

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

We thank God for this privilege to be called His people and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3). May our hearts overflow with grateful praise and come before His presence in joyful song this afternoon!



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COME AND WORSHIP

YOU WHO LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH

Water approximately covers 70% of the earth's surface. Yet, we are assured that the earth will never be destroyed by floodwaters as God has promised in His covenant (Genesis 9:9-17). Our Creator and Covenant-Keeping God is to be deeply appreciated.



5 *You who laid the foundations of the earth,
So that it should not be moved forever,*

6 *You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.*

7 *At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.*

8 *They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,*

To the place which You founded for them.

9 *You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,
That they may not return to cover the earth.*

PSALM 104:5-9



1. The foundations of the earth
 - a. God has laid strong and steadfast foundations for the earth
 - b. Upon these foundations, the earth functions and thrives
2. The deep waters of the earth
 - a. The oceans and the seas are described as a garment of the earth
 - b. The waters once covered the earth (Genesis 7)
 - c. They receded at God's command
 - i. In the mountains
 - ii. In the valleys
3. The boundaries God has set
 - a. He is a Covenant-Keeping God
 - b. The waters will not be allowed to deluge the earth again
 - c. God possesses the Power over all that He creates!



APPRECIATING THE POWER OF GOD

Water is essential for life on earth. The entire ecosystem sustains and thrives on water, which God has created in His profound wisdom. Lying on the other spectrum, water has the ability to damage and destroy. Genesis 7 gravely detailed how God destroyed the living things which were on the face of the ground with a Great Flood. This was fulfilled to cease and desist the wickedness of mankind!

God's Power is beyond man's understanding. By His Power alone, He creates and sustains life. At His command, the boundaries of the earth are put in place. May our praise ascend to the LORD for the decreative Power He displays!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

3 JUNE 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Creation Sings the Father's Song
2. By Faith

Olivia Lai

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 3:1-10

Chloe Tang and Laura Chan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

"The Bush was burning with Fire"

Text: Exodus 3:2

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

3 JUNE 2023

“THE BUSH WAS BURNING WITH FIRE”

EXODUS 3:2

CREATION SINGS THE FATHER'S SONG

By Keith and Kristyn Getty

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
Till evening comes in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Chorus:

Hallelujah!
Let all creation stand and sing:
"Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King.



Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.

Chorus

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.

Chorus

(end)





BY FAITH

By Keith and Kristyn Getty


By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.





By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at our last Youth Worship!

YWS MESSAGE - 27 MAY 2023

“GOD REMEMBERED HIS COVENANT”

EXODUS 2:24

INTRODUCTION

1. Three areas of concern are noted in Exodus 1-2
 - a. The children of Israel had become enslaved
 - b. The life of Moses as the son of the daughter of Pharaoh
 - c. The LORD God
2. How do we see the connection?

MOSES FLEEING FROM EGYPT

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, “Why are you striking your companion?”

14 Then he said, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?”

So Moses feared and said, “Surely this thing is known!”

Exodus 2:13-14

1. He was not accepted by the Hebrews
2. He was hunted by Pharaoh because he had killed an Egyptian officer
3. Moses had no choice but to flee from Egypt

MOSES IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How *is it that* you have come so soon today?"

19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."

20 So he said to his daughters, "And where *is* he? Why *is it that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. **22** And she bore *him* a son. He called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

Exodus 2:16-22

1. The scene at a well

- a. Wells were important places
- b. They supplied water for both human beings and animals
- c. The daughters of Reuel, who was a priest, were shepherdesses
- d. They had brought their father's flock to the well
- e. But they were bullied by some shepherds

2. Moses was a gallant young man
 - a. He saw the shepherdesses being bullied by the shepherds
 - b. He went to help the shepherdesses
3. The daughters reported this incident to Jethro
 - a. His daughters were instructed to invite Moses for dinner
 - b. He ended up marrying Zipporah
4. His firstborn was called "Gershom"
To symbolise that he was "a stranger in a foreign land"

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN THE LAND OF EGYPT

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

Exodus 2:23

1. The Pharaoh that had enslaved the children of Israel had died
2. But this did not mean that life was easier
3. If at all, things had become even harder
 - a. The children of Israel groaned because of their bondage
 - b. They cried out
 - c. Their cry came up to God because of their bondage

THE LORD'S RESPONSE TO THE CRIES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged *them*.

Exodus 2:24-25

1. A masterful description of how God responded

- a. God **heard**
- b. God **remembered** His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
 - i. This does not mean that God has forgotten
 - ii. It means that God is going to fulfil what He had promised
- c. God **looked upon** the children of Israel
 - i. He understood them
 - ii. He felt compassion towards them
- d. God **acknowledged** them
 - i. They were the children of Israel
 - ii. They were the descendants of Abraham and Isaac

2. The LORD was now going to execute a great plan

- a. To deliver Israel from Egypt
- b. To bring them into the land of Canaan
- c. To fulfil His covenant promise to the patriarchs of Israel

CONCLUSION

- 1. God knows all the problems we have in our life
- 2. He will respond to us when we cry out to Him
- 3. He will help us overcome life's many challenges



REFLECTIONS

By Vera Kang

Moses' faith

Last week at Youth Worship, we learnt about the faith which Moses possessed but failed to apply at times. Moses displayed faith in choosing to suffer and identify himself with the Hebrews instead of being identified as the son of Pharaoh's daughter (Hebrews 11:24). However, Moses failed to apply faith when he killed the Egyptian officer who was beating a Hebrew slave (Exodus 2:11-12). Moses sought to resolve the dispute according to his own wisdom and this caused him to falter. After fleeing from Egypt to evade the Pharaoh's wrath, Moses sought to apply faith in the Lord's protection and presence, seeing Him who is invisible (Hebrews 11:27).





Distinction between ‘my faith’ and ‘by faith’

Our faith is meant to be a real and active one, and thus we cannot stop at simply having faith. Pastor gave the analogy of “changing gears” in how we could apply faith. Just as the gears must be intentionally changed for a car to perform well, we cannot apply faith in the same manner for every problem we encounter. The content of our faith should be that 1. God hears, 2. God remembers His Covenant, 3. God looks upon us and 4. God acknowledges us (Exodus 2:24). Hiding these truths in our heart would allow us to apply our faith in different circumstances, that we may truly approach life “by faith”. God’s response to the cries of the children of Israel amidst their bondage is also a precious reminder that He will similarly respond to and help us when we cry out to Him.



Seeking to apply faith

For me, this lesson has prompted me to evaluate if my faith is a passive one. At times, I find myself turning to faith as a last resort out of sheer desperation or limiting the situations where I would involve faith. For instance, I tend to exercise faith during examinations, but I recognise that faith can be applied even in my everyday tasks or in my relationships with others. Thus, I am seeking to apply faith in all situations, and to also approach all areas of my life with a faith perspective. To discover how exactly I may apply faith in different contexts, I seek to truly believe and understand that God hears me, He will fulfil His promises, He shows concern for me and will acknowledge me. This understanding is deepened through diligently meditating on His Word!

May we all cultivate a growing and active faith that will see us through the different stages of life!

A TERRIBLE CRIME

Dinah was the daughter of Leah;
She made friends with the neighbours.
She visited her Hivite friends;
But this visit came to a bad end!

Shechem was a prince of the Hivite people;
He met and raped Dinah with no scruples.
Hamor was the king and he ruled the land;
Shechem asked him to make wedding plans.

The rape of Dinah reached Jacob's ears;
He held his peace till his sons appeared.
They had been out in the fields that day;
Jacob had to keep their anger at bay!

The brothers felt deeply shame and sorrow;
For Dinah would have a bleak tomorrow.
The brothers of Dinah were full of dark anger;
But how could they fight their neighbours?

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 34:1-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR CAMP 2023

We thank God for His abundant blessings bestowed upon the Junior Camp this week! Many of the children had a memorable and meaningful experience at Camp. With grateful hearts, we also thank God for all who have served as Helpers. Your labour of love and service to the Lord are deeply appreciated!



NEXT YWS



10 JUNE 2023

Message: "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?"

Text: Exodus 3:11

God had revealed to Moses His plan of delivering the Hebrew slaves from the tyranny of the Egyptians. Moses was the chosen man to lead the people of Israel to Canaan. Stunned by what he heard, doubts and feelings of inadequacy clouded Moses' mind. He was only a humble shepherd! How could he undertake the seemingly impossible task of leading the people of Israel out?

Not only did God assure him of His Presence, He also outlined a clear plan of action for Moses. Pharaoh's rejection and resistance were also forewarned. What Moses would need most was to strengthen his faith and acknowledgement of God's Power and Presence!

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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