

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 21 May 2023*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Ephesians 2

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## **A SPECIAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### THE MANIFOLD WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The works of the Holy Spirit are manifold. One of the most profound works of the Spirit of God is what He is doing with reference to the Church.

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<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

1. Members of the Church described in brief
  - a) We are not strangers and foreigners
  - b) We are fellow-citizens with the saints
  - c) We are members of the household of God
  
2. The Foundations of the Church
  - a) The Lord Jesus is the chief cornerstone
  - b) There is the contribution of the apostles and prophets
  
3. The building of the Church
  - a) There are many pieces to fit in together
  - b) There must be constant growth
  
4. The Holy Spirit's work
  - a) He is involved heavily in the building of the Church
  - b) The Church is being built to become the Temple of God
  - c) The Spirit of God is making the Temple the dwelling place of God

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to comprehend more fully the works of the Holy Spirit.

1. He is involved in our Salvation

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2. He is needed for our Sanctification
3. He is also vitally needed in the Spiritual building of the Church, the Temple of God

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## **MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS WEEK** **(22 May – 28 May 2023)**

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Tuesday, 23 May 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 25 May 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 27 May 2023
  - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday, 28 May 2023

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
- d) Children's Worship I | 10.30am
- e) Children's Worship II | 10.30am
- f) Crèche | 10.30am
- g) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**BREAKFAST: JAMES & JOLEEN; JOANNA YAM**

**LUNCH: SOH KEE HOCK & MARY KOH**



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## **Psalm 135:10-12**

*<sup>10</sup> He defeated many nations  
And slew mighty kings—*

*<sup>11</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites,  
Og king of Bashan,  
And all the kingdoms of Canaan—*

*<sup>12</sup> And gave their land as a heritage,  
A heritage to Israel His people.*

### 1. The Conquest of many nations

- a) This was the work of God
- b) All the kingdoms of Canaan were conquered

### 2. The Covenant promise of God

- a) The Land of Canaan was promised to Abraham
- b) This promise was fulfilled when Canaan was given as a heritage to Israel

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 21 May 2023**

**Text: “He will give you another Helper”     John 14:16**

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper,  
that He may abide with you forever—*

1. The prayer of the Lord Jesus

That the Father would give the Holy Spirit as a Helper

2. The Person of the Holy Spirit

a) He will abide with believers forever

b) He will be their Helper always

**NEXT SUNDAY: 28 May 2023**

**Text: “The Spirit of truth”     John 14:17**

*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither  
sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and  
will be in you.*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH

The Church is often seen as a physical edifice;  
That this is a common thought is no surprise.  
The physical building has an important role to play;  
Without a building, programs may be in disarray!

But the Church is much more than a Building;  
It is the Temple of God, the place of His dwelling.  
The Church is built on the apostles and prophets;  
Yet, the Church is never ever fully perfect.

There is a special work of the Spirit of God;  
He is the One prayed for by Christ the Lord.  
He comes as our Helper and our Guide;  
Thank God that He is always alongside.

The work of the Holy Spirit is spiritual;  
His ministry is profound and special.  
His task is to build the Temple of God;  
May we treasure the Spirit of the Lord!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Ephesians 2:19-22

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity  
He thinks, speaks, leads and can also be grieved by us  
At the creation of the world with the Father and Son He was active  
Hovering over the waters like a mother bird hovering over her nestlings

The Old Testament recorded that the Spirit came onto man for specific purposes  
Bezalel was filled with artistic gifts to build the Tent of Meeting  
In our own world today bestowing of such gifts continues  
Handel's Messiah is evidence of the Holy Spirit inspiring and working

More than five hundred years before Christ the Lord declared that He will pour out His  
Spirit  
On all people putting His law in their minds and writing it into their hearts  
Thus they will all from the least to the greatest know the Lord in the age of the Spirit  
John the Baptist heralded the coming of the Spirit before the baptism of Jesus

The Holy Spirit unlocks the truth in the Word of God  
He enables Christians to see the hidden treasures in the Scriptures  
Guiding and speaking to us only what He hears from the Lord  
Let us join Him to praise and bring glory to Lord Jesus

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Exodus 31:3-4; Genesis 11:2; Joel 2: 28-29; Acts 11:6, 28;  
Jeremiah 31:31-34



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ms. Bethany Toong*

*Ms. Lorraine Lai*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

CP 57 | Worthy Of Worship

VIP 721 | Empower Me

## MESSAGE

“A man in whom is the Spirit” | Text: Numbers 27

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## CLOSING HYMN

HWC 367 | Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
Worthy of honour and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,  
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,  
You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'ence, worthy of fear,  
Worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,  
Worthy of all this and added to these...

*Refrain*

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,  
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 721 EMPOWER ME

FREDERICK M. LEHMAN

1. Nobody knows how weak I am better than You.  
Nobody sees all of my needs better than You  
And nobody has the power to change me  
To what I was born to be.  
Jesus, be strong in my weakness: empower me!

Empower me, like a rushing river flowing to the sea.  
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me  
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free.  
Send the power of Your love:  
Empower me!

2. Nobody's eyes see through my soul better than Yours;  
And nobody's love can make me whole, no love but Yours;  
And nobody has the power to lift me to reach for eternity.  
Jesus, break through all my defenses: empower me!

Empower me, like a rushing river flowing to the sea.  
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me  
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free.  
Send the power of Your love:  
Empower me!  
Send the power of Your love:  
Empower, Empower me!  
Send Your love and, Lord, empower me!



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 367 WHEREVER HE LEADS, I'LL GO

B. B. MCKINNEY

1. "Take up thy cross and follow Me,"  
I heard my Master say:  
"I gave My life to ransom thee,  
Surrender your all today."

Refrain

Wherever He leads I'll go,  
Wherever He leads I'll go;  
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,  
Wherever He leads I'll go.

2. He drew me closer to His side,  
I sought His will to know,  
And in that will I now abide,  
Wherever He leads I'll go.

*Refrain*

3. It may be through the shadows dim,  
Or o'er the stormy sea,  
I take the cross and follow Him,  
Wherever He leadeth me.

*Refrain*

4. My heart, my life, my all I bring  
To Christ who loves me so;  
He is my Master, Lord, and King,  
Wherever He leads I'll go.

*Refrain*



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