

Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
July 3, 2022 – ESC Worship Service



Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 21:1-9

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: "Sanctuary for a Fugitive"

Communion

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- If you're new to the worship service here, welcome to our church! Please join us at the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks, we would love to meet you. Also, we invite you to email us at hello@vcefc.org so that someone from the welcome/care team can reach out to you.
- As part of our return to in-person church, we will celebrate together with the return of our annual July BBQ today after our "Summer Learning as a Community on the Psalms" at 12:45 in the courtyard. This is a "free will offering" event for those who have registered.
- Church Picnic (All three congregations): July 30th, 9:30am to 1:30pm at Rocky Point Park (2800 Murray st Port Moody) Ticket Price: \$8 meal, \$7 bus. Tickets are now on sale after worship service until July 17th from Geoffrey Chum.
- "Summer Learning As A Community" – a video series on "Psalms – A Devotional Exposition" By Dr. Bruce Waltke of Regent College is from June 5 to September 25. Every Sunday 11:30-12:30. Class held in-

person in the Fellowship Hall or on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7876891881>

- The Church is inviting members or regular associates with general clerical skills and the abilities to speak and write in both Chinese and English to apply for the temporary part-time Administrative Support position. If you are interested, please send your resume to Hansel Wang of the Personnel Committee at hchwang@telus.net.

Benediction

- Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. David faced with enmity and persecution for doing good works and being faithful. Now in chapter 21, David was a fugitive on the run for his life. How have you reacted when you faced unearned and unjust oppositions or trials in your life?
2. What does the city of Nob represent to David?
3. How do you define sanctuary, and where do you run to in times of trouble?
4. What two things does Ahimelech provide David with?
5. What important truth about God does Ahimelech's provision of bread to David remind us of?

6. What important truth about God does the sword of Goliath remind us of? (see 1 Sam 17:45-47)

7. Often the words “bread” and “sword” are associated in the Bible with God’s word. (Matthew 4:4, Hebrews 4:12). How does the word of God provide both sustenance and protection?

8. How has God provided for you in the past when you needed His strength and protection?