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“All thanks and glory be to God who will fulfill all His providences!”



The 40th Church Anniversary Celebration Service and Event

In celebration of our church's 40th anniversary, we gave thanks and glory to God with celebration worship service and event. Especially this year, various events were held for two weeks on October 9 and 16 and added to the joy of the anniversary.

It was broadcast live through GCN TV and the Internet, interpreted into 8 languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Russian, French, Mongolian and Vietnamese. People from the US, Israel, Canada, UK, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Moldova, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Argentina, Chile, India, Sri Lanka and

Egypt sent congratulatory messages to celebrate this anniversary.

On October 9 at 11:30 am, the Sunday Morning Service was offered with the Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's video sermon entitled, 'The Church He Loves – Heaven' (Isaiah 60:1~3) and we gave thanks and glory to Father God who unfolds the spiritual world on this church with the Word of life, the power of God, and the culture of praise.

In the Evening Service at 3 pm, as a celebration service, Acting Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee delivered a message entitled, 'Arise, shine - for the battle is the LORD' (Isaiah 60:1; 1 Samuel 17:47) at the first part. At

the second part, a special video was aired to reflect on the grace of Father God, who has been with this church through the Word, prayer, and power for 40 years.

At the Sunday Morning Service on October 16, Dr. Myong-Ho Cheong, President of United Holiness Churches of Jesus Christ in Africa, delivered a message entitled, 'Arise, shine' (Isaiah 60:1~5), and for the Evening Service, a commemorative service and celebration event were held at the Bucheon Stadium.

The joy of the anniversary echoed in the Bucheon Stadium

At 3 pm on October 16, through

the celebration service and event, the members who gathered at the Bucheon Stadium gave thanks and glory to God the Trinity who has been with us and protected us.

The celebration service, the first part, was presided by Pastor Hakyoung Lim, Vice President of the Pastors' Association, and Mrs. Boknim Lee, Director of Manmin Prayer Center offered a representative prayer, followed by the praise of the United Choir and Nissi Orchestra.

After that, Acting Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee delivered a message entitled 'Arise, shine – The trial is a blessing' (Isaiah 60:1-3; Romans 8:18) and she prayed that we would overcome the trials of blessing in hope in the presence of God, who will be glorified greater than before, by fulfilling all the

providences planned through Manmin and becoming spiritual warriors, when the time comes.

The celebration performance, the second part, started with the praise of the united choir, followed by the white stone choir, ensemble, fan dance, drum & electronic string music, worship dance, and congregational praise. We gave thanks and glory to God, who has been with us until the 40th anniversary, through praise, dance, and performance. (Pictures on page 5)

At the third part, the Men's and Women's Mission, Canaan & Young Adults Missions, and Children's Sunday School, etc. prepared various kinds of event booth such as Manmin Photo Exhibition, Four-line Poetry Contest Presentation, Urim Books Event, Photo booth, Balloon Art, Caricatures,

Calligraphy, and Gift Event to give the members happy memories. (Pictures on page 6)

Meanwhile, during the Eve Service on October 7 and 14 (Friday), the feature Manmin magazine video clips 1 & 2 were aired to look back on 40 years of our walk of faith. In addition, the '2022 Manmin Praise Festival' was held on October 9 (Sunday), and the 'Four-line Poetry Contest' was held for two weeks.

Our church, which offered the founding service on October 10, 1982, has led countless souls into the arms of the Lord through the five-fold gospel of holiness and the works of power, and we will run more vigorously in faith as we look at the great power and God's plans that will be unfolded in the future.

Congratulations

"Congratulations on 40 years of delivering light and life to all peoples of the world!"



Dr. Andre Gasiorowski
Executive General Director
of Helping Hand Coalition

"The 40th anniversary of your ministry is a great blessing also for Latin America."



Rosalba Rodríguez de Rincón
Enlace Colombia

"Thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee, I became a member of the Assembly and my family is healthy."



Mr. Harron Imran Gill
MPA(Member of Punjab
Assembly), Pakistan

"The holiness gospel is being spread widely through Manmin chosen by God."



Pastor Yuriy Konovalov
Bishop of Door of heaven
Church, Ukraine

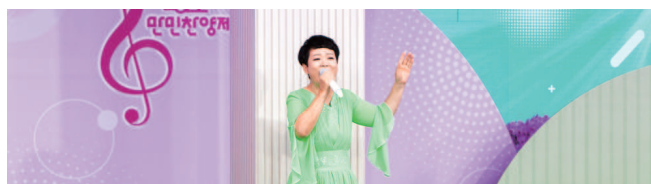
"2022 Manmin Praise Festival" Winners



Grand prize & Popularity prize /
Dukyung Kim & Bomoon Kim (Gumi Manmin Church)



▲ Gold prize / Serem Choir (Women's mission)



▼ Silver prize / Sr. Deaconess Kyunghee Kang (Daejeon Manmin Church)


Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Goodness of Daniel's three friends

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” (Daniel 3:17-18)

On the succession of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the united kingdom of Israel split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Over time the two countries left God and worshipped idols. It aroused God's furor. As a result, Northern Israel fell due to invasion of Assyria, and Judah in South was also attacked by Babylon three times.

When the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, invaded the kingdom of Judah in 605 B.C., some of its leaders were taken as captives to Babylon; there were Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Although they were captives of Babylon, they didn't forsake their faith in God but they exalted and glorified God instead with God-pleasing goodness. What was their goodness like?

1. They thoroughly hated what God hates

The king of Babylon tried to integrate the people of Israel into the society when they were first taken as captives. The king brought in some of the Jews from the royal family and the nobility, namely some young men showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well-informed, and quick to understand. He assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table for three years. Among those selected were Daniel and his three friends. At that time, it was a great joy and honor to be chosen as one of those men but they had one thing to worry about.

They were afraid that on the king's table there would be some food that had been offered to idols or meat that had been regarded detestable before God. In Old Testament times the deeds of observing the law were very important. So, when they ate food that had been offered to idols or detestable meats, it was deemed a sin before God.

Daniel and his friends asked the chief of court officials to permit them to eat vegetables instead of the food assigned by the king. They proposed that the chief of court officials should let them eat vegetables and

then compare them with other young men who would eat the food assigned to them from the king. After he agreed to this, he tested them for ten days and found they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. From then on they did not have to eat the royal food and wine.

God the Father gave them wisdom and blessing because they feared God and kept themselves according to His commands. God made them outstanding people as said in Daniel 1:17, “To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.”

As a result, Daniel and his three friends were chosen to serve the king and they were also recognized by the king. Daniel 1:20 reads, “As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found [Daniel and his three friends] ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.” God allowed them to be not twice, but ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers.

If you were in their shoes, namely, if you had been taken as a captive but you were treated well, could you refuse to be served with the royal food from the king's table? It was not permitted or acceptable. Captives could not choose what they wanted, and it was difficult for them to reject the food assigned by the king just because it was not to their liking. However, Daniel and his three friends knew the food was not acceptable to God and did not compromise even though it seemed an inevitable situation. They fully detested what God deems detestable because they feared Him from the depth of their hearts. Moreover, they unchangingly wanted nothing to do with being defiled by the detestable food offered to idols, even as the time went by and they rose in position.

They were surrounded by a Gentile culture that had nothing to do with God and which sought only worldly pleasure and idol-worshipping that prevailed in the kingdom. Nonetheless, Daniel and his three friends sought after and obeyed the will of God with upright

and unchanging hearts, so they were deemed pure in God's sight.

I ask you to realize and resemble the goodness of the inner hearts of Daniel and his three friends who gave up good treatment, even as captives, and chose to eat vegetables. I hope that by doing so you will receive the wisdom of goodness that God gives to you.

2. They did not surrender before the life-threatening command to keep faith

The three friends were commanded to fall down and bow before an image of gold that the king of Babylon set up. If they did not fall down in homage before it, they would be thrown into a burning furnace. They did not surrender before the life-threatening command but chose death.

At that time their king became very furious and asked them "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?" He said he would give them another chance to bow before it. He also threatened them saying, "Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" He tried to win their will and exercise power over them with threats and concession. But they flatly answered, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter." They showed their firm willpower not to bow down before and worship an idol despite the threat of being led to death by being thrown into a blazing furnace.

So they courageously confessed, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king." They obviously and clearly proclaimed the almighty God to the king.

When they did not compromise at all despite the threats to their lives and maintained their trust in God, God considered it good. Their confession that would be deemed better is shown in the Bible. "But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Even if God did not, that is to say, even if God would not save them from the blazing furnace, they still firmly confessed they would not worship idols. They

did not confess it because they were not confident that God would save them. They believed God would be able to save them, but they confessed in their deep goodness that even if He would not save them, their trust in and love for God was and would remain steadfast.

That was because they fully trusted God who is the Master of their souls and could commit everything to God. It never mattered to them to die or live, but they were happy with the fact that they would follow the will of God.

They did not mean for God to reward them to the extent that they were expressing for Him. In the same way, when we meet with trials after we have done our God-given duties, if we do not complain or feel burdensome before life-threatening situations, God will deem our heart good.

God could control the king's heart lest he should command his soldiers to throw the three men into the furnace. But actually, God allowed them to be thrown into it. He knew in advance that even if he did it, they would show the proof of their faith in their goodness. God the Father confirmed their faith with irrefutable proof, and blessed them as much, and then revealed His glory more greatly.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, although you face unexpected difficulties and afflictions, I urge you to try to be happy with the fact that you have sowed and acted with the faith in God and unchangingly thankful to God. I hope you will hate what God hates thoroughly without compromising even before the threat of taking your life. By doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will receive great and amazing blessing from God.

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The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)
 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)



Scene 1. Opening
Choir song of inspiration to God in celebration of the 40th anniversary



Scene 3. Praise of Victory
Thanksgiving praise to God who's been with Manmin ministry



Scene 5. Instrumental play of Victory
Drum and electronic string performance with thanks for the fiery work of the Holy Spirit



Scene 7. Joy of Anniversary
Congregational praise offered by all the members to God

We offer up our confession of deep gratitude and the aroma of love!

The 40th Anniversary Celebration Performance



On October 16, our church's 40th anniversary celebration performance hosted by the Performing Arts Committee of our church was performed at the Bucheon Stadium while it was being broadcast live on GCN and the Internet.

Through beautiful praises, instruments, and dances, they offered up the fragrance of thanks and love to God the Trinity, who has been with us and given us victory with the word of life and power.

In particular, the congregational praise sung by the performers, the congregation, and viewers at home and abroad was very touching.

Nissi Orchestra, Performing Arts Committee, and the professional staff who took charge of lighting, sound, video, and special effects presented a high-quality performance together.



Scene 2. Anniversary Celebration Performance celebrating the 40th anniversary with one mind



Scene 4. Dance of Victory
Fan dance of thanksgiving for the true peace given for 40 years



Scene 6. Work of Power
Worship dance offered to God who's been glorified through His great power



Finale /
All the performers gave thanks and glory to the Triune God who has kept and protected our church until the 40th anniversary

FEATURE STORY

Event Booths for happy memories with various kinds of events



Manmin Photo Exhibition where we could see 40 years of history at a glance

33 winning pieces of work at the Four-line Poetry Contest



Commemorative photo shoot and magic balloon experience booth for children

Urim Books event related with Dr. Jaerock Lee's books

Beautifully decorated studio and four-cut sticker photo studio



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Booth of calligraphy that expressed the feeling of the chosen words



Booth of caricature that depicted the characteristics of the members

Gift event to enjoy various games such as darts and balloon popping