our ways

22 F#m Bm G A D 2. D

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