

MY GRACE
is sufficient for you,
for **POWER**
is made perfect in weakness.
Most Gladly therefore I will rather
GLORY in my WEAKNESSES,
that **Power of Christ**
MAY **ON ME.**
REST
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

*** *Living in His Grace* ***

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May 4th, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Oakridge Christian Ministry, a part of the Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church, is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. They helped feed the Chinese community in BC during a time of historical oppression. We celebrate that “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it” (Psalm 24:1) and pray for a day when all of God’s people are reconciled and live in right relationship with each other and creation.

Welcome to Worship, we are glad to have you worshipping with us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Matthew 11:28-30”

George Sze

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light

SONG OF PRAISE

“Majesty”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

George Sze

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leo Wong

SONG

“I the Lord of Sea & Sky”

N.T. READING

“Luke 15:1-2, 11-32”

Athena Chu

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them.

¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer

worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

This is the WORD of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Home Coming”

Rev. Richard Topping

SONG OF RESPONSE #677 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

OFFERING

SONG

#468 “Be Thou My Vision”

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Richard Topping

SONG

“Doxology”

BENEDICTION

Rev. Richard Topping

HALLELUJAH MOMENTS

Jacqueline Cleland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please join our post sermon discussion in the Fireside room.
2. There will be a presentation to congregation about the Presbyterian governance structure, the Trust structure, and a brief report on Trust Financials **TODAY** after worship (~10:45am to 11:30am). This presentation is for information only. There is no Q&A time. Written replies will be provided by Session if you have submitted any questions. If you have further concerns or questions, please direct them to the Clerk of Session (Adrian Wong).
3. Donate your used corrugated plastic political signs to Jeanette for upcoming church projects; drop them off **TODAY**. Your contribution helps our community and the environment!
4. AGM will be held on June 1st, if you have not submitted your ministry annual report (with translation) to priscilla.ho@vancpc.com, please send **ASAP**.
5. There will be no LTK next Thursday **May 8th**, resuming on May 15th.
6. Would you like to “Share Life” with your friends and family through Alpha? Please invite them to join our 2025 Spring Alpha series that is currently running until **July 5th** on Saturdays at 6-8:30pm. Pamphlets and invitation cards are available at the foyer. The theme for this week is: *“How can I have faith?”*
7. Due to Mother’s Day, Canaan Fellowship has been rescheduled to **May 18th**. All English and Chinese congregation members are welcome to join. Please register through Eliza Lo, Sandy Phu, Ivy Cai, May Lam, Frances Ng, Derrick Huang or office. Come join us!
8. We are delighted to invite you to the Church's summer conference this year from July 11 to 13. Cost per person \$45. Registration starts on Sunday **May 25th**, please contact Elder Diana Wong if you have any questions.
9. Discover adventure and build lasting memories at Camp Douglas in Summer 2025! With a variety of camps for different ages, there's something for everyone at our Presbyteries Camp. Register now and take advantage of early bird discounts – book by **May 31st** for 5% off! Scholarship available on the Camp website as well!
<https://www.campdouglas.ca/blog/2025-registration-is-now-open>
10. To donate flowers for Sunday Services in 2025, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Elder Nelson Chan at ve7cok@hotmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT

LAST SUNDAY RECORD:

ENGLISH ATTENDANCE	CHINESE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING
36	54	\$2,175

This Sunday Flower is donated by Edward Wong.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

PARTICIPANTS	TODAY (5/4)	NEXT SUNDAY (5/11)
Worship Leader	George Sze	Victor Ling
Speaker	Rev. Richard Topping	Jacqueline Cleland
Reader	Athena Chu	TBC
Music	-	John & Linda Con, Victor Ling, Doris Young
Ushers	Christina Wong* & Athena Chu	Kerry Wong* & Marleen Wong
Offering Counters	Sue Yuen & Holly Siu	Sue Yuen & Holly Siu
Data Entry	Marleen Wong & Alice Wong	Marleen Wong & Francine Shuen
A/V	Karina Shuen	Karina Shuen

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Sunday	9:30-11:00am	Sunday Worship	In-person
	11:15am-12:15pm	Sunday School (K-Gr.12)	In-person
	1:00-2:30pm	Canaan Fellowship (2 nd week of the month)	In-person
	7:30pm	Bible Study (Gospel of John)	Online (ID: 8605664666)
Monday	5:00-5:30pm	Prayer and Share	Online (ID: 82371382133)
Thursday	9:30-10:30am	LTK exercise	In-person at foyer
	7:30pm	Alpha Ministry Prayer Meeting	Online (ID: 88592347307)
	8:00-9:00pm	Bible Study (2 Tim)	Online (ID: 85052991954)
Friday	9:30-10:30am	Ladies' Bible Study (1 st & 3 rd week of month – Book of Peter)	Online (ID: 83912173328)
** Please continue to pray for our leadership in Session and the Presbytery meetings which meets once every month.			

SERMON NOTES

Title – Home Coming

Scripture Readings – Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Notes/Questions:-

Contact Information:

Interim Moderator, Rev. Curtis Bablitz: contact your District Elder for general inquiries.

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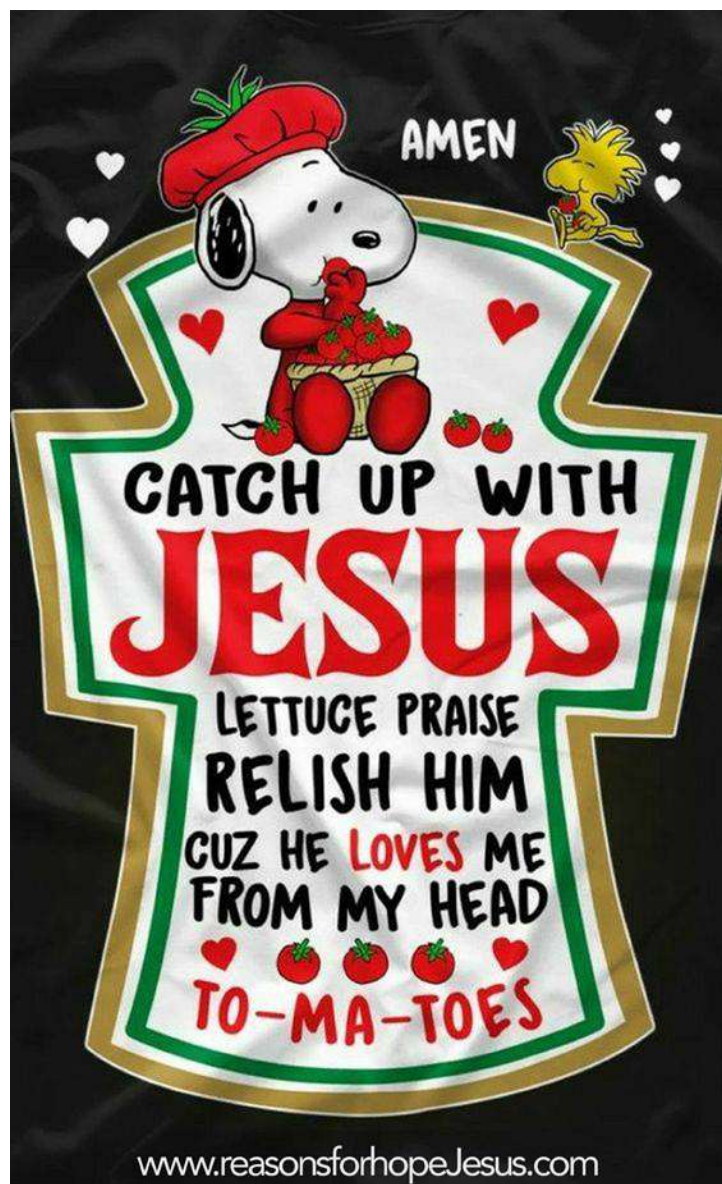
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