

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 105

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HE SPREAD A CLOUD FOR A COVERING

THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT

The Psalmist remembered the time when God redeemed the children of Israel. The glorious presence of God was never to be forgotten!

MEDITATION

³⁷ He also brought them out with silver and gold,
And *there was* none feeble among His tribes.

³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light in the night.

⁴⁰ *The people* asked, and He brought quail,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

Psalm 105:37-41

1. How Egypt felt

- a) It was glad when the children of Israel departed
- b) The nation had developed a fear and dread concerning the God who was their Redeemer

2. What God did for Israel

- a) He brought them out of Egypt, laden with silver and gold
- b) He ensured that no one was feeble among the children of Israel
- c) He provided a Cloud for covering in the heat of the day
- d) He provided a pillar of fire in the cold of the wilderness night

3. The children of Israel

- a) They needed and requested food
God gave them Manna and Quails
- b) He provided an abundance of water

MEDITATION

GOD'S PROTECTION AND PROVISION

1. God has wonderfully redeemed us too
2. He has gloriously protected us and provided abundantly as well

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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 blessed through worship and fellowship!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: James Quek & Angeline; Theodore Heng

Lunch: Jane Ng, Nora Cheng & Esther Cheng



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

1. Let us reflect on God's provision and protection
2. Let us rejoice together in joyous celebration and worship
3. Thanksgiving Anniversary Worship
 - a) 24 August 2025 | Shangri La Hotel
 - b) Commencement of worship: 10.30am
 - c) Anniversary Fellowship Lunch: 12.00nn

Let us gather together as a Church to offer grateful and heartfelt worship to our great and glorious God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Combined Seniors Program

Tuesday, 19 August 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

- b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 21 August 2025

2. Saturday, 23 August 2025

- a) No YPG/ YAG

- b) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday, 24 August 2025

Bethany's 50+2 Anniversary Worship Service

Shangri-la | 10.30am



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Ivan and Evangeline on the gift of another child. Baby Nathaniel was born on 5 August 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 August 2025

Text: "The hope of glory" Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

1. The riches of God's glory

It is truly a mystery

2. The hope of God's glory

It is the Lord Jesus Christ in us!

May we truly rejoice in this great truth!

NEXT SUNDAY: 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

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 13:5-6

⁵ But I have trusted in Your mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

1. Trust in the Lord

- a) We may trust in God's mercy
- b) This trust in God would not be in vain

2. Relating to God

- a) We may rejoice in God's salvation
- b) We may sing to God for He deals bountifully with us

POETRY CORNER

#1

PROVISION AND PROTECTION

God's redemption for Israel was completed;
Pharaoh was humbled and his armies defeated.
God had promised to Abraham the land of Canaan;
He was fulfilling His promise by showing His mighty hand.

Israel slaved for Egypt for four hundred years;
The nation shed copious amount of tears.
But at last, they were set free from the Pharaoh;
Their part was to believe in God and to follow.

God's provision was bounteous indeed;
He met all the requests and needs.
Manna and quails were given freely;
Water was made available abundantly.

God's protection was most obvious;
The Cloud and Fire pillars were glorious.
God has always taken care of His children;
He continues to bless them from heaven.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 105:37-41

POETRY CORNER

#2

Butterfly in a Web

Flapping its wings a butterfly struggles,
Trying to break free from the silky tangles.
Its delicate wings threaten to tear,
Caught in a bind with no time to spare.

O butterfly, O butterfly, with you I identify,
The loss of control, this truly petrifies.
Facing a world of chaos, violence and uncertainty,
I sometimes feel trapped and lost in anxiety.

With delicate fingers I released this butterfly,
It lands on the grass as I bade it goodbye,
It flaps its wings in a bid to survive,
Glad it had another chance to stay alive.

Etched in this experience is God's glory,
Peace and deliverance embody this story!
His Grace frees us from the world's entanglements.
Salvation and hope free from disappointments!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration: Romans 5:5, 2 Corinthians 3:12.
An experience with a butterfly.
Remembering God's gift of glorious hope.

POETRY CORNER

#3

The Sunday School Ministry

Bethany began with a group of believers huddled together for Bible Study;
Now, hundreds each week plow through God's word conscientiously.

Sunday School has always been a vital part of Bethany;
Because the Scripture is and will always be central to her ministry.

Spiritual blindness can affect both non-believers and believers alike;
We all need to seek the knowledge of God for spiritual insight.

Only the Lord Himself can grant comprehension and wisdom;
For faithful man to obtain deliverance from sin and enter His kingdom.

The teaching of God's word at Sunday School impacts our hearts and minds;
Which then allows the Spirit to do a transformational work with our lives.

The believer grows in faith and love for the Lord and His temple;
Which in turn translates to a desire to offer service to His people.

For we know "we have this treasure in earthen vessels";
A good that is manifested through man only by virtue of the Lord Jesus.

Thank God for this conduit of change for our lives,
which is the Sunday School Ministry;
An avenue where God is leading His people from glory to glory.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 4:7

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Dr. Elaine Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 379 | Take My Life and Let It Be

CP 399 | Make Me a Blessing

SPECIAL ITEM

"Somebody Prayed for Me"

Crossroads

MESSAGE

"The same spirit of faith"

Text : 2 Corinthians 4:13-15

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 486 | Faith is the Victory

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 379 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold - not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart - it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal Throne,
It shall be Thy royal Throne.
6. Take my love - my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself - and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



HYMNS

CP399 MAKE ME A BLESSING

IRA. B. WILSON

1. Out in the highways and byways of life
Many are weary and sad:
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life, may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

2. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love
Tell of His pow'r to forgive:
Others will trust Him if only you prove true,
Every moment you live.

Refrain

3. Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 486 FAITH IS THE VICTORY

JOHN H. YATES

1. Encamped along the hills of light, ye Christian soldiers, rise,
And press the battle ere the night shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know, that overcomes the world.

Refrain

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!
O, glorious victory, that overcomes the world.

2. His banner over us is love, our sword the Word of God;
We tread the road the saints above with shouts of triumph trod.
By faith, they, like a whirlwind's breath, swept on o'er every field;
The faith by which they conquered death is still our shining shield.

Refrain

3. On every hand the foe we find drawn up in dread array;
Let tents of ease be left behind, and onward to the fray.
Salvation's helmet on each head, with truth all girt about,
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread, and echo with our shout.

Refrain

4. To him that overcomes the foe, white raiment shall be giv'n;
Before the angels he shall know his name confessed in heav'n;
Then onward from the hills of light, our hearts with love aflame,
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night, in Jesus' conquering name.

Refrain



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