

HARBOUR
CITY CHURCH

Sunday Program

16 July 2023



(Loraine Boettner)

“Although the sovereignty of God is universal and absolute, it is not the sovereignty of blind power. It is coupled with infinite wisdom, holiness and love. And this doctrine, when properly understood, is a most comforting and reassuring one. Who would not prefer to have his affairs in the hands of a God of infinite power, wisdom, holiness and love, rather than to have them left to fate, or chance, or irrevocable natural law, or to short-sighted and perverted self? Those who reject God's sovereignty should consider what alternatives they have left.”

(D.A. Carson)

“The person who loves his life will lose it: it could not be otherwise, for to love one's life is a fundamental denial of God's sovereignty, of God's rights, and a brazen elevation of self to the apogee of one's perception, and therefore an idolatrous focus on self, which is the heart of all sin.”

(Arthur W. Pink)

“To the one who delights in the sovereignty of God the clouds not only have a 'silver lining' but they are silver all through, the darkness only serving to offset the light!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presider: E. Jason Ju

Preacher: P. Sijin Yang

Please stand where indicated by *

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:17-24

¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

¹⁹I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!

²⁰My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.

²¹You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.

²²Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies.

²³Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

SILENT CONFESSION

Let us continue to draw nearer to God by confessing, repenting and bearing of our hearts before our loving Heavenly Father. Be transparent and earnest, bringing the offering of broken and contrite heart before the Lord who knows us better than we know ourselves. He is more willing to forgive than we are to repent!

(Silent Private Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(In Christ, our sins are covered!)

Hear the good news of the forgiveness of your sins!

1 John 1:8-9

“⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Presider)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Week 29: “Third Commandment”

55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

OFFERING & DEDICATION

Word of Dedication: "Devoted to Building Up"

Ephesians 2:20

“Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.”

1 Corinthians 14:12

“since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.”

SONGS OF PRAISE*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION

(Carol)

To help you think about your level of giving, here is the financial snapshot of HCC for this month:

Giving: 5th - 11th July= \$4,682.00

Total July Giving = \$6,877.00

Sydney Space Balance: \$165,316.58

Monthly Budget: \$25,833.00

GENERAL TITHES & OFFERINGS vs. SYDNEY SPACE OFFERING

These are two separate HCC accounts (BSB: 082 057).

For General Tithes and Offerings (16 207 4037); and specifically for Sydney Space (32 844 5724).

At the end of each month, 10% of all general tithes and offerings will go towards SS account as “seed money”. Please DO NOT reroute your general giving towards SS account. SS is specifically to give above and beyond your general commitment.

<Preschool children are excused for Bible Story Time>

SERMON

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The Pillars of the Reformed Faith

"Sovereignty of God" – Ephesians 1:3-14

1. Sovereign love in eternity
2. Sovereign power in redemption
3. Sovereign preservation in adoption

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE SONG*

BENEDICTION*

2 Corinthians 13:14

“¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

WELCOME TO HCC!

We are a gospel centered church seeking the renewal of our city by the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God! We are so glad to have you join us for our worship service today.

If you're with us for the first time, please let us know who you are by filling out our please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch!

Sunday Worship

We'd love for you to join us for our weekly Sunday services. You can join us in person. Our live stream is available by request only, by filling out this form [here](#). Past sermons can be found [here](#).

- 10:00AM Harbour Tea
- 10:30AM Worship Service

Church Location

41B College Street, Gladesville NSW 2111

OFFERING

Offering is part of our worship to God. The Bible gives us an enduring principle of tithing of our gross income as the baseline for the Christian's worship through giving (2 Cor 9:7; Malachi 3:8-10). If every church member gave 10%, we would have enough financial resources for all the gospel ministry God is calling our church to do. Let the Spirit guide you in all final matters.

You may give electronically to the account details below:

Account Name: Harbour City
Church

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 16 207 4037

Account Name: HCC Sydney
Space

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 32 844 5724

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Harbour City Church welcomes families with children of all ages to the Sunday worship services. An “open creche” area is provided at the back of the venue for parents to use with their babies and toddlers. Bible Story Time for children who are 3 years old and above will be taking place in the Children’s Ministry room during Sunday services, after the announcement time. If you have any questions about Children’s Ministry, please contact Gloria.

GROWTH GROUPS

GGs are small group support and accountability units, available to all members and regulars. It is the core discipleship ministry of HCC.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

CGs meet whenever there is a 5th Sunday of the month for lunch fellowship after worship. This ministry is for wider church bonding beyond GGs, including mixed fellowship and activities.

ELDERS

Jim Jung
Senior Pastor

Jason Ju
Ruling Elder

David Choi
Ruling Elder

0430 423 986

0422 647 599

0433 666 991

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us online for regular posts, reflections and to get to know us a little better via our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Facebook: [@harbourcitychurch](#)

Instagram: [@hcc_sydney](#)

www.harbourcitychurch.com

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

Please join us in daily reading of God's word as a church body. There is an app available for the reading plan 'Community Bible Reading' and a link available [here](#).

PRAYING THROUGH YOUR PEN

1. Adoration

Praise the Father for His attributes and actions

3. Thanksgiving

Thank Jesus for His salvation

2. Confession

Confess and acknowledge your sinfulness

4. Supplication

Ask the Spirit to transform you

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does God's sovereignty comfort you when you have doubts and fears about your life and salvation?
2. When do you find yourself struggling to trust in God's promises for your life and salvation?
3. What difference should the sovereignty of God over your life make in the way you view and approach life?
4. What is the most helpful/challenging/encouraging part of the sermon for you?

WHAT'S ON AT HCC

WELCOME TO HCC

Thank you for joining our HCC worship. If you are new to our church, we want to welcome you and would love to get to know you. Please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch! For any more information about anything or to respond to any announcements, you can always email info@harbourcitychurch.com

MEN'S BBQ NIGHT

Calling all men to the Men's BBQ Night on Friday 21st July 7pm at church. The Facebook event is now up, please extend the invite to your friends & colleagues. For any questions, please speak to J Pak.

SRT DAY TRAINING

HCC will be hosting SRT training workshops on "Sharing the Hope of Jesus with Refugees" and "Refugee Companion" on Saturday, 5 August from 10AM-5PM at church. The training will be free for HCC members (lunch provided). To [get free admission tickets](#), click "Access hidden tickets" using "HCC" as access code. Please also email cyril@harbourcitychurch.com to register interest.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in what it means to be a church member, or thinking about becoming a HCC member - Membership Classes are happening in July/August!

To complete, one must take either session. Classes are offered at the following times:

- Thursday 27th July @ 7pm
- Saturday 5th August @ 6pm

Please register by letting Delaney & the Welcoming Team know which session you would like to attend.

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WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

Welcoming & Membership team is recruiting! We are looking for a few more people to help greet and usher visitors and regulars for our Sunday Service, as well as help organise Newcomer's Orientation & Membership Classes. No prior experience or specific skills required, as long as you have a willing heart to connect people within HCC. Please contact Delaney for more details.

GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups are now on break and will resume week commencing 17 July. If you're not plugged into a group yet, be sure to get connected in these small group meetings for care, accountability, sermon reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Contact P. Jim, Elder David, Delaney, Sarah G, or email info@harbourcitychurch.com

NEWTOWN MISSION: VOLUNTEERING AT JORDAN CAFE

Join us for Jordan Cafe volunteering on Thursday evenings. Service starts at 6PM, followed by dinner service at 7PM. Contact Keara for further information.