

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 31 August 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

TEXT: PSALM 106

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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

GIVING OF THANKS TO GOD

This is absolutely appropriate! We have every reason to give thanks to our great and glorious God!

¹ Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!*
For His mercy *endures* forever.

MEDITATION

² Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can declare all His praise?

³ Blessed *are* those who keep justice,
And he who does righteousness at all times!

⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *You have toward* Your people.
Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

⁵ That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may glory with Your inheritance.

Psalm 106:1-5

1. Some reasons to give thanks highlighted:

- a) Because God is good
- b) Because His mercy endures forever
- c) Because of His mighty acts

2. Some responses that are appropriate:

- a) To keep justice
- b) To practise righteousness faithfully

3. A humble prayer

- a) To be remembered with favour by God
- b) To be visited with salvation
- c) To see the benefits of being among the chosen ones
- d) To rejoice in the Lord's blessings upon His nation
- e) To glory in His inheritance

MEDITATION

COMMENCING THE 53RD YEAR OF MINISTRY

1. Let us offer praise to God
2. Let us seek God in prayer humbly

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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!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: 2001 Boys

Lunch: Joyce Teo & Ang Andre; Noel & Nate



HEARTFELT THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

1. Thank God for:
 - a) Our Sponsors for the Anniversary gifts
 - b) The AVA Team
 - c) All involved in the Music Ministry
 - d) Coordinators and Helpers for the Children's program
2. Congratulations to our new Associate Pastors
 - a) Pastor Moses Kwek
 - b) Pastor Eugene Seow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 2 September 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 4 September 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 6 September 2025

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 7 September 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



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Lee Dao Hong and family on the demise of his grandmother, Mdm. Tan Ah Kia. The late Mdm. Tan passed away on Thursday, 28 August 2025. She was 96 years old.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. David Cheong, Mrs. Annie Ho and families on the demise of their father, Mr. Peter Cheong Peng Koon. The late Mr. Cheong was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, 29 August 2025. He was 91 years old.



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Faith will one day become "sight"
2. We will see the glory of the Lord
3. We will be transformed into the image of God
4. This is a work that would be done by the Spirit of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 September 2025

Text: Men always ought to pray

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart Luke 18:1

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 18:4-6

⁴ The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

⁵ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

A PERILOUS TIME

1. Many wicked enemies threatened death
2. Great fear was felt because of the deep distress

A TIME FOR PRAYER

1. Calling upon God in earnest prayer
2. The Cry for help reached the ears of God

POETRY CORNER

#1

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

When we ponder the works of God,
And we wonder at the power of the Lord;
The heart is filled with awed appreciation;
The soul cannot but offer deep adoration.

The Lord has been so good to His people;
He has honoured all His Covenant principles.
He has not withheld blessings to the righteous;
The soul recognizes that God is truly glorious!

The Psalmist bowed before God in supplication;
He brought to the Lord his heart's petitions.
He would like to be among God's chosen ones;
He would serve the Lord till his life is done.

The heart's desire was to walk justly before God;
He would seek to be conscious of the Lord.
Then would he enjoy the Lord's inheritance;
He would exercise trust in every circumstance.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 106:1-5

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Spirit of Faith

We may say that all Christians profess the same faith;
We believe in one God, and that our salvation is not by works but by grace.
The Lord Jesus' crucifixion paid the ultimate price for our sins.
Our repentance and belief in Him is when rebirth begins.

Yet, whereas the content and the tenets of faith may be similar;
The spirit of faith in each individual is personal.
Our commitments to seek God through reading the Word and prayer varies;
One may be willing for his life to be transformed whereas another tarries.

We want to have the same spirit of faith as our forefathers;
Like those of Abraham, Moses, the prophets, and the Apostles.
Their faith was built on the Scriptures and their belief of God's promises;
Despite difficulties, they lived their lives with imputed righteousness.

Our challenge is to be very clear about what we believe in;
And to build a spirit of faith that is steadfast and genuine.
The grace of God has been given to us for His glory;
Let us also say "I believed and therefore I spoke" courageously.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 4:13-15; Psalm 116:10

POETRY CORNER

#3

To renew our inner man

The outward man is inevitably decaying and perishing
Our challenge is if our inner man is being renewed
Apostle Paul told us to focus on things that are not seen
For things that are seen are temporary and short-lived

Facing disappointment and suffering may lead to discouragement
How not to lose heart and find the power to persevere
Consider the afflictions to be slight and momentary in preparation
Towards the heavenly glory in God's kingdom beyond compare

Therefore look away from life's present difficulties and troubles
Change one's perspective to gaze intently on what is the eternal remit
To draw strength and rise above our earthly concerns
While our inner self is being renewed daily by the Holy Spirit

Let us not lose hope when the end draws near
For a greater glory awaits us when we are called home
May we find peace and joy submitting into the arms of our Saviour
Praise the Lord in enabling our inner self to blossom

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Foo Yan-Yi, Ms. Sherlyn Ho, Mrs. Chia Si Hui

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 89 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
VIP 713 | Lord, Let Us Serve

SPECIAL ITEM

"Who Will Pray"
Combined Choir

MESSAGE

"We walk by faith"
Text : 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 271 | Standing on the Promises

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 89 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

JOACHIM NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desire e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.



HYMNS

VIP713 LORD, LET US SERVE

LINDA LEE JOHNSON

1. People are longing to learn of the Savior;
Children are growing, not knowing He cares,
Lord, let us tell them about Your compassion.

Lord, where can we be used?

Refrain

Lord, let us serve; Lord, let us follow.

Give us a place and a purpose to fill.

Teach us to serve; teach us to follow.

Use us to do Your will.

2. Lord, let us serve wherever You need us.
Make us a vessel through which You can flow.

Give us a mission, a place of fulfillment.

Lord, where can we be used?

Refrain

3. Ready and willing to give You our talent.
Show us the task, and we'll serve You today.

Give us a passion to work for Your glory.

Lord, where can we be used?

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 271 STANDING ON THE PROMISES

R. KELSO CARTER

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the Highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

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HYMNS

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4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain



Who Will Pray?

Words & Music by: Kenna Turner West, Sue C. Smith & Rebecca J. Peck

Arranged by: Marty Parks

Performed by: Combined Choir


For our children, for our homes,
For the lost who long for hope,
For this nation so in need of God today.
For the lonely, for the hurt,
Those who hunger, those who thirst,
For a world that has to hear that Jesus saves.

Who will pray?
Who will lift their heart to heaven?
Who will fall before the throne of grace?
Who will pray, trusting He will hear and answer
All who come to Him in faith?
Who will pray?

That our lives would always be what we claim that we believe,
That our steps would never turn from what is right;
And that no matter what the cost, for the glory of the cross,
With compassion we would share the love of Christ.

Who will pray?
Who will lift their heart to heaven?
Who will fall before the throne of grace?
Who will pray, trusting He will hear and answer
All who come to Him in faith?
Who will pray?

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We are helpless without His pow'r.
But He has promised our prayers are not in vain;
So, who will pray?

We will pray!
We will lift our hearts to heaven.
We will fall before the throne of grace.
We will pray, trusting He will hear and answer
All who come to Him in faith.
We will pray! We will pray, will pray!
We will pray! We will pray, will pray!
We will pray, We will pray, will pray!
We will pray!

