

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 that we can gather in His House to worship Him. May our hearts be revived, renewed and rejuvenated as we glean deeper insights from the study of the Lord's Word!



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THE TREES OF THE LORD ARE FULL OF SAP

While stepping into Bethany, have you observed the beautifully groomed garden at the front porch? Lining at the side of the walkway from the entrance, you will also be greeted with pots of flourishing plants and blossoming flowers. You may even spot some delectable low-hanging fruits, waiting to be harvested!

Every healthy plant reflects the meticulous care and love of a gardener. Here, we read of the trees that are planted and tended by the LORD.

“

16 The trees of the LORD are full of *sap*,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
18 The high hills *are* for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

PSALM 104:16-18

”

1. The health of the trees

Psalm 104:16

- a. They are full of sap and growing well
- b. They are strong and luscious



2. The type of trees planted

a. Cedars of Lebanon Psalm 104:16

i. Lebanon was an area well-known for its strong and stately trees

ii. It was famous for its cedar trees which were:

1. Mighty
2. Majestic
3. Magnificent

iii. Fir trees Psalm 104:17

1. They are coniferous
2. They are evergreen

3. Animals are provided for too

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| a. The birds | Psalm 104:17a |
| b. The stork | Psalm 104:17b |
| c. The wild goats | Psalm 104:18a |
| d. The badgers | Psalm 104:18b |



LEARNING TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH

The LORD's care for the earth is to be deeply appreciated. He has wonderfully blessed all living creatures with His provision. As children of God, we will do well to cultivate a heart like our Gardener. Attentive care and practical love can be expressed by each individual for the planet Earth and extended to the Church. Having a permanent and beautiful premise to worship the LORD must never be taken for granted! May we always tend to the LORD's house with grateful hands and hearts!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

24 JUNE 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Spirit Wings

Stanley Woo

2. Whatever You Ask

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:13-23

Laura Chan, Bethany Toong
and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

“And Moses took the rod of God
in his hand”

Text: Exodus 4:20

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

24 JUNE 2023


**“AND MOSES TOOK THE ROD OF GOD
IN HIS HAND”**

EXODUS 4:20

WORSHIP SONGS

SPIRIT WINGS

By Joni Eareckson Tada

An illustration of numerous birds in flight, scattered across the page. Some are on the left, some on the right, and some in the center, all appearing to fly upwards and outwards. The birds are simple black silhouettes.

Some birds live in cages,
They never learn to fly,
And like those birds
I never found my wings.

But Lord, Your love released me
So I could see the sky,
And now my heart rejoices as I sing.

Chorus:

Spirit wings,
You lift me over all the earthbound things,
And like a bird my heart is flying free.
I'm soaring on the song Your spirit brings.

Oh Lord of all, (Oh Lord of all,)
You let me see, (You let me see,)
A vision of, (A vision of,)
Your majesty, (Your majesty,)
You lift me up (You lift me up)
And carry me on Your Spirit wings.

Now when I'm feeling lonely I just look to You,
And soon my heart is soaring high above.
Ev'rything is clearer from Your point of view,
Lifted up on Spirit wings of love.

Chorus

(end)



Chorus:

Spirit wings,
You lift me over all the earthbound things,
And like a bird my heart is flying free.
I'm soaring on the song Your spirit brings.

Oh Lord of all, (Oh Lord of all,)
You let me see, (You let me see,)
A vision of, (A vision of,)
Your majesty, (Your majesty,)
You lift me up (You lift me up)
And carry me on Your Spirit wings.

(end)



WHATEVER YOU ASK

By Phil McHugh and Michele Wagner

Lord, I see the things You ask of me,
Faithfulness, holiness and purity.
I love Your truth,
I long to show it to the world for You.
So Lord, I need Your help to understand,
The other person that I sometimes am,
I never want to live a day that I can't say to You;

Chorus

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You,
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.
Lord, whatever You ask,
I know that You can give me wisdom,
And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.

I face so much that steals away,
The will to make the time to serve or pray,
And there are days I don't take up
Your cross and follow You.
But I have learned that I can talk to You,
You know everything I'm going through;
If I'll just ask I'll find that You're right there
Providing me with the strength I need.



Chorus

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.

Lord, whatever You ask,
I know that You can give me wisdom
And courage to equal the task
Lord, whatever You ask.

I know that You can give me wisdom
And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.

Whatever You ask.

Whatever You ask.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 17 JUNE 2023

"I WILL BE WITH YOUR MOUTH AND TEACH YOU"

EXODUS 4:12

INTRODUCTION

1. We worry about many things in life
 - a. Our ability to cope with life
 - b. Our fear of being overwhelmed
2. We also worry about how we may serve the Lord
 - a. We worry about being inadequate to serve successfully
 - b. We worry that we do not have enough knowledge or skills in speaking well

MORE FEARS OF MOSES EXPRESSED

Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

Exodus 4:1

1. Fear that no one would believe him
2. Fear of rejection from the people
3. These fears
 - a. They were real
 - b. They were deep-seated
 - c. They were difficult to overcome
 - d. Moses could not overcome his fears by himself
 - e. He would need divine help

GOD'S ANSWER TO THE WORRIES AND FEARS I

2 So the LORD said to him, "What *is* that in your hand?"
He said, "A rod."

3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand),

5 "that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Exodus 4:2-5

1. God had to show Moses His power
2. Turning a harmless Rod into a Deadly serpent
3. God's Power was shown
 - a. Undeniable
 - b. Unlimited
 - c. Surely, this must cause one to have faith in the LORD!

GOD'S ANSWER TO THE WORRIES AND FEARS II

6 Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous, like snow.

7 And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his *other* flesh.

8 "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign.

Exodus 4:6-8

1. A normal hand becoming Leprous
2. A leprous hand healed and restored to normal
3. The hoped-for results:
 - a. That people may believe
 - b. Two mighty signs consecutively
 - c. This must surely help to increase faith

GOD'S ANSWER TO THE WORRIES AND FEARS III

8 “Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign.

9 And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour *it* on the dry *land*. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land*.”

Exodus 4:8-9

1. A third sign was offered
2. Three signs would be performed by Moses consecutively
3. Surely, that would go a long way to establish faith in God

CONTINUED UNBELIEF IN THE HEART OF MOSES

Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

Exodus 4:10

1. Moses protested
 - a. He was not eloquent
 - b. He was slow of speech and slow of tongue
2. Unbelief
 - a. This was very strong
 - b. Moses was unable to make progress

GOD'S FURTHER WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD?

12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

Exodus 4:11-12

1. Moses' fears were unfounded
2. God's answers were more than sufficient to combat any fears
 - a. God is the Maker
 - b. He is the LORD of hosts
 - c. He would be there with Moses
 - d. God would help him all the way!

CONCLUSION

1. We need to fight the problem of unbelief
2. We need to exercise faith as a response to God's word
3. Let's learn how to discern and directly order the Lord's commandments

REFLECTIONS

By Rayne Quek

The power of God shown to Moses

Last week at Youth Worship, we learnt from a familiar passage of Moses' doubts about God sending him to Egypt. Moses feared that people would not believe him and had many doubts on the possible outcomes of going into Egypt. God acknowledged Moses' doubts and showed Moses His divine power. God provided Moses with three demonstrations of His power. Firstly, He turned a rod into a deadly serpent. Secondly, He turned Moses' hand leprous and restored it completely. And lastly, if the people of Egypt were still not convinced, Moses would take water from the river, pour it on the ground and it would turn into blood. These signs were meant to encourage Moses' faith. However, he still had doubts. He felt inadequate to perform what God had tasked him to do as he thought he was "slow of speech" and "slow of tongue". Once again, God offered Moses His assurance. He reminded Moses that He would be there with him when he spoke to Pharaoh. This helped to allay Moses' fears.



God's Promise to be with us

We learnt that God was with Moses, and we can trust that God will be with us too. Whenever we face any struggles, we are not alone. God is with us and constantly helping us. It is not by our own capabilities that we are able to get through the struggles. It is only by God's gracious hand that we can overcome our challenges. When we face unbelief, we should learn to exercise faith in the sufficiency of God, and that He will be with us always.

God's Power seen in our lives

An example of God's power and sufficiency is shown in Bethany. As Bethany celebrates its 50th Anniversary, we see how God has kept and protected us over the years. Through challenging times such as the Covid-19 pandemic, God's power was sufficient to safekeep Bethany. As such, when we are called to serve, like Moses, we should not let our minds be filled with doubts but rather focus on having faith in God. As we respond with faith, God will be able to guide us, help us and challenge us to grow further and strengthen our faith.

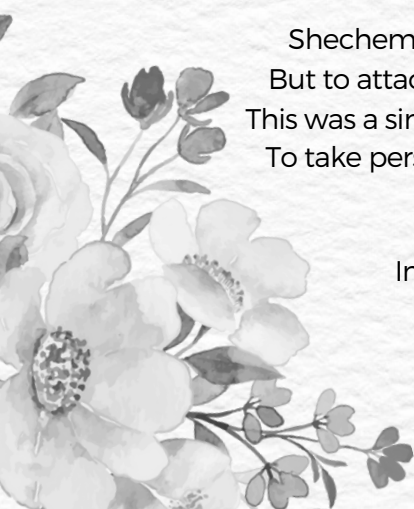


A VENGEFUL ATTACK ON THE HIVITES

Simeon and Levi were the full brothers of Dinah;
They were greatly angered by the rape of their sister.
They plotted and planned their revenge against Shechem;
But what they did was an uncalled-for deed of shame!

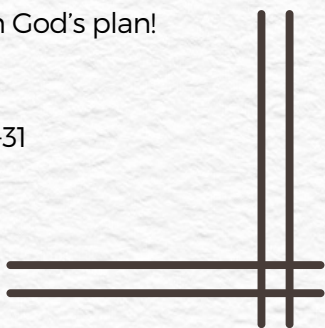
They had deceived the Hivites to have circumcision;
They launched an attack on them with bad intention.
They were out for revenge against the Hivites;
The deadly assault brought them perverse delight!

Jacob was aghast when he found out their foul deed;
He had to give them a needed strong rebuke indeed!
But the brothers were adamant concerning revenge;
They insisted that they had done no wrong to avenge!



Shechem did wrong when he raped Dinah;
But to attack and kill the Hivites was a disaster.
This was a sin that was most foul to God and man;
To take personal revenge is never in God's plan!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 34:25-31



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YW NEWSLETTER (24 JUNE 2023)



Faith is made real, relevant and concrete when we seek to apply it into our lives diligently. In this week's issue, Shayna shares with us how she is learning to develop a personal and practical faith in the LORD, through the challenges of school.

Scan QR code to read more:



CELEBRATION OF BETHANY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE (50TH ANNIVERSARY)



We celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness and goodness upon Bethany. May we remember the LORD's wondrous Works and declare His Strength and Power with zeal and zest!

We will be having a special Anniversary Lunch.
The details are as follows:

Date: 27 August 2023 (Sunday)

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Worship will be at 10.30 am.

Lunch will commence at 12.15 pm.

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible.

You may sign up using the QR Code below.



NEXT YWS



1 JULY 2023

Message: "The people believed"

Text: Exodus 4:31

The lack of a common faith in the family can cause potential conflict and problems. Moses was to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, yet his own sons were not circumcised as part of the Abrahamic covenant. Zipporah, a Midianite, was obviously upset that her sons had to undergo the rite of circumcision and refused to return to Egypt with Moses. Despite that, Moses chose to obey the Lord and met with the people of Israel.

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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