

## Community Prayer

1. For God to raise up Chodae Community Church congregants to be faithful worshipers who joyfully praise the Lord
2. To live out a lifestyle of God's faithful stewards at both workplace and home
3. For Community members and those who are suffering with difficulties to be healed and restored through grace
4. For discipling and maturing of children of every family in faith.
5. For senior pastor, associate pastors, session elders, and all spiritual leaders to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. For fruitfully completion, with God's grace, of church-wide discipleship trainings -- Discipleship Class, One-To-One Discipleship, and Workplace Ministry Class.

## Church Schedule

- Feb 3 [Sun]: Mission Expo and Mission registration Starts
- Feb 9 [Sat]: Blessed Conference
- Feb 17 [Sat]: Hackensack Soup Kitchen
- Feb 24 [Sun]: Officers meeting for settlement of 2018 budget
- March 6 [Wed]: Start of Lent

## Worship The Lord With Joyful Songs

Whose contentment is it for?  
(Mark 15:1~15)

## Notice

1. In 2019, the church motto is "Joyfully Praising Worshipper"
2. Please use the following order for small group. 2~3 praises / corporate prayer / Bible reading / study guide / sharing prayer requests
3. Community Bible recital (Psalm 100:1~5) & praise schedule:  
Feb 1 – community 1; Feb 8 – community 2;  
Feb 15 – community 3, Feb 22 – community 4
4. The training for Family Small Group Worship will be held in the gym right after the training for Small Group leaders.
5. Please make sure to submit an online Small Group report after the meeting.
6. The second Small Group meeting study guide will be in the Main Sanctuary lobby on a second Sunday of every month.
7. Diaspora Ministry: If someone from a Small Group is leaving the church to either another state or return to Korea, please inform the designated Community pastor in advance.

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### Opening Praise:

- 만왕의 왕 내 주께서 (새찬 151)

**Focus:** We Christians must live for the God's joy, not for our selfish contentment.

**Opening Mind:** Prepare your heart by sharing your life during the past week, QT, or thankfulness.

**Opening Words:** Read Mark 15:1~15 together.

### Understanding Background

Jesus is arrested by betrayal from Judas Iscariot. He was tied up and taken to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest at that time, where he is questioned and condemned to death (Mark 14:64). However, the Jewish people under the Roman colony did not have the authority to issue death penalty. Hence the religious leaders handed Jesus over to Pilate, the Roman governor, and rallied the crowd to coerce Pilate to issue the death penalty (Mark 15:15). All these interrogations and the sentencing took less than half a day. They claimed that Jesus committed sacrilege and treason against Roman Empire by declaring himself to be the Son of God and King of the Jews.

### > Sharing the Words

**1-1. Observation and Meditation:** How did Jesus reply when Pilate asked him "are you the king of the Jews?" And how did Jesus react to the accusation brought up against him? (v2 – 5)

**1-2. Application and Sharing:** Share with each other if there was a time when you experienced better results by keeping silent and offering prayer rather than fighting your opponent when faced with affliction.

**2-1. Observation and Meditation:** Between Barabbas and Jesus, who did the crowd want to set free? And why did Pilate grant their wish? (v6-15)

**2-2. Application and Sharing:** What would you choose if what the world demands is different from God's will? Share with each other what you need in order to follow God's will.

### > Emphasizing the Word

Even though Pilate condemns Jesus to crucifixion in order to satisfy the crowd's demand, Jesus fulfills God's will through silence and complete obedience. To live according to God's will is as difficult as facing a powerful wave. Sometimes you might suffer hardship or a loss through being misunderstood. But Jesus has already set an example. Jesus, who fully obeyed God's will, did not suffer defeat by dying on the cross but became victorious by overcoming the power of death. If we choose God's will by faith against the demands of the world, we will experience Lord's victorious grace in the face of defeat.

### > Prayer through Word

Let us make a choice that will be joyful to God when we need to choose between world's demands and God's will. May we pray for grace that will overturn defeat into victory and may we be willing to accept losses and be misunderstood in order to follow God's will.

### > Implant in Your Heart

"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "you have said so," Jesus replied [Mark 15:2, NIV]