

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: Isaiah 43

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PRECIOUS IN MY SIGHT

GOD'S REGARD OF HIS PEOPLE

One of the most important truths to keep close to our hearts is found in this glorious text. How wonderful it is to know that we matter very much to God!

⁴ Since you were precious in My sight,
You have been honored,
And I have loved you;
Therefore I will give men for you,

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And people for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I *am* with you;
I will bring your descendants from the east,
And gather you from the west;

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'
Bring My sons from afar,
And My daughters from the ends of the earth—

⁷ Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Isaiah 43:4-7

1. There may be great afflictions in life
 - a) We may feel we are far away
 - b) That we are scattered by the winds to the far corners of the earth
2. God reminds us of these glorious truths
 - a) That we are precious in His sight
 - b) That He has honoured us (by calling us His children)
 - c) That He has loved us
 - d) That He has called us by name
 - e) That He has created us for His glory

HOLDING FAST TO THESE GREAT TRUTHS

1. Let us hold these truths close to our hearts
2. Let us meditate on them often
3. Let us draw nearer to the Lord amidst all the afflictions of life

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your faith be further strengthened and your wisdom increased through worship and fellowship!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program for the month of June

2. Saturday, 20 June 2026

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 21 June 2026

- 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



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: James Foo; Mason Fung;

Daohua, Shiyun, Christabel & Ellie Chiam

Lunch: Susanna; Jane Ng, Nora Cheng & Esther Cheng;

Ryan Quek & Natalie Tan



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 25:16-18

¹⁶ Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.

¹⁷ The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!

¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.

1. Seeking Forgiveness

- a) From sins
- b) From the mercy of God

2. Seeking Relief

- a) From desolation and affliction
- b) From the troubles and distresses of life

3. God's mercy

It will always be available to all who seek Him sincerely and humbly!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 June 2026

Text: "I pleaded with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 12:8

*Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times
that it might depart from me.
2 Corinthians 12:8*

1. It is natural to ask the Lord to remove our thorn in the flesh
2. Paul sought the Lord earnestly three times
3. But he sought the Lord's will rather than his own
4. This is how we should pray too

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 June 2026

Text: "My grace is sufficient for you" 2 Corinthians 12:9

*And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made
perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my
infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
2 Corinthians 12:9*

POETRY CORNER

1

PRECIOUS IN MY SIGHT

Afflictions are sometimes hard to bear;
The mind and heart are numb with cares.
God seems far away and nowhere to be seen;
Doubts come and despair appears on the scene.

God reminded His people that they are precious;
He will always love them for He is righteous.
He has shown His power in the past;
His love and commitment is steadfast!

God will redeem His people as promised;
From their problems, He will send release.
He has called each of His children by name;
Of their faith in God, they need not be ashamed.

God has called His people by a glorious Plan;
His will would be fulfilled by His own Hand.
He will bring forth His people to reflect His glory;
The challenge is to hold fast and trust in God's mercy!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Isaiah 43:4-7

POETRY CORNER

2

THE APOSTLE

Redeemed by the Lord at great cost,
He lived his life to save the lost.
He knelt in prayer from morn to night,
To pray for all to see the light.

Chorus

He fought the fight, he ran the race,
He kept the faith, through the Lord's grace.
Not for crown, fame or earthly gain,
He lived his life to praise God's name.

They came to see, they came to hear,
The word of God was preached so clear.
Even for those with hearts of stone,
He would claim them for God's very own.

'Twas not just words and not just speech,
'Twas not just the way he could preach.
But the life he lived and walked each day,
That spoke more than all he could say.

He poured out his soul like a drink,
And left a legacy in ink.
He ran the race and fought the fight,
To many hearts, he brought much light.

Dr. William Hwang

Inspired by the life of the Apostle Paul and faithful servants of the Lord,
like our Pastor, who follow his example today.

POETRY CORNER

3

GOD OF ALL COMFORT

Sometimes it never rains but it pours;
Life's afflictions can hurt to the core.
Do we agonize, despair and scream out loud?
Or can we try to see the silver lining in every cloud?

Perhaps it takes catastrophic events to move us to pray;
To cry out to God wholeheartedly, and our innermost fears, convey.
Our anxieties prevent us from sleeping as we lay awake at night;
They jolt us from restless slumber at the first break of light.

Lest extreme situations compel us to react hastily and sin, commit;
Let us pray fervently instead and the Lord's comfort, seek.
For God looks out for the righteous and He hears our pleas;
He draws near to the broken hearted and sets our spirits free.

So keep God's commandments and His testimonies;
For they are truths that see us through tempestuous seas.
Pray our spirits be revived according to the Lord's justice;
For there is hope in His word and His promise.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 119:145-152; Psalm 34:4, 15-19

POETRY CORNER

4

DELIVERANCE FROM FEAR

Fear is a natural response when our safety is threatened
To overcome fear seek God through prayer and petition
A divine sense of calm surpassing understanding will be experienced
By the Lord's grace we can find solace and protection

King David reflected on the times of his afflictions
He sought the Lord and was delivered from all his fears
Praise the Lord for the uplifts from desperation
In humility count on Him and relinquish our mortal wills

The Lord does not forsake those crushed in spirit
He executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed
With the broken-hearted His presence gives much comfort
Seek God when we are tormented and discouraged

May our sufferings lead us to deepen our faith in God
His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path
Let us exalt His name and together boast in the Lord
Glory to Him for His faithfulness and unmerited love

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 34:1-4; Psalm 103:6; Psalm 119:105

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Quek Li Yen

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 97 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
HWC 415 | He Giveth More Grace

MESSAGE

"Taste and see that the LORD is good" | Psalm 34:5-10
Rev. Moses Kwek

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 510 | He

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 97 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

EDWARD PERRONET

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
On this terrestrial ball;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.



HYMNS

HWC 415 HE GIVETH MORE GRACE ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

1. He giveth more grace when the burden grows greater:
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase.
 To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
 To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

Refrain

His love has no limit; His grace has no measure;
His pow'r has no boundary known unto men.
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
 He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

2. When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
 Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Refrain



HYMNS

VIP 510 HE JACK RICHARDS

1. He can turn the tides and calm the angry sea,
He alone decides who writes a symphony;
He lights ev'ry star that makes our darkness bright,
He keeps watch all through each long and lonely night.
He still finds the time to hear a child's first prayer,
Saint or sinner, call and always find Him there;
Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live,
He'll always say, "I forgive."

2. He can grant a wish or make a dream come true,
He can paint the clouds and turn the gray to blue;
He alone knows where to find the rainbow's end,
He alone can see what lies beyond the bend.
He can touch a tree and turn the leaves to gold,
He knows ev'ry lie that you and I have told;
Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live,
He'll always say, "I forgive."



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