

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

50+2 Anniversary

24 AUGUST 2025, 1030H SHANGRI-LA SINGAPORE

FROM  GLORY

TO GLORY



From Glory to Glory

50+2 ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

24 AUGUST 2025 | 10.30AM | SHANGRI LA HOTEL



PRELUDE

Bethany Orchestra

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Words by Michael Perry | Music by Mark Hayes

Orchestration by Prateep Suphanroj

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Moses Kwek and Rev. Eugene Seow

HYMNS

O For A Thousand Tongues

The Church’s One Foundation

SPECIAL ITEM

“Song for the Nation”

Combined Choir



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COMMISSIONING OF ASSOCIATE PASTORS

1. Presentation to Congregation
2. Charge given to the new Associate Pastors
3. Prayer of blessing for the new Associate Pastors
4. Receiving of the Associate Pastors by the Church Session
5. Congregation to stand up in recognition



50+2 ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Title: "We do not lose heart"

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

Never Give Up

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE

Bethany Orchestra

"God and God Alone"

Words and Music by Phill McHugh | Arranged by Tom Fettke

Orchestration by Bryan Wong



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HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

CHARLES WESLEY

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
5. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name.



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HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

JOHN FAWCETT

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word:
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His Holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.



Song for the Nations

*Words & Music by Chris Christensen | Arranged by Jay Rouse
Performed by Bethany Combined Choir*

May we be a shining light to the nations,
A shining light to the peoples of the earth,
'Til the whole world sees the glory of Your name.
May Your pure light shine through us.

May we bring a word of hope to the nations,
A word of life to the peoples of the earth,
'Til the whole world knows there's salvation through Your name.
May Your mercy flow through us.

May we be a healing balm to the nations,
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth,
'Til the whole world knows the power of Your name.
May Your healing flow through us.

May we sing a song of joy to the nations,
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth,
'Til the whole world rings with the praises of Your name.
May Your song be sung through us!

May Your kingdom come to the nations,
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth,
'Til the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.
May Your kingdom come in us,
May Your kingdom come in us,
May Your kingdom come in us!
Amen! Amen!



CHARGE GIVEN TO THE NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS

TITUS 2:7-8

⁷ In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

TITUS 2:11-15

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. ¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS

PROVERBS 1:23

Turn at my rebuke;
Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

50+2 ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE SCRIPTURE TEXT

2 CORINTHIANS 4

¹ Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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CLOSING HYMN

NEVER GIVE UP

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Never be sad or desponding,
If thou hast faith to believe;
Grace, for the duties before thee,
Ask of thy God and receive.

Refrain

Never give up, never give up,
Never give up to thy sorrows,
Jesus will bid them depart;
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord,
Sing when your trials are greatest,
Trust in the Lord and take heart.

2. What if thy burdens oppress thee;
What though thy life may be drear;
Look on the side that is brightest,
Pray, and thy path will be clear.

Refrain

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3. Never be sad or desponding,
There is a morrow for thee;
Soon thou shalt dwell in its brightness,
There with the Lord thou shalt be.

Refrain

4. Never be sad or desponding,
Lean on the arm of thy Lord;
Dwell in the depths of His mercy,
Thou shalt receive thy reward.

Refrain



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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 24 August 2025 ... Happy 50+2 Anniversary

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 105

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GOD REMEMBERS HIS HOLY PROMISE

THE PROMISES OF GOD

The Lord has given many precious promises to His people and they are all recorded in the Scriptures. The vital thing to note is that God will always remember His promises and that He would fulfil what He has promised!

MEDITATION

⁴² For He remembered His holy promise,
And Abraham His servant.

⁴³ He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with gladness.

⁴⁴ He gave them the lands of the Gentiles,
And they inherited the labour of the nations,

⁴⁵ That they might observe His statutes
And keep His laws.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 105:42-45

1. God promised Abraham a Promised Land
 - a) He remembered His holy promise
 - b) He faithfully honoured His promise

2. What the Lord did to fulfil His promise
 - a) He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt
 - b) He saw the people as "His chosen ones"
 - c) Their hearts were filled with joy and gladness

3. The land of the Gentiles
 - a) The earth belongs to the Lord
 - b) He gave the land of Canaan to His people

4. The purpose
 - a) That His people may observe His statutes
 - b) That they may keep His laws

MEDITATION

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To believe in God and His promises
2. To exercise trust that He would always fulfil His promise
3. To offer praise to God for being so faithful and merciful to us!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



HAPPY 50+2 ANNIVERSARY TO ALL WHO MAKE UP BETHANY!

1. Happy felicitations to all members of Bethany as we celebrate our Church Anniversary today at Shangri La
2. Thank God for keeping His promises:
 - a) To provide
 - b) To protect
 - c) To be Present among His people
3. Our response
 - a) To praise the Lord
 - b) To glorify Him
 - c) To love Him

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 26 August 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 28 August 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 30 August 2025

- a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
- c)

3. Sunday Ministry, 31 August 2025

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
- d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
- e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
- f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 24 August 2025

Text: "What remains is much more glorious" 2 Corinthians 3:11
For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.
2 Corinthians 3:11

1. Things naturally pass away
 - a) Life
 - b) Achievements

2. Things that remain
 - a) They are filled with God's glory
 - b) They are a testimony of the things that truly matter

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 August 2025

Text: "From glory to glory" 2 Corinthians 3:18
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 18:1-3

¹ I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

1. Love for the Lord our God

- a) This is the correct response
- b) May we learn how to love the Lord better

2. Love for the Lord for who He is and what He has done for us

- a) Our Rock
- b) Our fortress
- c) Our deliverer
- d) Our God
- e) Our strength
- f) Our shield
- g) Our horn of salvation
- h) Our stronghold

3. Calling on the Lord

Because He is truly worthy to be praised!

POETRY CORNER

#1

HE REMEMBERED HIS HOLY PROMISE

God gave to Abraham a Promise one day;
He had never forgotten that Promise in any way.
God promised that Abraham would be a nation;
This Promise would be fulfilled in a later generation.

God promised that He would give Abraham a Land;
But first He would have to redeem Israel from Pharaoh's hand.
He led the children of Israel out of Egypt with joy and gladness;
The children of Israel could see that God always keeps His promises.

The promises of God are many and they are all precious;
By faith we can trust that God will always keep His promises.
His children may fully depend upon their faithful God;
He will always faithfully fulfil His word for He is the LORD.

Bethany has always believed that the Lord would build His Church;
The Lord Jesus Christ has never left us in the lurch.
He has provided and protected us from many dangers along the way;
We cannot but offer great praise and humble love to the Lord today!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 105:42-45

POETRY CORNER

#2

Bethany's 50+2 Anniversary

A time for contemplation is each anniversary we celebrate;
When we take stock of the work done in the past year and plan for the next.
For we will not rest on our laurels and allow standards to become lax;
Nor will we allow mistakes and setbacks to make us vexed.

Lest we forget that no matter what has happened or has been said;
The Lord Jesus is the only foundation upon which the church is laid.
For God's leading and guidance from His word, we will continually search;
Because the Scripture is central to the ministry of our church.

Let us be vigilant in prayer as always;
Lest we lapse into spiritual malaise.

There is much to give thanks for these past fifty-two years;
For God's provision and protection for our churches, both far and near.

Our response must be to serve God, and give to Him worship and praise;
To glorify the Lord's name and share the gospel of grace.
May we persevere to cultivate a steadfast spirit of faith;
At Bethany's 50+2 anniversary and beyond into her next phase.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 3:11; Colossians 4:2

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