

FFWPU Int'l: Cheonmyeong Praise Team, Singing with the Heart of Heaven

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Interview with Youth leaders Kim Bo-seong and Park Su-eon



The earliest song of praise recorded in the Bible appears in Exodus 15. After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites offered a song proclaiming God's victory in bringing their deliverance. This moment reveals that praise stands at the heart of worship and serves as a confession of faith. Though the times and forms of worship have changed, the essence of praise as a heartfelt confession to God remains the same. The praise team Cheonmyeong, which left a lasting impression at the recent National Tour Special Worship Services led by the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing and the 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering, also leads weekly praise services on the campus of Sun Moon University. True Peace Magazine spoke with former team leader Kim Bo-seong and newly appointed leader Park Su-eon to learn more about the message and vision Cheonmyeong seeks to share through their music.

Q. When did the Cheonmyeong praise team begin? What led to its formation?

Park Su-eon: The team began in 2023, when Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung, together with UPA cadets, started holding praise services and campus outreach. We were naturally drawn together by our deep desire to experience Heavenly Parent's heart through praise and to draw closer to God.

Kim Bo-seong: Our name, Cheonmyeong (天命), means "those who have received Heaven's mandate." It is a precious name personally bestowed by True Parents through Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung. Just as the name reflects True Parents' love and blessing, Cheonmyeong carries the mission of expressing, through praise, the indescribably profound heart of Heavenly Parent.

Q. How is the Cheonmyeong praise team currently organized?

Kim Bo-seong: Cheonmyeong is made up of three main teams: the praise team, the media (systems) team, and the sermon team. In addition, there are smaller teams that handle areas such as promotion, design, and accounting. The number of members changes every semester, but the group typically includes about 13 to 16 members, based on last year's size.

Park Su-eon: The praise team selects and rehearses the songs for each weekly service, seeking to convey grace through music. The sermon team establishes the theme for each semester and prepares the messages delivered during worship. The media team oversees all technical aspects - such as cameras and sound - ensuring that each service proceeds smoothly from beginning to end. In addition, we have MCs who guide the flow of worship, an accounting team that manages the team's budget and activity funds, and a design and promotions team that creates promotional materials and helps share news of our praise services with the wider campus community.

Q. We understand that Cheonmyeong holds weekly praise services during the semester. What kind of worship service are they?

Park Su-eon: The Cheonmyeong praise services are the times when we can lay down the worries and

concerns we've carried throughout the week and, through praise and prayer, encounter Heavenly Parent and find renewed hope and comfort.

Anyone is welcome to attend - there's no need to register in advance. The praise services are open not only to current students, but also to people from outside the university and even from other regions. For those who can't join us in person, we share a YouTube livestream through an open chat link so people can participate online as well.



①② Youth leaders Kim Bo-seong and Park Su-eon, serving as team leaders of the Cheonmyeong praise team **③** The Cheonmyeong praise team offering songs of grace at the Nationwide Special Worship Tour

Q. With what spirit do you prepare for the weekly praise service?

Kim Bo-seong: For me, the answer always comes down to sincerity. When every step of preparation is carried out with genuine sincerity, that spirit is felt not only through those leading the worship but also through the praise itself. There may be mistakes or moments that fall short, but if our hearts are sincere, that sincerity resonates with everyone who sings and listens together. That is why I often remind our team, "If what we offer is sincere, it will reach every heart. Let us approach everything with true sincerity."

Park Su-eon: I believe preparation is not simply preparation - it is already worship. That is why we approach rehearsals with the same heart and focus as the actual service, striving to move in harmony with one another. Even when we practice, we can feel Heavenly Parent's presence at any time and in any place. On the day of worship, we are filled with gratitude and joy as we offer that praise together with a wider group of young people. And each time we conclude a service, I discover myself renewed - reborn through a profound gratitude toward Heavenly Parent.

Q. How have young people responded to the praise services, and is there anything that has especially stayed with you through those experiences?

Park Su-eon: Many of the young people who have attended our praise services have shared that they experienced a kind of "resurrection of heart," and they continue to return faithfully week after week. For them, the Cheonmyeong praise service has become a healing space - a place where they can lay down the fatigue and stress of the week and find true rest. At the same time, I have come to realize how much the grace of worship can be affected when our preparation falls short or when unexpected technical problems occur. In those moments, we feel the responsibility even more deeply. That is why we carefully reflect on the feedback we receive and strive to prepare each subsequent service with even greater devotion and sincerity.

Q. Cheonmyeong recently participated in the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing National Tour Special Worship Services and the 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering. Was there a particular moment that left a lasting impression on you?

Park Su-eon: Traveling across the nation with our team to offer praise felt like an immense blessing from Heaven. What remains most vivid in my heart are the moments when I was standing at the front of the church to sing, and I looked directly into the faces of the members. I could sense the love and earnest devotion of each person, and it moved me deeply. The times we shared praise together - exchanging energy and spirit with the congregation - are memories I will carry with me for a long time.

Kim Bo-seong: We joined with the hope that our united voices might bring even a small measure of strength to True Parents and to the members. There were many moving moments, but what touched me most was seeing so many members praying and praising with tears. Their life journeys seemed to reach into my heart without words, and in that moment I too received profound grace through praise.

Q. What does "praise" mean to Cheonmyeong?

Park Su-eon: I see praise as a prayer offered to our Heavenly Parent. In those moments of praise, I find myself becoming more honest before Heavenly Parent and freed from everything that weighs me down. Through such experiences, I have come to realize that praise is not merely singing - it is, in essence, a prayer lifted to Heaven. Musical skill and talent certainly have their place, but above all, what matters most is the heart expressed through the lyrics. To sing with a prayerful heart, conveying to Heavenly Parent the words we long to share - that is what praise truly means to us.



The Cheonmyeong praise team praise at the 2026 New Year's Prayer Gathering

Q. Could you share the direction and vision Cheonmyeong is pursuing for the future?

Kim Bo-seong: Rather than a service focused mainly on form, we want to create a praise service that is truly alive and heartfelt. We hope it will be a place where anyone can come to Heavenly Parent without feeling burdened and find comfort and renewed hope. Instead of remaining within the campus, we hope interest in the services will naturally extend beyond the campus and reach even more young people. As the new semester begins and the Cheonmyeong praise services resume, we sincerely hope many will join us again this year.

Park Su-eon: We hope to continue creating meaningful praise services so that more people may come to feel Heavenly Parent's heart. Looking ahead, we plan to experiment with a broader range of both onsite and online content, and to challenge ourselves in writing lyrics and composing music - crafting songs of praise that everyone can sing together. Beyond being simply a university club, our vision is for Cheonmyeong to help nurture a culture of praise in communities and nations around the world. And perhaps one day, Cheonmyeong will be invited to share praise on a global stage.

Praise began as an offering of gratitude and a confession of faith to Heavenly Parent. That confession continues even today, sustaining the lives and devotion of believers. Through their songs, the Cheonmyeong praise team strives to help young people encounter the love and Word of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Their unceasing efforts to discover how best to give voice to Heaven's heart through praise will continue without end. As Cheonmyeong moves forward in shaping and leading a culture of heart, their journey is one to follow with great anticipation and hope.