

# 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!

A great and special joy given by the LORD is a blessing we must treasure. As we enter into Worship, may we echo the words of Paul “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## The works of His hands

As we read Psalm 111, we glean deeper insights into what characterises the works of God.

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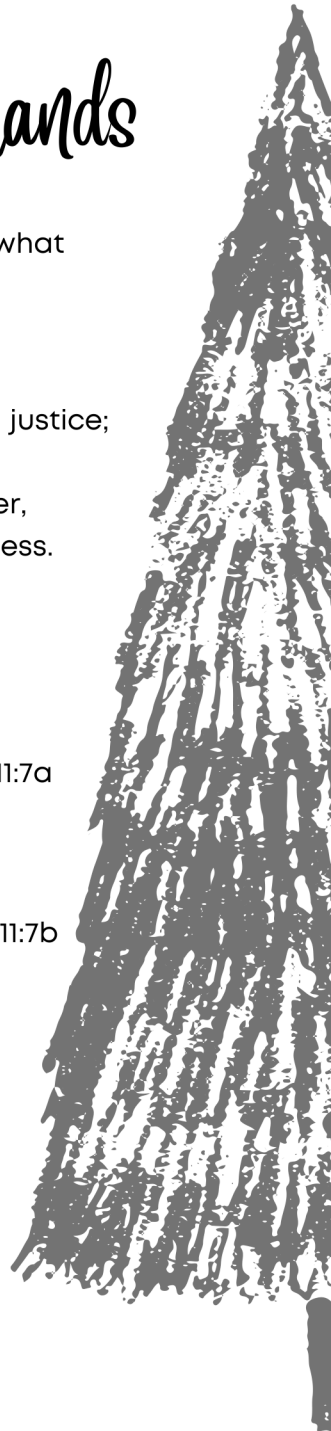
**7** The works of His hands *are* verity and justice;  
All His precepts *are* sure.

**8** They stand fast forever and ever,  
And *are* done in truth and uprightness.

### PSALM 111:7-8

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| 1. The Works of God's hands                     | Psalm 111:7a |
| a. They are done in truth (verity)              |              |
| b. They are performed in divine justice         |              |
| 2. The basis of God's Works                     | Psalm 111:7b |
| a. They are established upon His Word           |              |
| b. His works will never deviate from His truths |              |
| 3. The Word of God                              |              |
| a. They are certain and definite Psalm 111:7c   |              |
| b. They endure forever                          |              |
| 4. Truth and Uprightness                        |              |
| a. These are attributes of God                  |              |
| b. His works are also characterised by them     |              |



## **CONTEMPLATING THE WORKS OF GOD**

The works of God are most definite and distinct. One can discern the LORD's distinguished works by His glory, honour, verity and justice.

The Word of God is inextricably linked to His Works. Truth will always be a hallmark of all that God does. This is why as a Church, diligent efforts are placed into studying the Scriptures, so that we may do the works of God according to His precepts.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary next week, let us contemplate the works of God purposefully and prayerfully. Let us stand in awe of the LORD and be spurred to attempt greater things for Him who is most deserving!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

19 AUGUST 2023

### Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Come People of the Risen King
2. Outside These Walls

Ong Yanning

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 8:16-32

Tessa Kang, Chloe Tang,

Bethany Toong and Laura Chan

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Message:

"This is the finger of God"

Text: Exodus 8:19

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey



# MY NOTES

19 AUGUST 2023

**“THIS IS THE FINGER OF GOD”**

EXODUS 8:19

## COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

By Stuart Townend

Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.



For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!

Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

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# OUTSIDE THESE WALLS

By Brent Lamb


Within these walls we join our hearts;  
We come together to be set apart.  
But worshipping on Sunday  
Is just a way to hide,  
If we can't face on Monday  
The dying world outside.

Do the crying know we care?  
Do the lonely find us there?  
Are we so involved  
We do not hear them call?

Everywhere men are searching;  
They're wond'ring why they're hurting.  
Do they see the love of Jesus at all  
Outside these walls?

Within our hearts He planted a seed,  
A love we can count on  
For everything we need.

But safe in our seclusion, how can we grow  
When outside these walls  
Are fields we need to sow?



Do the crying know we care?  
Do the lonely find us there?  
Are we so involved  
We do not hear them call?

Everywhere men are searching;  
They're wond'ring why they're hurting.  
Do they see the love of Jesus at all  
Outside these walls?

Lord, through our lives  
Please let others see  
Your love reflecting  
Through us perfectly.

And let the crying know we care,  
Let the lonely find us there.  
Don't be so involved  
We do not hear them call.

Everywhere men are searching,  
They're wond'ring why they're hurting.  
Let them see the love of Jesus in our song  
Outside these walls.

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 12 AUGUST 2023**

### **“ENTREAT THE LORD THAT HE MAY TAKE AWAY THE FROGS” EXODUS 8:8**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The 1st Plague  
Water turned to Blood
2. The Magicians seemed to be able to duplicate this feat
3. The Pharaoh was not overly impressed!

#### **MOSES WAS SENT TO PHARAOH WITH A WORD FROM GOD**

**1** And the LORD spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD : “Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

**2** But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs.

**3** So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls.

**4** And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants.” ’ ’

Exodus 8:1-4



## 1. The Message to Pharaoh

- a. "Thus says the LORD"
- b. "Let My people go, that they may serve Me" Exodus 8:1

## 2. The Word of Warning of the 2nd Plague

- a. If Pharaoh refused to give heed and to obey God
- b. God will smite "all your territory with frogs" Exodus 8:2
- c. The River Nile will bring forth frogs abundantly
- d. It would be an Invasion of frogs!
  - i. Into your house
  - ii. Into your bedroom
  - iii. On your bed
  - iv. Into the houses of your servants
  - v. On your people
  - vi. Into your ovens
  - vii. Into your kneading bowls Exodus 8:3
- e. No one would be spared
  - i. The house of the Pharaoh
  - ii. The houses of his people
  - iii. The houses of his servants Exodus 8:4

## THE COMMAND TO AARON

**5** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.' "

**6** So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:5-6

1. Aaron was to stretch out his hand and his rod
  - a. Over the streams
  - b. Over the rivers
  - c. Over the ponds

2. The frogs would respond and invade Egypt

### **THE STRANGE STRATEGY OF THE MAGICIANS**

And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:7

1. They could use their enchantments to bring up frogs
2. But why would they want to do that?

### **THE PHARAOH'S CHANGE OF ATTITUDE**

Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

Exodus 8:8

1. The Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron
  - a. This was unusual
  - b. He spoke to them without his usual arrogance
2. His request
  - a. To entreat the LORD
  - b. To take away the frogs
    - i. From him
    - ii. From his people

### 3. His promise

- a. He would let the people of Israel go
- b. So that they may worship the LORD
- c. This was a huge change

## **INTERVIEW: THE PHARAOH AND MOSES**

**9** And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept the honour of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, *that* they may remain in the river only."

**10** So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "*Let it be* according to your word, that you may know that *there is* no one like the LORD our God.

**11** And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."

Exodus 8:9-11

- 1. Moses speaks to the Pharaoh directly now
- 2. He did not need to use Aaron as his spokesman now
- 3. He asked Pharaoh when he would like Moses to intercede on his behalf
- 4. Pharaoh's reply: "Tomorrow"

## 5. Moses' Response

a. "Let it be according to your word"

Exodus 8:10a

b. "That you may know that *there is* no one like the LORD our God"

Exodus 8:10b

c. The Frogs

"And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."

Exodus 8:11

## THE INTERCESSION OF MOSES

**12** Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh.

**13** So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields.

**14** They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.

Exodus 8:12-14

1. Moses prayed to the LORD Exodus 8:12

2. "The LORD did according to the word of Moses"

Exodus 8:13


3. The frogs died wherever they were found  
The land stank because of the dead frogs

Exodus 8:14


## THE HARDENING OF THE HEART OF PHARAOH

But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

Exodus 8:15

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1. Relief came to the Pharaoh and the land of Egypt
  2. The Pharaoh hardened his heart
  3. He would not heed the word of the LORD

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Lessons from Moses
    - a. He grew braver
    - b. He became more confident
    - c. He prayed effectively
  2. Lessons from the Pharaoh
    - a. He hardened his heart further
    - b. He would not heed the word of the LORD
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# REFLECTIONS

By Tessa Kang

## **The Second Plague**

Last week, we learned about the second plague. Despite the first plague, Pharaoh continued to harden his heart, refusing to let the people of Israel go. In the second plague, the LORD's mighty hand unleashed frogs onto the land of Egypt. This plague reflected the LORD's great power, as the frogs invaded the land, entering homes and affecting the lives of the people of Egypt. It affected the land so much and it seemed that Pharaoh was beginning to relent as he requested for Moses to entreat the LORD. However, despite the cessation of the second plague, Pharaoh's heart remained hard, refusing yet again to let the LORD's people go free.

## **The Impact of these Plagues**

Behind these plagues, we see the power of the LORD. It was not Moses or Aaron who controlled the plagues. Only the LORD is able to cause frogs to cover the entire land of Egypt and only He is able to destroy these frogs and send them back to the river. By the request for Moses to entreat the LORD, Pharaoh recognised that there was a higher power in control.





Yet, the impact of this recognition was insignificant, as Pharaoh continued to outrightly reject the LORD and His command, refusing to let the people of Israel go.

### **To Appreciate the LORD's Hand in our Lives**

Though it is unlikely that we will see a colony of frogs sweeping across our country, we can still see the LORD's hand in our lives. This is something that I recognise and deeply appreciate. It is because of the LORD that I am who I am today. His presence has given me the strength and ability to go through every stage of my life and till now, as I embark on this new phase as a university student. However, I am aware that I have a vital role to play in this walk of faith. For this faith to grow significantly and to have a lasting impact on my life, I know that I have to actively seek the LORD with all my whole heart.

I am thus deeply challenged to continue growing in my faith, by making a constant effort to hide the LORD's Word in my heart and using His Word as a shield against the doubts and struggles I face in my life. May we seek to find deep insights when reading the Word of God, to grow in wisdom and knowledge of God and to allow the LORD's Word to become more personal in our lives each and every day.



## THE SONS OF ESAU

Esau wept copiously with sadness and anger;  
He was robbed of a blessing by his brother.  
He pleaded with Isaac to offer another blessing;  
Isaac was moved to cry out to God, humbly pleading.

Isaac could not reverse what he had asked from God;  
Jacob would have the first-born blessing from the LORD.  
Isaac would serve under his brother's yoke for some time;  
But he too would be blessed by God in His mercy divine.

Things turned out very well for Esau, the elder twin;  
He had a family that produced many strong offspring.  
Esau's family became a small nation called Edom;  
Esau and his strong sons had become a kingdom.

There were many who became chieftains;  
In time they became a powerful nation.  
The prayer for Esau by Isaac was answered;  
Prayer is a privilege not to be taken for granted.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 27:39-40; 36

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CELEBRATION OF BETHANY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE (27 AUGUST 2023)**

With great excitement, we will be celebrating our Golden Jubilee next Sunday at Shangri-La. More than a thousand voices will sing praises to the LORD as we recount His great, glorious and honourable works! Let us look forward to a refreshing and rejuvenating time through Worship and Fellowship!

## **NO YW NEXT SATURDAY (26 AUGUST 2023)**

In view of the preparations for our Golden Jubilee Celebration next Sunday (27 August 2023), we will not have Youth Worship next Saturday (26 August 2023).

Youth Worship will resume on **2 September 2023**, with the change in location to **Auditorium 4-7 and 4-8**.

# NEXT YWS



**2 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Message: "The LORD will make a difference"

Text: Exodus 9:4

Rejecting the LORD's forbearance and patience towards him, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened and unmoved. The LORD would now strike the livestock of Egypt with a severe pestilence and the land of Egypt with boils. Will these cause the Pharaoh to relent? What is God's purpose and plan behind every plague He performs?

Find out more at Youth Worship on 2 September!



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