

# 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 every opportunity to enter into His House and offer Him worship. May we draw near the Lord gratefully, in humble recognition of His goodness, grace and glory!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## YOUR NAME, O LORD, ENDURES FOREVER

Many are the reasons why the Name of the LORD is to be extolled and magnified! The Psalmist aptly pens of God's Fame that endures from generation to generation.

**13** Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.

**14** For the LORD will judge His people,  
And He will have compassion on His servants.

### PSALM 135:13-14

#### 1. The Name of God

a. It is to be praised

Psalm 135:1,3

b. It endures forever

Psalm 135:13

#### 2. The Fame of God

a. It is closely associated with His Name

Psalm 135:7

b. He is known for His mighty creations

c. He is unrivalled in the marvellous deeds performed  
for His people

Psalm 135:8-12

### 3. The Mercies of God

- a. While the LORD executes judgment on His people
- b. He will exercise compassion on His servants

### **GIVING REGARD TO THE ENDURING NAME OF GOD**

None can speak of a name which endures forever, except for the Name of God! Even significant and renowned figures we read in history do not even come close to the glorious and eternal Name of the LORD!

It was the LORD Himself who proclaimed His great Name to Moses.

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**5** Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

**6** And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.”

**EXODUS 34:5-6**

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Indeed, who is like the LORD our God - merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth?

May our study of the lessons from Exodus teach us to relate to the LORD! May we seek to regard the Name of the LORD with due deference!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

27 JANUARY 2024

### Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Song Leading

1. My Father's Love

Lorraine Lai

2. Keep Me Near

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 16:17-35

Chloe Tang and Tessa Kang

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Message:

"To be kept for your generations"

Text: Exodus 16:17-35

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan



# MY NOTES

27 JANUARY 2024

**“TO BE KEPT FOR YOUR GENERATIONS”**

EXODUS 16:17-35

# WORSHIP SONGS

## *My Father's Love*

Words by: Amy Susan Foster, Mike Harland and Niles Borop

Arranged by: Russell Mauldin

The world's wealth and riches  
Can be bought and sold,  
But I possess a treasure  
Far greater than gold.

'Twas a gift passed down to me  
From heaven above,  
'Twas the gift of my Father's love.

And my Father's love is strong and true,  
Always believing,  
Always seeing me through.

So, no matter what happens  
In His grand design,  
I'll be fine with my Father's love.

Safe and secure now in His love alone,  
I find here my place of worth  
As one of His own.

And I don't need everything  
This world wants to give,  
'Cause I live with my Father's love.

And my Father's love is strong and true,  
Always believing,  
Always seeing me through.

So, no matter what happens  
In His grand design...  
I'll be fine with my Father's love.

With my Father's love.  
I have my Father's love;  
I have my Father's love.

(end)



# *Keep Me Near*

By Todd Twining, Steve and Vikki Cook, Pat Sczebel

Keep me near, O precious Jesus when  
My days are filled with light;  
When the sun is warm and golden,  
And Your goodness fills my eyes.

Let me not forget whose mercies  
Poured such grace upon my life.  
Keep me ever looking to You,  
Walking always at Your side.

Keep me near, O precious Jesus  
When the darkness veils my sight;  
When the nearness of Your presence  
Seems a mem'ry in the night.

Let me not forget Your mercies  
In the shadows of despair.  
Keep me ever reaching for You,  
Resting in Your tender care.

Keep me near, O precious Jesus  
To the cross of Calvary;  
Coming to You through the river,  
Where Your blood has washed me clean.

Let me not forget whose mercies  
Made the way for sinful man.  
Keep me ever drawing to You,  
Trusting You the perfect Lamb.

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 20 JANUARY 2024**

### **“COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE LORD”**

#### **EXODUS 16:1-6**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Journey to the Promised Land
  - a. Out of Egypt
  - b. Through the Red Sea
  - c. Into a Wilderness
2. The Provision of the LORD
  - a. His Presence
    - i. By day
    - ii. By night
  - b. His power
    - i. Dividing the Red Sea
    - ii. Crossing Dry-shod

### **COMPLAINT AGAINST MOSES AND AARON**

**1** And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.

**2** Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

**3** And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Exodus 16:1-3

1. In the Wilderness of Sin

- a. Between Elim and Sinai
- b. On 15th day of the 2nd Month

2. The children of Israel complained

- a. Against Moses and Aaron
- b. "The whole congregation of the children of Israel" Exodus 16:2

3. The Content of the Complaint

- a. Wish to die by the hand of the LORD in Egypt Exodus 16:3a
- b. Egypt remembered:
  - i. Pots of meat
  - ii. Bread to the full Exodus 16:3b
- c. Being killed in the wilderness by hunger Exodus 16:3c

**GOD'S RESPONSE**

**4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

**5** And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Exodus 16:4-5

## 1. The LORD

- a. He was aware
- b. He spoke to Moses

## 2. The Promise of Provision

- a. Bread from heaven Exodus 16:4a
- b. A test for the children of Israel Exodus 16:4b
- c. To gather twice as much Eve of Sabbath Exodus 16:5

## INSTRUCTION FROM MOSES AND AARON

**6** Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt.

**7** And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what *are* we, that you complain against us?"

**8** Also Moses said, "*This shall be seen* when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what *are* we? Your complaints *are* not against us but against the LORD."

Exodus 16:6-8

## 1. You shall know

That the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt Exodus 16:6

## 2. Understanding the nature of Complaints

- a. The complaints are "against the LORD" Exodus 16:7,8
- b. Not Aaron and/or Moses

## 3. The LORD's Promise

- a. Meat in the evening
- b. Bread in the morning Exodus 16:8

## MOSES' INSTRUCTION TO AARON

**9** Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.'"

**10** Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

**11** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**12** "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.' "

Exodus 16:9-12

1. Aaron is to address the people
  - a. To draw near to the LORD
  - b. He has heard their complaints
2. The Glory of the LORD
  - a. This was a special Manifestation
  - b. It appeared in the Cloud
3. God's word to Moses
  - a. "I have heard the complaints of the people" Exodus 16:12a
  - b. "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread." Exodus 16:12b
  - c. "And you shall know that I am the Lord your God." Exodus 16:12c



## FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE

**13** So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.

**14** And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, *as* fine as frost on the ground.

**15** So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it *was*.

And Moses said to them, "This *is* the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

**16** This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, *according to* the number of persons; let every man take for *those who are* in his tent.' "

Exodus 16:13-16

1. The Provision God had promised
  - a. Quails were given
  - b. Manna was provided
2. Instructions
  - a. To gather according to one's needs
  - b. There was sufficient for all

## CHALLENGING LESSONS TO LEARN

1. About Ourselves
  - a. Are we prone to Complaining?
  - b. Are we able to trust in the Lord?
2. About God's Promises
  - a. Are we prone to Doubt
  - b. Are we able to believe?

# REFLECTIONS

## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

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For the past few weeks, we have been studying the journey of the Israelites from the land of Egypt towards the promised land of Canaan. Through this journey, God tested the Israelites to see if they would “diligently heed the voice of the LORD [their] God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes.” (Exodus 15:26) However, after the first test, the Israelites failed because instead of trusting the LORD, they turned to complaining. Last week, we learned about how the Israelites complained about not having meat and bread to eat. On the surface, they complained against Moses and Aaron, claiming that they brought them out of Egypt to die of starvation. The people had a selective memory and chose to forget the blessings and miracles God had provided for them not long before. However, God graciously provided for the people yet again, giving them manna and quails to eat in the mornings and evenings respectively.

Often, we too may respond like the Israelites when we are going through difficult times in life. However, it is important for us to remember that God has a greater plan for us in bringing us through these tough times. Like He did with the Israelites, God sometimes leads us through the ‘wilderness’ where we may have to endure hardships. Moreover, God is not unfair to us, and He also provides us with periods of respite after our trials, our challenge is to not only remember these times and be grateful to God for His provision but to learn the right lessons of faith and trust in God from them!

It is not easy to pass God's tests when we feel we are in a situation that seems insurmountable. Sometimes when schoolwork piles up and I don't understand what my teachers are teaching me, I catch myself acting like the Israelites, complaining about how much work I have in comparison to others or how bad my teachers are. I did not think much about this spirit of complaining that I had developed, thinking it was normal. After all, everyone around me seemed to be doing the same.

Yet after this lesson, I needed to reconsider what my complaints really reflect about my attitude. In complaining about the teachers I had, I was essentially complaining about the people God placed in my life to help guide me. Furthermore, as I complained about the work the school gave me, I was actually complaining about the school which God had graciously allowed me to enter after much prayer. I realised that I was no different from the Israelites—while I was complaining about my physical circumstances, I was complaining against God! This was a scary thought as I never thought of my simple act of complaining in this way.

Having learnt this lesson, my response is to seek to avoid complaining. Instead, I am trying to see God's presence with me each step of the way, thanking Him for all that He has done for me thus far. Just like how the Israelites needed to remember that God was with them, guiding them through the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, I need to remember that God is with me through all my struggles as well. Furthermore, I am also seeking to remember what God has blessed me with, and in doing so, I can bring my focus back to the Lord and be assured that if He has helped me in the past, He can help me in the present and the future!

With this lesson in mind, let us all seek to stop complaining when times are tough and instead have faith that God will lead us through our struggles!

## *God has shown Pharaoh*

Pharaoh shared with Joseph his dreams;  
No one had been able to explain anything.  
The wisest men in Egypt could not understand;  
The dreams of Pharaoh, no one could comprehend.

Joseph offered an explanation immediately;  
He spoke with confidence and certainty.  
God had shown Pharaoh what He would do;  
The Pharaoh knew that Joseph's word was true.

There would be seven years of plenty;  
The grains must be saved carefully.  
They must not be squandered in any way;  
Seven years of famine would cause dismay!

Joseph spoke with candour and humility;  
God had given to Joseph wisdom distinctively.  
The spirit of humility was clearly displayed;  
Pharaoh was impressed by what Joseph had said!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 41:17-36





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *YW Schedule in February*

In view of the Chinese New Year celebrations, we will not be meeting for Youth Worship on 10 & 24 February 2024.

### **10 February 2024**

First day of Chinese New Year

### **24 February 2024**

Chinese New Year Special Program in Church

May we look forward to spending meaningful time with our family, both biological and spiritual!



# Family Camp 2024

The registration for Family Camp 2024 has begun!

## DETAILS

Theme: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes" Psalm 121

Date: 10 -15 Mar 2024



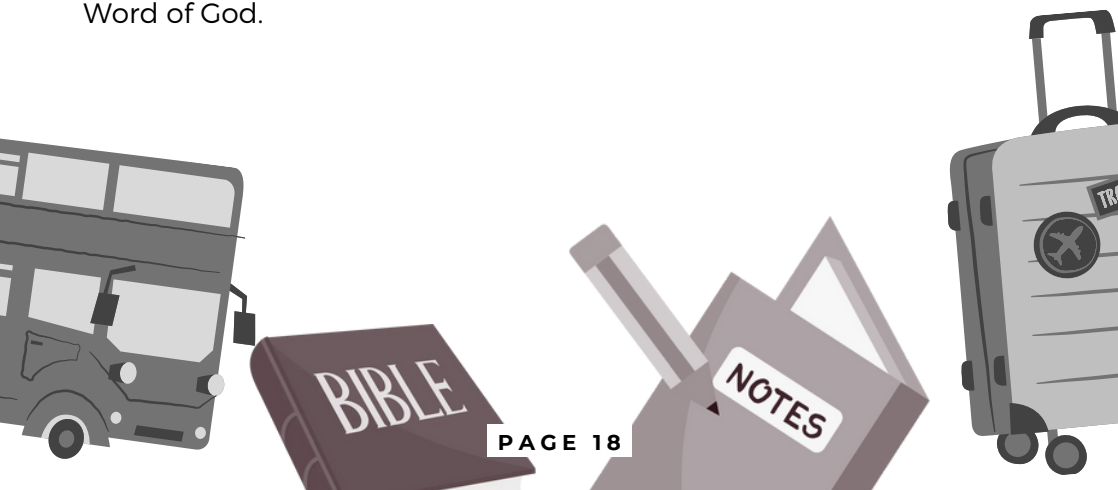
This year, you will be able to sign up for camp through an online registration form. You can access the online form by scanning the QR code.

If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you with the registration process.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 16 September 2024 before you begin registration.

If you are aged 16 and under, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend camp.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning from the Word of God.



# Easter Sunday

## 31 MARCH 2024

We will be having a special Easter Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. Let us look forward to a meaningful time of appreciating the Lord Jesus afresh as our Glorious Risen Saviour this Easter!

### **Details:**

Date: 31 March 2024

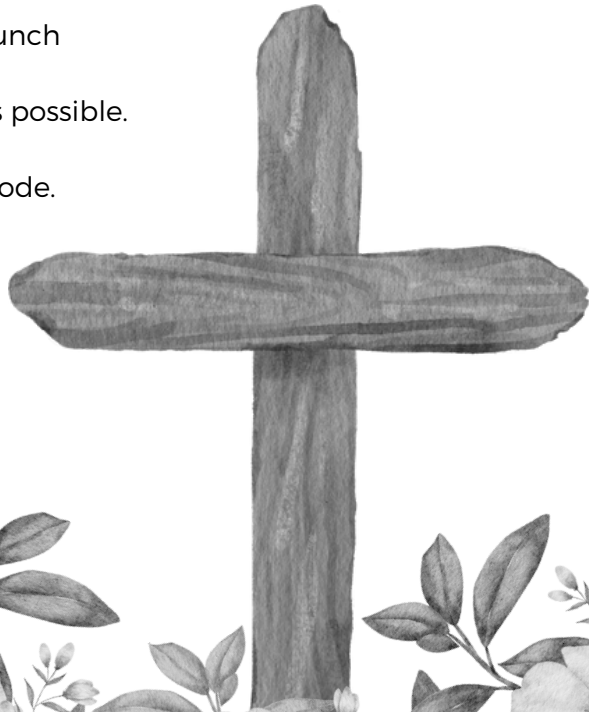
Time: 10.30am

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Followed by Easter Fellowship Lunch

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible.

You may sign up using the QR Code.



# NEXT YWS



**3 FEBRUARY 2024**

Message: "You shall strike the rock"

Text: Exodus 17:6

The children of Israel had failed the previous tests from the LORD. This time round, they were faced with yet another test of shortage of water. Not only did the people complain against Moses, they sinned even more against the LORD by testing God in their heart (Psalm 78:18). They even threatened to stone His servant, Moses, to death!

May we diligently heed the voice of God and deal with the underlying problems of sin!



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