



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

September 20, 2026
17th Sunday
after Pentecost
Speaker: Pastor Mark Wong

During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents:

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry is 3 years old and up. Children under 3 are encouraged to worship with their parents in the main hall; only use Room B when they are crying.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash St (Parking Lot 3) and 8525 Cambie St (Parking Lot 4) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church, 8508 Ash or 8525 Cambie during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



Memory Verse

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

[Deuteronomy 6:4-5 | NIV]



[8] THE GOD WE CONCEPTUALIZE

6. God of the Whole World

[[Jonah 4:1-11](#) | NIV]

Sermon Outline

Main idea: The God who has shown us mercy calls us to share his concern for people we struggle to love.

1. God's mercy flows from his character

Jonah 4:1–3; Exodus 34:6–9; Jeremiah 18:7–11

- ▶ Jonah knows God is compassionate, but resents Nineveh receiving that compassion.
- ▶ God confronts Nineveh's evil, and the people repent. His mercy does not excuse their wrongdoing.
- ▶ The mercy we depend on is also mercy God can show to others.

The struggle: Whom do I struggle to want God to show mercy to?

2. God's patience confronts our hearts

Jonah 4:4–9; Ephesians 4:26–32

- ▶ God patiently questions Jonah's anger.
- ▶ Jonah grieves the loss of a plant while objecting to the survival of a city.
- ▶ Our pain may be real, but we remain responsible for how we respond.

The struggle: Is my hurt leading me toward honesty and forgiveness, or bitterness and retaliation?

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

3. God's concern reaches the whole world

Jonah 4:10–11; Jonah 1:9; Psalm 24:1–2

- ▶ Nineveh's people matter to their Creator.
- ▶ God's concern extends beyond Jonah's preferences and loyalties.
- ▶ People matter before they agree with us, help us, or join our church.

The struggle: Whose needs have I overlooked because they do not directly affect me?

4. God's mercy in Christ teaches us to love

Romans 5:6–11; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 5:43–48

- ▶ Through Christ, God reconciles people who were his enemies.
- ▶ God's forgiveness gives us the foundation for forgiving others.
- ▶ Jesus calls us to pray for and seek the good of people who may not love us back.

The struggle: What would seeking someone's good look like this week?

Our response

Romans 12:17–21

- ▶ Pursue peace where possible. Refuse revenge. Pray for truth and repentance. Look for an opportunity to do good.

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

My Prayer Response

- ▶ Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

My Action Response

- ▶ What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

Small Group Discussion

1. Knowing God and welcoming his actions

Read Jonah 4:1–3. What does Jonah know about God, and why does that knowledge upset him? Where might we agree with something about God in principle but struggle when it affects a particular person or situation?

2. Mercy and accountability

Read Jonah 3:8–10. What changes in Nineveh before God spares the city? How does this help us understand the difference between showing mercy and excusing harmful behaviour?

3. Examining our anger

Read Jonah 4:4 and Ephesians 4:26–32. How can someone acknowledge genuine hurt while taking responsibility for their response? What helps you recognize when processing pain is becoming gossip, bitterness, or a desire for revenge?

4. What gets our concern?

Read Jonah 4:5–11. What does the contrast between the plant and the city reveal about Jonah's priorities? What comforts, pressures, or ambitions can absorb our attention so completely that we overlook other people's needs?

5. Remembering the mercy we received

Read Romans 5:6–11 and Ephesians 4:32. How does remembering our own need for reconciliation with God challenge the way we judge others? How does forgiveness through Christ give us a reason to forgive when our feelings are still complicated?

6. Taking a practical step

Read Matthew 5:43–48 and Romans 12:17–21. What do these passages ask us to do, and what outcomes are beyond our control? Identify one step you could take this week to seek someone's good—through prayer, truthful speech, refusing retaliation, or practical help.

Announcements

- ▶ **September Monthly Bulletin** has been posted on the bulletin board and the church website. Please refer to it for important notices.

- ▶ **Winter Market**

Are you a local vendor? Are you an artisan? Westside Baptist Church is hosting a Winter Market on November 28th, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please scan the QR Code. Be sure to complete the Google Form by September 25th! We hope to use this opportunity to serve the community and our local artisans. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark or Jessica Ho.



- ▶ **2027–2029 Deacon Election**

- ▶ Nomination Committee Members:
 - ▶ Deacon Representatives: Dick Chan, Monica Tong, Jackson Yu
 - ▶ Congregation Representatives: Lobo Ho, Tommy Tung, Anita Yu
- ▶ The criteria and procedures for the deacon election have been posted on the bulletin board. Please read them carefully. If needed, nomination forms can be obtained from the church office.
- ▶ All nominees must be reviewed and recommended by the Nomination Committee.
- ▶ Deacon Election Timeline:
 - ▶ Nomination Begins: September 12
 - ▶ Nomination Deadline: October 18
 - ▶ Announcement of Deacon Candidates: November 7 & 8
 - ▶ Deacon Election: November 22

Fellowship Life

- ▶ **Westside 101** is a course designed for anyone who wishes to join us as a member through baptism or transfer of membership. It consists of approximately five 90-minute classes. **The next course will begin in October this year.** Please register at universe.com/westside



- ▶ **Small groups** are the heart of our fellowship life and an essential part of our holistic Christian living. We invite you to join our small groups if you are willing to commit. To register, please visit universe.com/westside

