

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 28 June 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Isaiah 46

I WILL CARRY YOU

MANY THINGS CAN WEARY US

The grim reality of life is that we tend to become worn out by life. There are so many challenges and there is no good end in sight! How can we overcome this sense of tiredness?

³ "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of
Israel,

MEDITATION

Who have been upheld *by Me* from birth,
Who have been carried from the womb:

⁴ Even to *your* old age, I *am* He,
And *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!*
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*

Isaiah 46:3-4

1. Listen to God
 - a) God bids us to listen to Him
 - b) Let us not lean on human experience!

2. Remember the past with gratitude
 - a) God has upheld us from birth
 - b) He has been carrying us from the womb

3. Focus on God as we prepare for the future
 - a) God's promise that He will carry us when we grow old
 - b) God is our Creator and He will also be our Sustainer
 - c) God will carry us and bear us up
 - d) He will deliver us out of all our troubles

THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

1. How good to know the Lord as the God of all comfort
2. How marvelous to read God's promises to carry us
3. May our hearts be encouraged greatly!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



MEDICAL ADVICE CONCERNING PASTOR CHARLES TAN

1. The Kidney Transplant surgery was done on 13 May 2026
Thank God for a successful surgery.
2. Immunosuppressants and Steroid drugs
 - a) Pastor is on heavy medication
 - b) His immune system is on the vulnerable side
3. Practical Protocol to follow
 - a) Pastor will be wearing a mask except at the Pulpit
 - b) He has been advised to avoid close physical contact
 - c) He will have to observe Safe-Distancing protocol

Thank you for your kind understanding!



HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

This will be a Combined Worship Service.
God willing, Pastor Charles Tan will be conducting
Communion and speaking at the Combined Worship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: UPDATE TO CHURCH GIVING & BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Dear Brethren,

We will be changing the Church's Bank Account (from HSBC to UOB) for offering collections. Please take note of the following updates:

1. Reason for Change:

As our current bank HSBC is closing all operations for non-profit organizations, we will be changing the Church's Bank Account for Offering collection to a UOB account, which will take effect 1 July 2026.

2. New Bank Transfer Details (Effective 1 July 2026):

Account Name: Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

Bank Name: UOB (Bank Code: 7375 / Branch Code: 023)

UOB Current Account: 123-301-857-6

3. PayNow Details (Unchanged):

UEN Number: S86SS0049J

Please verify that the official Church name appears on your screen before confirming the transfer.

Thank you.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Lee Weichang; Soo Teng Ping; James
Lunch: Goh Yuanli; Gabrielle Chong; Theresa Teng



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) There will be no Seniors Program on Tuesday, 30 June 2026
- b) Combined Seniors Program | Thursday, 2 July 2026 |
9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 4 July 2026

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 5 July 2026

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



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 26:1-2

¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
For I have walked in my integrity.
I have also trusted in the LORD;
I shall not slip.

² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.

1. A prayer for Vindication

- a) To God
- b) To be justified before Him
- c) To be delivered from enemies

2. A plea to consider the lifestyle of the petitioner

- a) Walked in integrity
- b) Trusted in the LORD
- c) God to examine the mind and spirit

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 28 June 2026

Text: When I am weak, then I am strong

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10

1. The sufferings of Paul

- a) Infirmities
- b) Reproaches
- c) Needs
- d) Persecutions
- e) Distresses

2. The Divine Paradox

- a) In weakness
- b) Strength is found

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 July 2026

Text: "As it was in my heart" Joshua 14:7

I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. Joshua 14:7

POETRY CORNER

#1

EVEN TO GRAY HAIRS

When we were young, we feared many things;
We feared the unknown, darkness, bad feelings.
We turned to our parents for comfort in distress;
Their presence, their assurance lightened the duress.

When we grew older, we feared nothing;
We were confident, we trusted in our feelings.
We were in danger because of our foolish pride;
Mercifully, we were able to take things in stride.

When we become gray-headed the fears return;
We find ourselves weak and we are terribly infirm.
The challenges come with age-related matters;
The Lord urges us to trust in His righteousness.

The Lord has made us and He will continue to care;
We need not give in to feelings of fear and despair.
The Lord has committed Himself to caring for us;
We may trust in His promises and His holiness!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Isaiah 46:3-4

POETRY CORNER

#2

A Love for God's Word

The love for God's word does not come to man naturally;
For our sinful nature simply cannot accept its immutable sanctity.
Yet, when motivation and discipline result in this love being cultivated;
It'd be deemed more precious than any treasure ever to be discovered.

In life, we face afflictions and dilemmas inevitably;
Yet, few will discern they are sufferings curated by God lovingly.
There is promise in God's salvation which inspires hope;
The reassurance of deliverance and the strength to cope.

Great peace comes to those who love the Lord and His word;
A peace divine, unattainable by any human effort.
Challenges previously deemed insurmountable;
They seem to diminish and do not cause us to stumble.

Let us persevere in reading and developing a love for God's word;
Rejoice in acquiring a deeper knowledge of His word.
Let us keep God's commandments and walk in His ways;
And raise our voices to sing His praises always.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 119:161-168; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

POETRY CORNER

#3

Fear of the Lord

To fear the Lord is to hold Him in deep reverence
Because of His love believers have a child-like fear of the Almighty
They take care to follow His teachings in full obedience
To avoid the risk of displeasing God who is righteous and holy

Fear of the Lord delivers us from all anxieties
Experience His goodness with no want of anything
Practise fear of Him by keeping lips from deceit
Guard the tongue from speaking evil to be God-fearing

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of true wisdom
When we understand the love, power and majesty of our Creator
May we not lose our reverential awe of the Lord and His kingdom
For fear drives us to a closer walk with our Maker

The eyes and ears of the Lord are on the righteous
He is near the broken hearted and saves those who fear Him
Our fortress providing refuge in times of afflictions
Let us manifest our fear of God by worshipping Him

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 34:4-12; Proverbs 9:10

POETRY CORNER

#4

Light for All

A light shines through the foliage sure and bright,
It flickers as if fading as the leaves sway to cover.
This light is not gone, it is just not in the line of sight,
Yet I have an uneasiness as if this light will shutter.

Genuinely, I worry that I may be left in darkness,
Night remains night that does not give into dawn.
I move left and step right, unable to find stillness,
I stretch up and squat down anxious this ray is gone.

In this shadow, for that moment, I comprehended not,
What it means to uphold the Lord with the whole heart.
In the blackness of this tenebrosity I must not get caught,
Instead, seek His precepts and testimonies, find a fresh start.

For in His tender mercies there is provision of light for all,
So too comfort and warmth as constant as His loving kindness.
I must delight in His statutes, through His word get revival,
May His word be a lamp to my feet that lights this darkness.

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Psalm 119

Catching 'komoreibi' through thick dark foliage.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Milton Ong

PRAYER

HYMNS

Song No. 1 | 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

VIP 504 | O Rejoice in the Lord

MESSAGE

"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart"

Psalm 34:17-22

Rev. Benjamin Chong

CLOSING HYMN

CP 333 | More Love to Thee

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

10,000 REASONS

MATT REDMAN AND JONAS MYRIN

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy Name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy Name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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HYMNS

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy Name.

Worship Your Holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your Holy Name.



HYMNS

VIP 504 O REJOICE IN THE LORD

RON HAMILTON

1. God never moves without purpose or plan
When trying His servant and moulding a man.
Give thanks to the Lord though your testing seems long;
In darkness He giveth a song.

Refrain

O rejoice in the Lord, He makes no mistake.
He knoweth the end of each path that I take.
For when I am tried and purified, I shall come forth as gold.

2. I could not see through the shadows ahead;
So I looked at the Cross of my Saviour instead.
I bowed to the will of the Master that day;
Then peace came and tears fled away.

Refrain

3. Now I can see testing comes from above;
God strengthens His children and purges in love.
My Father knows best, and I trust in His care;
Through purging more fruit I will bear.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 333 MORE LOVE TO THEE

ELIZABETH P. PRENTISS

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me, More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be; More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!



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