

Those Days When It's Easier to Whine Than Worship

Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Isaiah 40:27-29

Gracious Father, my parents had a distinct "get-over-it" body language in response to my whining—a grumbling usually connected to me not getting my way or having to wait for something longer than I wanted to. Nobody likes to be on the other end of a whine. Too much whine doesn't do the heart good.

Today I find great delight in knowing that You are my perfect Father, and I am Your beloved child—beloved, but still capable of great childishness, pouting, and sulking. I'm made for worship but prone to whining—especially when circumstances, people, and storylines don't pan out the way I want them to; or You don't do what I think You should. I'm sitting in some of that stuff right now.

Father, thank You for never rolling Your eyes at us—never showing us irritation, disgust, or shame when our childishness is more obvious than our Christlikeness. The only look You "flash" at us reminds us of Your welcoming, patient heart. Though You find no pleasure in our whining, You find great pleasure in us, because You've hidden our lives in Jesus. You don't love us to the degree we are *like* Christ, but to the degree we are *in* Christ, which is 100%.

We hear You say to us in the gospel this June Sunday, "*Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest, because I will give you rest.*" Thank You, Father. Turn our whining into worship, O gracious and ever-faithful, Father. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' great and grace-full name.



30 June 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: The First Letter of John—The King Dies and Rises

Those who have fellowship with God walk in the light and need cleansing from sin, which is provided for by Jesus Christ's propitiation.

Next Sunday: 1 John 2:3-17



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing Precious Blood
All I Have Is Christ
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading 1 John 1:5-2:2

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response Undivided

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

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| Last Week | \$6,682.70 |
| Weekly Required | \$5,750.00 |
| Shortfall 2019 | \$0.00 |

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR THE EYEWITNESS

testimony we have received in Scripture. Praise God that those who saw the resurrected Jesus reliably transmitted this great news on to us. Praise God for how He has preserved Scripture throughout the generations and that we can trust in them to this day.

PRAY FOR HEARTS that seek after true joy—rooted and grounded in the gospel. Pray that we would see all other contenders for our joy for what they are, and ask God to help us place them rightly below the great priority of gospel-shaped knowledge and obedience.

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER as we enter another season of illness and sickness. Pray for those who are sick among us—to recover quickly, and to trust God's sustaining grace for their everyday needs. Pray that the tiredness and exhaustion would not result in ungodliness. Pray for eyes to see who is in need of help and for grace to offer our support.

PRAY FOR SALT-TBT CAMP as the teens are encouraged from Deuteronomy to trust Jesus with all their hearts, soul, mind and strength. Pray that the teens sitting on the fence would be convicted of the need to give their lives wholly to Jesus, and pray that this would be a joyful declaration! Pray for ongoing relationship building across churches, and give thanks for this opportunity to get to know other Christians.

Community News

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK: 30 JUNE TO 14 JULY INCLUSIVE

9am service, please note that during this time, the White Door Room downstairs will be set up as the overflow room to accommodate for children joining in the service.

MVV FRAMEWORK TRAINING AFTERNOON 20 JULY 12 NOON -3PM

This training afternoon is for all who serve in church. It will kick off with lunch, followed by the training, which will introduce how all ministries at Church can align to the Mission Value and Vision of the Church and how everyone who serves "fits" into the MVV.

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5-10.

Please register that you are coming so we can organize catering: <https://slechurch.org.au/mvvtraining/>

SAVE THE DATES:

1. BLOOM: SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY, SATURDAY 10 AUGUST, 9:30AM-12NOON.

3. CHURCH CAMP 2019-4-7 OCTOBER

Serving

| | Today | Next Sunday |
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| Chair | Randy | Merv |
| Prayer | Randy | Dan |
| Preach | Ps Ben | Ps Ben |
| Bible Read | Boon Cheng <i>Alan</i> | Matthew <i>Dan Lowe</i> |
| M.Tea | Cecilia, May | Winnie T., Corina |
| Wash Up | Friday YF | Friday YF |
| Welcome | Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i> | Richard Georgie Amy <i>Sean</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Leya</i> |
| Stewards | Richard Norman Sunny <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Josiah</i> | Simeon Meng Yin Philip <i>Aaron</i> <i>Alan</i> <i>Josh</i> |
| Piano | Liesl | Dan Lowe |
| Guitar | Ivan | |
| Bass | Ethan | |
| Drums | Nigel | |
| Vocal | Shaun | Amanda |
| PA | Reuten <i>Jowin</i> | Matt T. <i>Chris</i> |

2. The First Letter of John—Fellowship With God [1 John 1:5-2:2]

1. Introduction: Fellowship, Joy, Eternal Life

2. What is God Like? (v5)

3. Fellowship With God Who Is Light

A. Claim fellowship but walk in darkness

i. Fellowship claims

ii. Walking in darkness

iii. Two wonderful results

B. Claiming to be without sin/to not have sinned

i. Sinless claims

ii. Self-deceived liars

iii. Don't deny, Confess.

4. Jesus Christ: How God Secures Fellowship

5. Fellowshiping With God Who Is Light

A. How are you walking?

B. Not sinless, but sin less

C. Confess, with thankfulness