

### Community Prayer

1. Pray that God will raise up Chodae Community Church of faithful worshippers.
2. To live as a worshipper and stewards of the kingdom of God at both workplace and home.
3. For those in the community who are going through difficulties and sickness to be restored in grace.
4. To ensure that the children of each family are nurtured and raised to become mature in their own faith.
5. The pastor, clergy, session and all spiritual leaders are filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. Pray that new leaders are being nurtured in all the communities and that all the church departments have new volunteer workers who can serve faithfully.

### Church Schedule

10/1(TU): 17th Discipleship Training and Chodae Academy begins  
10/2(Wed): 삶터사역 10기 시작 (6Wks, 7Meetings)  
10/12(Sat): Parents Conference  
10/12(Sat): 60+Seminar "Beautiful Inheritance" (3Wks)  
10/18-20(F-Sun): Founding Anniversary Revival  
10/27(Sun): November SG Leader Training

## Worship the Lord with Joyful Songs

### Blessings for Saints Who Yearn for Sanctification

Psalm 126: 1-6

### Announcements

1. The 2019 church motto is "Worship the Lord with Joyful Songs".
2. Please use the following order for SG Meetings:
  - 2~3 praise songs/Representative prayer/Bible verse reading/Sharing of teaching material/Prayer Requests
  - It's recommended that all members have an opportunity to share their thoughts on the study material and share their prayer requests.
3. Community Recitation(Psalm 100:1~5)& Praise Schedule:  
10/4 (F) - Community 22. Please be at church by 6:30 to practice our praise song. Dinner will be provided.
4. Family SG training is in the PJM room at 3pm. There are downloadable children material on the church website.
5. Please submit the SG report online on the church website.
6. Second SG meeting material will be available in the church lobby on the second Sunday of each month.
7. Diaspora Ministry: If there are any families leaving the church, please notify our Community pastor-in-charge.

## Blessings for Saints Who Yearn for Sanctification

(Psalm 126:1-6)

### Praising God (Praise in a way that is appropriate for your group)

- 이 세상 끝날까지 (새찬 447 장), 저 멀리 뵈는 나의 시온성

**Focus** Worshipers who yearn for sanctification remember God's saving grace and give their utmost to God each and everyday.

**Opening your heart** Open your heart by sharing your week's life, QT, and/or thanks

**Opening with the Word** | Read Psalm 126: 1-6 together

### Understanding the Background

Of the collection of psalms titled 'Song of Ascents' (Psalm 120-134), Psalm 126 is the 7<sup>th</sup> psalm. These psalms were sung by the diaspora of Israelites who make their pilgrimage to Jerusalem to worship or to bless those that are making this long pilgrimage.

In this psalm, the psalmist joyfully praises the freedom of the Israelites from captivity and therefore, we know the psalm was written after the Babylonian captivity. After 70 years of Babylon captivity, the Israelites were able to return to their homeland. However, the life of those returning from captivity was full of financial hardships and relationship conflicts.

This psalm reflects on the miraculous work of God, remembering the Israelites' freedom from captivity even after they broke their covenant with Him which led to the defeat by the Babylonians. It can also be understood as a song asking for God's redemptive grace as we live our daily lives in this world.

### > Sharing the Word: Observations and Contemplation

1. In the first half (verses 1-3), the psalmist gives thanks to God for freeing the Israelites from Babylonian captivity. What special expression does the psalmist use to describe this day?

2. The psalmist prays for the return of the Israelites who have already returned from captivity (verse 4). In what way does the psalmist hope that the Israelites will be restored or transformed into?

3. What does it mean to "sow in tears"? What rewards await the diligent farmers? (verses 5-6)

### Application and Sharing

1. Our God, the sovereign Lord, who shapes the destiny of a nation and has also done amazing things to redeem us. Do you remember the time you experienced God's redemptive grace?

2. Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit to make us, the believers, more like Jesus. Concurrently, it includes our efforts to be more like Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. What efforts are you making to live a faithful fruit bearing life? Where can you make improvements?

### > Meditating on the Word

In the Old Testament, the two events that best exemplify the amazing saving grace of God are the exodus from Egypt and return from Babylonian captivity. With God's sovereign providence, Koreans have established a nation and have managed to survive among the world superpowers. Church was established, many churches were planted and we also experienced God's redemptive grace through the church. Those of us who are saved should bear fruit in our lives. Let's build a faithful community that diligently plants the seed of Good News and joyfully reap the fruits of our labor.

**Praying through the Word** | We remember the redemptive grace shown to us through the Bible. We thank you for the amazing redemptive grace you have bestowed upon our nation, our church and our families. Please guide and help us to be more like Jesus everyday.

**Words to remember** | "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." (Psalm 126:5)