

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!

"For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, and His truth *endures* to all generations." (Psalm 100:5) Let us come before our faithful God and worship Him with thanksgiving in our hearts!



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COME AND WORSHIP

MOUNT ZION WHICH HE LOVED

As we read Psalm 78, it becomes evident that Israel was trapped in a recurring cycle of sin – their disobedience provoked the wrath of God, and even after the LORD extended His mercy, they would soon arouse the anger of the LORD again. Despite Israel's repeated failures to keep the covenant, why did God remain faithful to them?

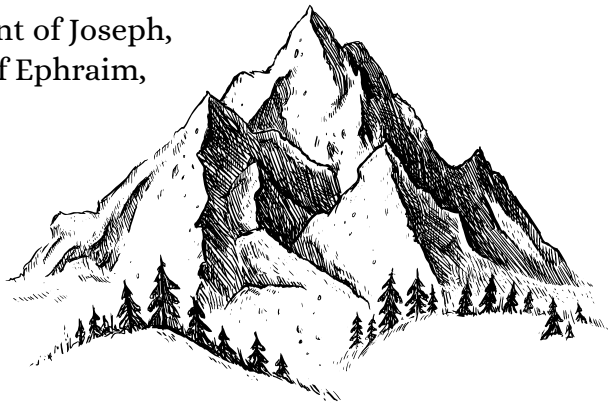
The concluding verses of Psalm 78 shed light on how the LORD works.

⁶⁷ Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

⁶⁸ But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which He loved.

⁶⁹ And He built His sanctuary
like the heights,
Like the earth which
He has established forever.

PSALM 78:67-69



1. God's prerogative to choose and bless

a. He chose Judah

Psalm 78:67-68a

i. Joseph showed the greatest potential among
the sons of Jacob

Genesis 49:22-26

ii. Ephraim was the stronger of the two sons
of Joseph

Genesis 48

iii. Yet, God chose the tribe of Judah over the tribe of Joseph

iv. This was the LORD's sovereign will and wisdom

b. He chose Mount Zion

Psalm 78:68b-69

i. Mount Zion was the affectionate spiritual name of Jerusalem

ii. No reason given for God to choose Mount Zion over other places

iii. There, God established His sanctuary forever

iv. God's sanctuary represented His Presence among His People

v. The LORD loved to dwell among His chosen

2. God's prerogative to bless the children of Israel

a. The LORD had chosen the people of Israel for Himself

Deuteronomy 7:6

b. He had set His love on them

Deuteronomy 7:7

i. Not because they were great or more in numbers

ii. They were the least of the peoples

c. God's faithfulness to Israel

i. Because He is a God of love

ii. Because He is a covenant-keeping God

WE HAVE AN AMAZING GOD!

So while Israel repeatedly offended the LORD, God did not abandon His chosen people, for such is His unchanging nature. We have every reason to stand in awe of this faithful God, who despite knowing the weakness of His people, still loved to dwell among them.

May our hearts be stirred to know this amazing God who desires to be close to us! As we behold His glorious character, we cannot help but respond in worship and adoration.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Prelude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Wonderful Grace Of Jesus
2. Before the Throne of God Above

Jovan Wong and Ong Yanning
Pianists: Lorraine Lai
and Rayne Quek
Cajonist: Rayne Quek

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 1

Chloe Tang and Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message

“You saw how the LORD your God
carried you”

Text: Deuteronomy 1

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

20 SEPTEMBER 2025

**“YOU SAW HOW THE LORD YOUR GOD
CARRIED YOU”**

DEUTERONOMY 1

WORSHIP SONGS

WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

By Haldor Lillenas

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,
Praise His name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most reviled,
By its transforming power making me God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity;
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

(end)



Before the Throne of God Above

By Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

“A MAN IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT”

NUMBERS 27:12-23

INTRODUCTION

1. Spiritual leadership
 - a. Crucial in leading the people of God
 - b. Vital in the continuity of God's work and plan
2. The choice of the spiritual leader
 - a. Important
 - b. Affects all

THE CONCLUSION OF MOSES' MINISTRY

1. Moses as the leader of Israel
 - a. Chosen by God Exodus 3
 - b. Moses' leadership of the people of Israel
 - i. Led them out of Egypt and throughout the wilderness journey
 - ii. Received and taught the people the commandments of God
 - iii. Oversaw the building of the Tabernacle
 - iv. Dealing with problems that arose

2. The conclusion of Moses' ministry

a. Initiated by God

b. Moses to go up to Mount Abarim

Numbers 27:12-13

i. This would be the conclusion of Moses' ministry as leader of Israel

ii. He would see but not enter the Promised Land

iii. He would soon be gathered to his people

c. Reason for not entering the Promised Land

Numbers 27:14

i. Moses had rebelled against God's command
in the Wilderness of Zin

cf. Numbers 20:1-13

ii. The consequence for this act of disobedience was Moses not
being allowed to enter into the Promised Land

THE PRAYER OF MOSES

1. Moses' humility

a. He humbly accepted the consequences of his sin

b. He would be obedient to God's Word

2. Moses' heart of a shepherd

a. He chose to pray for the people

b. That they would have a new leader to lead them

3. Moses' prayer

Numbers 27:15-17

- a. For the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh
- b. To set a man over the congregation
 - i. Who may go out before them and go in before them
 - ii. Who may lead them out and bring them in
- c. That the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd

THE INAUGURATION OF JOSHUA AS THE NEXT LEADER

1. God's response to the prayer of Moses

Numbers 27:18-21

- a. Joshua the son of Nun was named and set apart to lead
- b. There were others who were faithful
 - i. Caleb who with Joshua, followed the LORD fully Numbers 14:24
 - ii. Eleazar who had been serving faithfully as high priest after Aaron Numbers 20:28
 - iii. Phinehas who was zealous for the LORD Numbers 25:10-11
- c. But Joshua was selected as leader
 - i. Because he distinctively had the Spirit of God in his life
 - ii. He was "a man in whom was the Spirit" Numbers 27:18

2. Appreciating how Joshua became one in whom was the Spirit

- a. Took courage and led the physical battle against Amalek whilst Moses prayed Exodus 17
- b. Served faithfully and humbly as Moses' assistant Exodus 24:13
- c. Devotion to the LORD's work and did not depart from the Tabernacle as he waited for Moses Exodus 33:11
- d. Loyalty to Moses and honoured him as the spiritual leader Numbers 11:28
- e. Faith in the LORD's promises (alongside Caleb) Numbers 13-14

3. The inauguration of Joshua

- a. God's Word to Moses Numbers 27:18-21
 - i. To lay his hand on Joshua
 - ii. To set Joshua before Eleazar the priest and the congregation and to inaugurate him publicly
 - iii. To give some (not all) of his authority to Joshua
 - iv. Joshua would need to stand before Eleazar the priest who will inquire before the LORD for him
 - v. Joshua would need to lead the people in accordance to the LORD's Word
- b. Moses did all that the LORD commanded him Numbers 27:22-23

IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT WE MUST LEARN

1. Spiritual leadership

- a. It begins and concludes with God's choosing
- b. A most important and necessary qualification for spiritual leadership – to have the Spirit of God in one's life
- c. Important principles of spiritual leadership
 - i. Accountability to God and His servants
 - ii. Obedience to the Word of the God
 - iii. Some authority may be given at the beginning, but one would need to prove oneself

2. Our challenge as young people

- a. To be concerned about the spiritual leadership in the Church
- b. To pray for the spiritual leadership for the Church
- c. To rise up to the challenge of spiritual leadership in time to come
 - i. In God's time and choosing
 - ii. Would the Spirit of God be in you?

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Leon Lai

Hi everyone! Welcome back to another week of Youth Worship. Last week, we learned about Moses stepping down from his role as the leader of Israel and the inauguration of Joshua as his successor, concluding our study of the book of Numbers.

The Example of Moses

We have traced and learned about the life of Moses ever since we began studying the book of Exodus. From standing against Pharaoh to leading the Israelites through the wilderness, Moses remained faithful and obedient, trusting in God through the various challenges faced. Despite his lifetime of service to God, he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land due to his rebellion in the Wilderness of Zin (Numbers 20).

Reading this made me wonder how I would have responded had I been in his situation. Although we may not understand the feeling of being denied entry to the Promised Land, we know what it is like to be refused something we have worked hard for or to be rejected from opportunities we believed we deserved. We can't help but feel disappointed and even angry in situations like this. However, Moses' response was one of humility and obedience as he accepted the consequences of his sin. Unlike us, he did not complain or challenge the decision; instead, he chose to pray for the Israelites.

This example of Moses is one that we can learn from. When faced with consequences or circumstances that are not in our favour, our response is still up to us. In times of disappointment, will I be able to continue looking towards God? Our God is a Holy God, be it through times of success or failure, and he remains the same through it all. My part is to continue trusting Him, that His plan for me is perfect, despite how things may seem at the moment.

Spiritual Leadership

Israel was blessed to have a faithful and humble leader in Moses. Under his leadership, they were brought out of Egypt and led through the wilderness towards the Promised Land. In Bethany, we have been blessed with pastors and teachers who are committed to teaching us from the word of God. However, we must not take this for granted and assume that there will always be spiritual leadership.

As young people, our role is to be concerned for Bethany's future and to pray for spiritual leadership to be provided. Furthermore, this also serves as an encouragement for us to rise to the challenge and step up when needed. Though some of us may not know when or where we will be called to serve, we can begin by following the example of Joshua. Besides being Moses' humble servant, he responded courageously to the call to lead Israel into battle against Amalek and remained faithful to God when sent out to Canaan. These examples show us how Joshua had characteristics of a spiritual leader long before he was chosen as Israel's next leader. As such, we can begin by following in Joshua's example by cultivating our character, one that is obedient, humble and faithful to God.

THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND

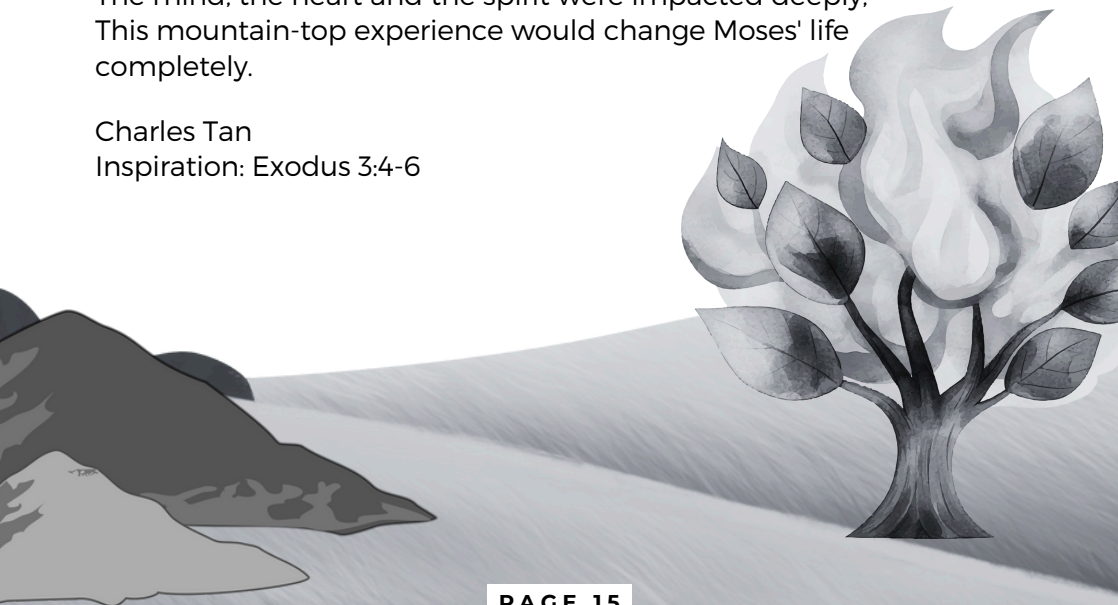
Moses was drawn to a burning bush in the mountain;
Mount Horeb was stark, hostile and hard terrain.
He wondered why the bush was not burned;
He was surprised when he was summoned.

“Moses, Moses!” This was a frightening experience;
The Voice that Moses heard seemed of divine essence.
The first word God spoke to Moses was about holiness;
That the ground he stood on was holy, he was oblivious.

Moses had to learn how to relate to God properly;
He must remove his sandals for the ground was holy.
This was the first time Moses had heard God’s voice;
There was a sense of reverence but he also rejoiced.

God was not a religion created by human tradition;
God's presence had now touched the deepest of emotions.
The mind, the heart and the spirit were impacted deeply;
This mountain-top experience would change Moses' life
completely.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 3:4-6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025: "Reconciled to God"

2 Corinthians 5:20

The much anticipated Youth Conference is around the corner! As we learn about being reconciled to God, may we appreciate our salvation so much more, and may it inspire us to live for Him in every aspect of our lives.

Details

Dates: 1-4 Dec 2025 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You can register online by scanning the QR Code:



MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION 2025

Bethany will be having a Mid-Autumn celebration in the first week of October.

If you wish to attend, kindly sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Details

Date: 4 October 2025, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Followed by Fellowship High Tea



NEXT YWS



27 SEP 2025

“The LORD your God has blessed you”

Text: Deuteronomy 2

Israel’s rebellion led to 40 years of wandering in the great wilderness. Yet the LORD did not abandon His people. Even through challenging circumstances, God continued to bless Israel richly. If only they had eyes of faith, they would recognise that God had provided for them all along and that they lacked nothing throughout those decades in the desert.



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