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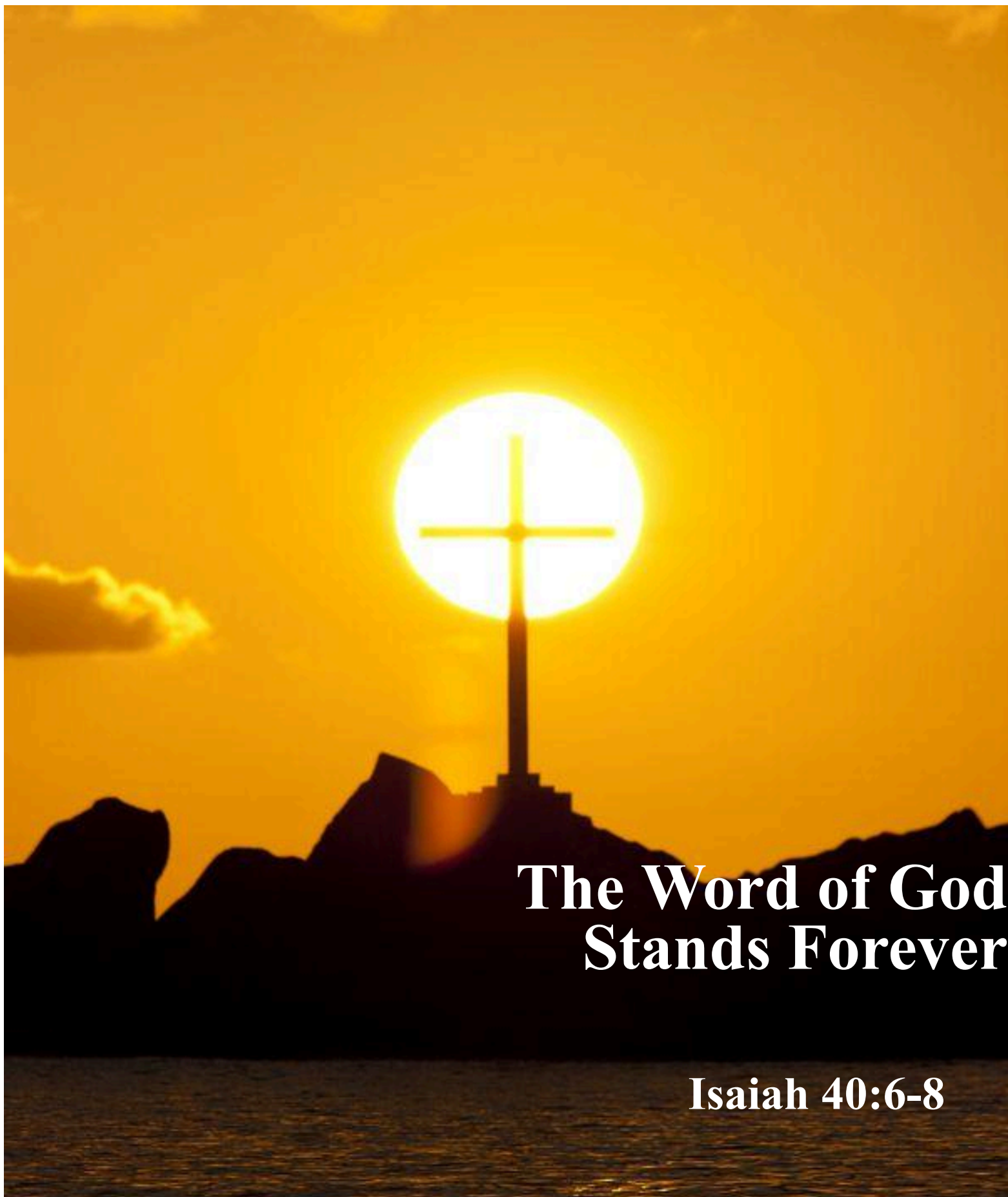
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Stands Forever**

**Isaiah 40:6-8**

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# Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 107:1-2, 8 (CSB)
Welcome	Joshua Lee
Adoration	God Of Wonders The Stand Worthy Is The Lamb
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:6-8 (ESV) Sherman Yeang
Proclamation	The Word of God Stands Forever Tim Eng
Response	Before The Throne Of God Above
Offertory Prayer	Sherman Yeang
Announcements	Kristina Liu
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu

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## **Isaiah 40:6-8 (ESV)**

**6** A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. **7** The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. **8** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

### **Notes:**

If God and His Word are the same, then is it modern Christians who have changed? (If so, how do we compare as a people of faith to Muslims and Jews and others?)

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## Fear Calls for Our Respect!

Fear is often misunderstood, for it usually leads us to experience an emotional response toward an outward threat. Yet, the "Fear" referred to in Scripture is connected to our God and is a comment about not just a temporary emotional feeling but a challenge to our very being. In Ecclesiastes 12:13, it says, "*Fear God and obey His Commands for this is the whole duty of mankind.*" This is a "fear" that calls for our respect and dependency on the Will of God beyond what is convenient or easy!

I confess, in the world in which we live, that I do experience fear. I fear that if our church isn't more bold to focus on evangelism, the Holy Spirit will send his blessing and power elsewhere.

I fear that discipleship is being neglected in favor of worrying about what could be difficult.

I fear that truth is sometimes ignored with a preference for listening to the values of our society.

I fear that we may treat Sunday as our holiday/vacation time more than as a worship time.

I fear that the values and morals of God are becoming lost, even by those of us called Christians?

I fear, greatly, that Christians are being more passive in their faith as we see our church only as a place for religious activity.

I fear that our Christian faith is misunderstood by our youth, as our parents somewhat neglect the responsibility of disciplining their own children.

I fear that pastors don't pray enough for God's complete guidance for us to be shepherds of the church, even as difficult cultural challenges and moral choices surround us.

I fear many things, but most of all, I fear that God is aware of our lack of courage to boldly and proudly stand up toward anyone or anything that constrains our witness for Christ. May we not be distracted by concerns for our own reputations or identity. Remember, we are to serve the Lord with gladness and dedication even beyond what is convenient. Bless You all!

### Announcements

- **Our Combined Thanksgiving Worship Service will be on Sun, Nov 24 at 10 am**, with a fellowship lunch to follow afterwards. Please consider bringing any desserts, fruits, or snacks to be served on the dessert table.
- **Operation Christmas Child 2024 project reminder:** The deadline to return all completed shoeboxes is due today. Please drop off your filled shoeboxes to the foyer outside of the main sanctuary by today. We are asking for volunteers to help load the church van with all boxes on **Sunday, Nov. 24** at noon time. Please meet in the foyer at 12 pm if you are able to volunteer.
- **Baby Bottle Bonanza Fundraising for Women's Pregnancy Center.** Please pick up several baby bottles that are located in the front foyer or in front of the Chapel. You may fill the baby bottles with coins or cash, as a donation to WPC, and bring them back to church on **Sunday, Dec 1st**.
- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship Field Trip on Saturday, Dec 7, 2024** to the Moody Garden "Festival of Lights." The cost is \$32 for individuals 65 years & over or \$37 for those 64 years & under. The cost includes an entrance ticket and a dinner buffet. Please submit your payment before the due date on **Wed, Nov 20, 2024**.
- **Men's Breakfast will be on Sat, Dec 7, 2024** at 8:30 am in room 163. Please RSVP to Pastor Oleg at [pastoroleg@cbchouston.org](mailto:pastoroleg@cbchouston.org).
- **Our Annual Business Meeting** will be held on Sun, Dec 8 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. The Church Annual Report for 2023-2024, the agenda and previous meeting minutes will be ready for pick up in the Foyer. Please take only 1 copy per family. A simple lunch will be served.

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