

# 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!

O what joy it is to gather as the Lord's special people! May we seek to proclaim His excellent praises and serve Him with a heart of gladness and gratitude!



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## HE DOES NOT FORGET

### *The Cry of the Humble*

When the storms of life threaten to accost and evil seems to reign, one may doubt whether the LORD is truly near. Yet, we must pause to remember that God does not forget the cry of the humble.

**11** Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!  
Declare His deeds among the people.

**12** When He avenges blood, He remembers them;  
He does not forget the cry of the humble.

**PSALM 9:11-12**

#### 1. The Person of God

a. He is a Just Judge

Psalms 9:7

i. He avenges blood

ii. He remembers the deeds of the wicked

Psalms 9:12a

b. He is a Refuge

i. For the oppressed

Psalms 9:9

ii. For the humble

Psalms 9:12b



## 2. The Presence of God

- a. He dwells in Zion
- b. He dwells among His people

Psalms 9:11



## 3. The Promise of God

- a. He does not forget His people
- b. He hears the cry of the humble

Psalms 9:12b

## 4. The Praises of God

- a. Let us praise the LORD for who He is
- b. Let us declare His wondrous deeds

Psalms 9:11

## PRAYING TO THE LORD WHO HEARS

Our hearts grieve as we read of the growing death tolls and news of bloodshed and depravity arising from the attack of Hamas against Israel. Countless continue to be victimised, and the impact of the consequential strife are unimaginable and devastating.

As people of the LORD, our prayers must ascend to Him ever more fervently. Our pleas are not uttered in despair, but in revived faith that the LORD's sovereignty shall still prevail. Our hope lies in the LORD who will not relent in dealing with the wicked. He is surely mindful of the plight of the humble. In such tumultuous times, let us hold fast to our faith in God indeed!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

14 OCTOBER 2023

### Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Alive with Christ

Stanley Woo

2. My Centre

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 12:14-28

Laura Chan and Asia Tan

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Message:

"An everlasting ordinance"

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Exodus 12:14

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey



# MY NOTES

14 OCTOBER 2023

**“AN EVERLASTING ORDINANCE”**

EXODUS 12:14

# WORSHIP SONGS

## *Alive with Christ*

Lyrics and Music: Benjamin Chong; Arrangement: Gary Kwang

Once we walked according to this world,  
We lived in the lust of the flesh.  
Once we were children of wrath;  
Dead in our sin, we were hopeless then.

### **Chorus:**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love,  
Though we were dead, made us alive, alive with Christ!  
Now we are His workmanship, created in Christ for this,  
That we should walk in the good works that were prepared for us.

We thank our Lord for it was through His grace,  
That we can serve Him at all.  
We thank our Lord, it was sinners He came to save  
For we were dead now made alive forevermore.

### **Chorus:**

For God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love,  
Though we were dead, made us alive, alive with Christ!  
Now we are His workmanship, created in Christ for this,  
That we should walk in the good works that were prepared for us.

All glory, praise and laud be to God!

(end)

# My CENTRE

Words and Music by Dennis and Nan Allen

Arranged by Dennis Allen

So many decisions,  
I don't know where to start.  
Do I go with what my head tells me,  
Or listen to my heart?  
Standing in the middle,  
I'm truly overwhelmed  
By all I'm trying to handle all by myself.

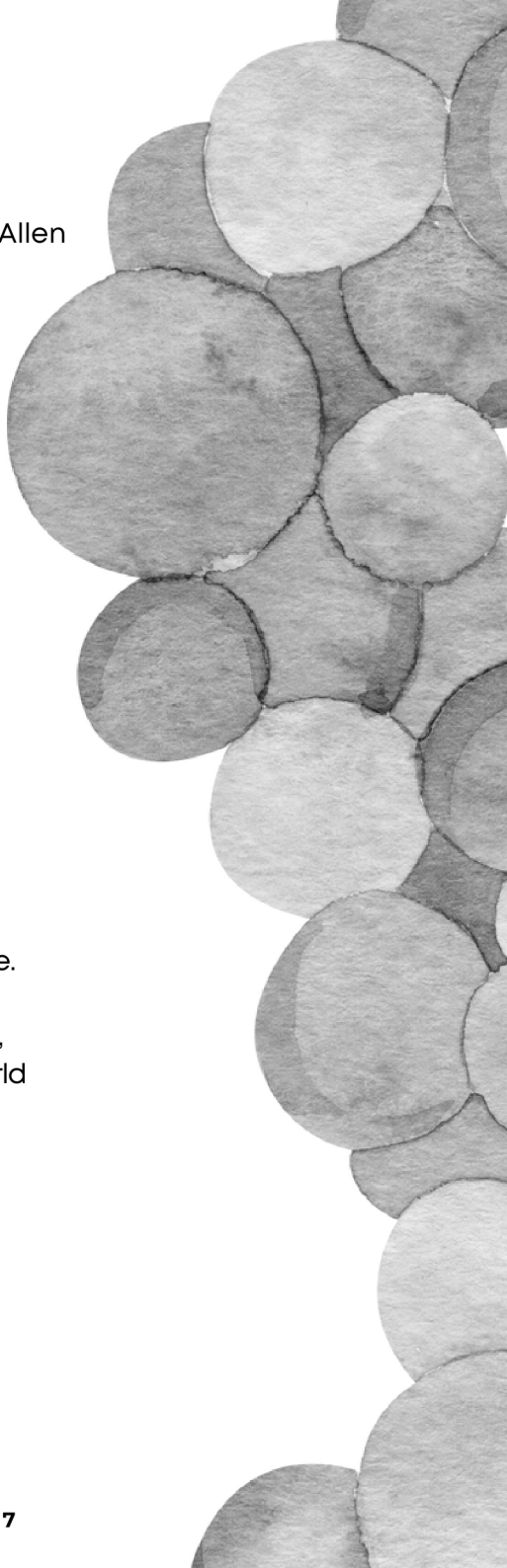
## **Chorus:**

Out on the edge with You as my centre,  
The point around which  
All my world revolves.  
Every question can find an answer,  
Every problem can be solved.  
Things seem clearer  
And I can see You work,  
But only when I first, make You my centre.

It's so amazing, tho' it really shouldn't be,  
How You work each day around the world  
Without much help from me.  
I know I've found myself  
Sometimes in Your way.  
Remind me, Lord,  
When I should stay in my place.

## **Chorus x2**

**(end)**



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 7 OCTOBER 2023**

### **“THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN FOR YOU”**

#### **EXODUS 12:13**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

##### **1. Review the Plagues**

- a. Blood
- b. Frogs
- c. Lice
- d. Flies
- e. Disease on livestock
- f. Boils
- g. Hail
- h. Locusts
- i. Thick Darkness

##### **2. The last Plague**

- a. This has huge significance
- b. The children of Israel would have to be prepared
  - i. Physically
  - ii. Spiritually

#### **THE BEGINNING OF MONTHS**

**1** Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

**2** “This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

Exodus 12:1-2

1. This was so significant God determined its application
2. This was to be the beginning of the spiritual year for the nation of Israel

## **PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER**

**3** Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household.

**4** And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

**5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats.

**6** Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

Exodus 12:3-6

1. The Household
  - a. A lamb for the household
  - b. Households can be combined
2. The lamb
  - a. First year
  - b. Sheep or Goat
  - c. To be without blemish
  - d. To be kept for 4 days

## THE SLAYING OF THE LAMB

**7** And they shall take *some* of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

**8** Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

**9** Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

**10** You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

**11** And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It *is* the Lord's Passover.

Exodus 12:7-11

1. The lamb is to be slain
  - a. At twilight
  - b. Symbolic of the darkness that prevailed
2. The blood of the lamb
  - a. Its blood is to be applied
  - b. On the lintel and the doorposts
3. The meat of the lamb
  - a. It must be eaten
  - b. It must be roasted
  - c. The whole of the lamb must be consumed
4. How the Passover Meal is to be partaken of
  - a. Girded up fully
  - b. Ready to leave Egypt
  - c. It would take Faith to trust the LORD

## THE LAST PLAGUE

**12** 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.

**13** Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:12-13

1. Passing over the land of Egypt in the night
2. All the firstborn would be struck dead
  - a. Man
  - b. Beast
  - c. All the gods of Egypt
3. The Judgement of God
  - a. Forewarned
  - b. Fulfilled
4. God will pass over
  - a. Over all homes that had blood on the lintel and the door posts
  - b. The plague would not affect them

## LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

1. To revere the LORD
2. To exercise faith in His word
3. To remember this significant experience
4. To relate to the LORD meaningfully

# REFLECTIONS

## By Laura Chan

Last week at Youth Worship, we read about how the LORD gave the children of Israel instructions on how to prepare for the Passover. The LORD also depicted what would happen during the final plague, which was the death of every firstborn in Egypt, including Pharaoh's household.

### **Preparing for the Passover**

Before the LORD could carry out the final plague, the children of Israel had to heed the specific instructions given by Moses, from the Lord Himself. Whether it was the manner of choosing the sacrificial lamb or partaking of the Passover meal, it had to be thoroughly prepared for and done according to how the LORD instructed. From this plan of redemption of the Israelites, we see how every detail was well-planned and very intentional on the LORD's part. He intended for the Israelites to be a part of His plan, and intended for them to respond with reverence and thankfulness to Him. This was meant to be a life-impacting experience for them!

### **Appreciating the work of salvation in a new light**

Just like how the blood from the sacrificial lamb was a sign to God for Him not to strike the households of Israel with His wrath, the blood of Christ was enough to satisfy God's wrath for all sinners.

Because all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), the only outcome for sin is judgement by God, as He is a righteous and holy God who cannot co-exist with sin.





Yet, because the LORD loves and wants to have a relationship with us, He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to die for our sins, as He was the only acceptable Sacrificial Lamb to pay for all sins and satisfy God's wrath against all sinners. This alone awes me because the LORD's plan of salvation was so carefully and intentionally carried out, and it was meant to save ALL, not just the Jews, but the Gentiles as well. And it is because of this work of salvation that I am already made complete in Him (Colossians 2:10), and it is now on my part to actively relate to God and walk right before Him.

### **Challenge to have an intentional faith-life**

Learning from the Scriptures and reflecting on the lessons taught have impacted me to also be more intentional whilst relating to God, and not going to Him only when it is convenient or out of dire need. I learnt the significance of planning to set aside time for God each day to meditate on His Word, and relate to Him in prayer. Whether it is to seek Him for daily cleansing or praising Him for who He is, I learnt how to relate to God intentionally. I saw this change in the way I served in church too, whether it was preparing my heart and spirit before beginning a time of worship, or ensuring I was thoroughly prepared to serve Him by practising how to read the Scriptures effectively. As I acknowledge God as the LORD of my life, I want to cultivate my heart and spirit and do my best for Him in service, as He deserves nothing but the best from me.



## A SHAMEFUL DEED

Judah had promised to give his son in marriage;  
But when Shelah had grown up, he hesitates.  
He fears that his last son would also die;  
This fear caused him, his promise, to deny.

Judah went out and found a harlot in town;  
He sought her services without a frown.  
He gave tokens to the harlot he had visited;  
This was his daughter-in-law, who was neglected.

News came to his ears of her infidelity;  
His anger was one tainted by hypocrisy.  
He found out that he was the one responsible;  
The truth was made known, he was reprehensible.

Judah had failed on many counts;  
He had allowed his sins to abound.  
This shameful deed had sad consequences;  
He now has to live with a guilty conscience!

Charles Tan  
Genesis 38:11-30

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023

### DETAILS

**Dates:** 4 - 8 December 2023 (Monday - Friday)

**Venue:** Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

**Time:** 9:00am to 5:00pm (Monday-Thursday);  
9:00am to 8:00pm (Friday)

**Fees:** \$25.00

### Payment method:

Either via cash OR online bank transfer /  
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Youth Conference 2023 is open to youths  
aged 12 and above.



**Scan the QR code  
to register!**

**For those aged 12, please sign up  
via the hardcopy forms at the YC booth**

For queries, contact  
Stanley Woo (8318 2930),  
or find us at the YC booth  
in the Fellowship Hall on  
Sundays!



**21 OCTOBER 2023**

Message: "The LORD brought out the children of Israel"

Text: Exodus 12:51

After 430 years, the sojourn of the children of Israel in Egypt was now drawing to an end. The tenth plague of the death of the firstborn struck the land of Egypt. There was not a house of an Egyptian that was not spared. With exceedingly great power and might, the LORD Himself redeemed the people of Israel out of Egypt on that very same day. This must teach us to stand in awe of the LORD who fulfils His covenant. Let us be challenged to respond with a good and wholesome fear of the LORD and His Word!