



Musical Worship Ministry

Michael Wong & Ivanne Cheng

Joy through Unity

“[Therefore] complete my *joy* by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of *one mind*.” (Philippians 2:2)

Joy is the one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; having a joyful heart indicates spiritual maturity. We believe every Christian is on a journey to find joy as he or she learns to find satisfaction in God. It is the kind of satisfaction that remains, despite great opposition or loss, as it is driven by something greater than us. By maintaining this mindset alongside with our brothers and sisters in Christ, our joy will be amplified and begins to manifest in our lives in a profound way. Through these relationships, as iron sharpens iron, we will learn to be true worshippers of God.

True worshippers

“Jesus declared, ‘Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.... Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.’” (John 4:21, 23).

As worshippers of God, our worship is not limited to a specific form, location, or time. Our aim in worship is to act particularly to reflect God’s glory. In Paul’s letter to Corinth, he says, “Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31b). We Christians are called to have our whole lives as expressions of worship. As we worship and put our minds’ attention and hearts’ affection in God, our joy would be renewed. We learn to be content in God and trust in His ways. This mindset is our *fuel to worship*.

We share our love for Christ. This same love instills in us an urge to remove ourselves from the spotlight as He takes center-stage. A deeper relationship with Christ motivates us to



show the same love to our community. People in the community will not only maintain the same joy and satisfaction we find together in Christ, but also amplify it as these start to become the very foundations of our relationships, as we feed off each other's joys and spur each other on through trials.

Fellowshipping in unity

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Join us in this pursuit of joy as we fellowship together. As we share and pray, we will encourage one another through our trials and learn to see God amidst great conflict. As we praise God with Psalms and hymns, we express our enjoyment with a thankful heart. As we break bread together, we are reminded that we are one body in Christ, linked by the heart and the spirit, reminiscent of His sacrifice and motivated by His call. By maintaining unity in the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3), we hope that our joy would be amplified, refreshed, expressed and completed through worshipping in Christ as one body.

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)