

Memorial Service



"For Thy loving-kindness is better than life." -Psalm 63:3

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*"Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her." -Proverbs 31:28*

Psalm 1:1-6

*^{PS 1:1} Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.*

*^{PS 1:2} But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*^{PS 1:3} He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.*

Whatever he does prospers.

^{PS 1:4} Not so the wicked!

*They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.*

*^{PS 1:5} Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

*^{PS 1:6} For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

*^{ECC 3:1} There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a
time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a
time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time
to embrace and a time to refrain, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a
time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to
speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. ⁹ What does the
worker gain from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹ He has made
everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot
fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for
men than to be happy and do good while they live. ¹³ That everyone may eat and drink, and
find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that everything God does will
endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men
will revere him.*

Lord Our God Is Love

*Lord our God is love. Beside the still waters He leads me
He does know my heart and search my soul, lead my way day by day*

*Lord our God is love. In all things I see His loving care
He prepares a table full of blessings, Nothing can take them away*

*In this world I see His grace. I can always cling to His love
God bestows upon me grace and mercy, guiding all my life*

*Lord our God is love. Beside the still waters He leads me
I have endless joy and satisfaction, Nothing can take them away*

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

*Bless the Lord, my soul, praise His Holy name, I will not forget that He is good
He forgives my sin and He heals my pain, He heals my life and makes me whole
Bless the Lord, my soul, praise His Holy name, I will not forget that He is good
He will crown my life with His gracious love, Renews and heals my soul*

*For as high as heavens above, How deep is the love that You give
For as far as the ends of the earth, He takes all my shame and my sins
For our Lord is mercy and love, He's abounding with freedom and grace
Forever, He is my Lord, Now 'til the end of the age*

Day By Day and with Each Passing Moment

- 1. Day by day and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest*
- 2. Every day the Lord Himself is near me, With a special mercy for each hour
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is Counsellor and Power
The protection of His child and treasure, Is a charge that on Himself He laid
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made*
- 3. Help me then in every tribulation, So to trust Thy promises, O Lord
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation, Offered me within Thy holy word
Help me Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a father's hand
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, 'Til I reach the promised land*

In His Time

- 1. In His time, in His time. He makes all things beautiful, in His time.
Lord, please show me every day, As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say, In Your time.*
- 2. In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful, in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring, May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing, In Your time.*

Face to Face

- 1. Face to face with Christ, my Savior, Face to face—what will it be,
When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me?*

*[Chorus] Face to face I shall behold Him, Far beyond the starry sky;
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!*

- 2. Only faintly now I see Him, With the darkened veil between,
But a blessed day is coming, When His glory shall be seen.*
- 3. What rejoicing in His presence, When are banished grief and pain;
When the crooked ways are straightened, And the dark things shall be plain.*
- 4. Face to face—oh, blissful moment! Face to face—to see and know;
Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ Who loves me so.*

Eulogy

Minfei was born on February 9th, 1969, to a middle class family in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. From kindergarten through high school, Minfei attended schools owned by her father's company, Chinese Petroleum Corporation, Taiwan. (CPC). In the eyes of her family, friends, and teachers, Minfei was always considered a considerate and thoughtful child. She lived a life of humbleness and simplicity. When Minfei was eight years old, her mom passed away. Although this was a devastating loss, Minfei responded admirably for a child of her age with optimism and new-found independence. Fortunately, she was well looked after and lived happily with her father, step-mother and brothers. Minfei smoothly finished her undergraduate study in International Business and went to work at a university.

In 1998, Minfei left a secure and well-paid job in Taiwan to marry Kaisheng Hu in America. The newlywed couple experienced many financial struggles and difficulties after marriage, but both Minfei and Kaisheng dedicated themselves to working hard with joyful spirits. In 2001, at the lowest point in their financial situation, Minfei discovered she was pregnant. Although Minfei experienced acute and persistent symptoms from her pregnancy, she continued to work; she took her symptoms lightly because of the love she had for her babies. In 2002, Minfei gave birth to Alice and Bella, two healthy and beautiful twin girls who became a source of great comfort to Minfei. Although taking care of the twins was not easy, Minfei did her best and savored every precious moment in the lives of Alice and Bella. It was during this time, when Minfei was finally able to relax and watch her children grow, that she was diagnosed with leukemia in March 2008. Minfei began her treatment immediately and closely followed the instructions of her doctor. Although she experienced many dimensions and degrees of pain, Minfei bore her suffering with a resilient spirit. Within the span of a year and seven months, she underwent multiple rounds of chemo and had two transplants. As time passed, it became increasingly clear that God had closed the doors to Minfei's recovery. On October 16th, 2009, God finally took her to His heavenly home. It was very difficult for all who knew Minfei to say good bye.

Two years before, on February 9th, 2007, God abundantly blessed Minfei in her public declaration of faith through baptism. When the doctor announced that no further medical treatments could cure her leukemia, Minfei continued to firmly adhere to her faith, trusting that "the end of man is the beginning of God." Her faith in God, her patient dedication and tenderness towards her children, and her love for her friends and family will always be remembered and continue to inspire all of us. To Alice and Bella, Minfei will forever be a model of beautiful life distinguished by grace, humility, simplicity and above all unshakable devotion to God.

Minfei Tai Memorial Service

Time: 2009.11.1. (Sunday) 2:00 pm

Place: First Ithaca Chinese Christian Church, Ithaca, New York

Officiant: Rev. Tony Hsu

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Tony Hsu

Scripture Reading

Psalms 1:1-6

Min. Ruofan Wan

Hymn

Lord Our God Is Love

Congregation

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Invocation

Rev. Paul Epp

Eulogy

Amy Chen

Hymn

Day By Day

Congregation

Words of Remembrance

Friends

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Joseph Cheng

Mancang Dong

Message

Rev. Tony Hsu

Hymn

In His Time

Congregation

Celebration of Life

Hui Zhu

Xiaoshan Li

Words of Appreciation

Kaisheng Hu

Hymn

Face to Face

Congregation

Benediction

Rev. David Wong

Postlude