

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 2 August 2026 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

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Text: Romans 4

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STRENGTHENED IN FAITH

LESSONS OF FAITH

The Apostle Paul was able to draw many lessons of faith from the life of Abraham! He was truly wise and discerning!

¹⁸ Who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was

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spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Romans 4:18-22

1. Features of Abraham's Faith

- a) He held fast to his faith and hope
- b) He was not weak in faith
- c) He did not waver at the promise of God
- d) He rejected unbelief
- e) He was strengthened in faith
- f) He was fully convinced that God was able to fulfil what He had promised

2. Our challenge to cultivate our faith in God

- a) Basics- To have a genuine faith in God
- b) Beyond Basics- To cultivate a Christian Walk with God

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

- 1. To seek regeneration from God
- 2. To cultivate a Christian lifestyle
- 3. To strengthen our faith

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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 our faith in the Lord Jesus be refreshed and strengthened through worship and fellowship!



COMMUNION MEDITATION

- ²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."
²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
Matthew 26:26-28



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: Give me this Mountain

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.15pm

Do register as early as possible.
If there are any queries, please approach us at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch.

Please scan the QR code to sign up for Anniversary Lunch.

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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

We will be having a special Lunch Program for our children as part of this year's 50+3 Anniversary celebrations.

Our children will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care of by our staff and volunteers.

Details:

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Azalea Rooms (2nd Floor)

Time: 12.15pm – 2.00pm

This is open to children **aged 5 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Benjamin Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

To register for your child(ren), scan the QR code for the **Children's Special Lunch Program.**

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THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 4 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 6 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 8 August 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 9 August 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: Ee Ai Lin; Ezra Lee
Lunch: Ee Ai Lin; Susanna Lam; Kalen Lai



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 27:1-3

¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD *is* the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.

³ Though an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I *will be* confident.

1. Fears must be resisted
 - a) The threat of the wicked
 - b) The persecution that they may inflict
2. Faith in the Lord
 - a) Faith that God gives light amidst darkness
 - b) Faith that God grants strength amidst problems
3. Full confidence is possible
 - a) It is found in the Lord
 - b) It is found when faith is exercised

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 2 August 2026

Text: “I am as strong this day” Joshua 14:11

*As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me;
just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war,
both for going out and for coming in.
Joshua 14:11*

1. The testimony of Caleb
2. A testimony of how God has sustained his strength
3. May we be encouraged to cultivate strength in the Lord!

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 August 2026

Text: “Give me this mountain” Joshua 14:12

*Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.”
Joshua 14:12*

POETRY CORNER

1

STRENGTHENED IN FAITH

Abraham had a genuine faith in God;
He then cultivated his walk with the Lord.
Each time God spoke to his heart;
He sought to obey, right from the start!

He was given many promises from God;
He clung to these words from the Lord.
Through the Word of God he gathered strength;
Thus he was able to walk with God at length!

He did not allow his faith to waver in God;
Against all odds, he chose to trust in the Lord.
The features of his faith grew steadily;
His faith in the Lord redounds to God's glory.

It is possible to grow our faith significantly;
But we must take our faith in God seriously.
The faith that we develop can be steadfast.
A strong faith in God is one we must hold fast!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Romans 4:18-22; Genesis 12-15

POETRY CORNER

2

A PRAYER TO OUR MASTER POTTER

○ Lord, I praise you, our Master Potter!
Your sovereignty and dominion I honour!
You hold the world and nations in Your hands,
My humble life is one of Your countless plans.

Pray that clay You work with is soft and moldable,
The willingness to be shaped is ever notable.
For clay that is hardened in indeed unworkable,
Clay that is hardened makes a useless vessel.

May I remember to lift my eyes to the hills,
From You my help comes, my voids You fill.
Help comes from You who made heaven and earth,
May you teach and shape my life's every worth.

○ Lord, humble me to hold gaze at Your hands,
Know my place as a servant in Your lands.
Teach me to value Your word ever so dearly,
Understand Your lessons even more clearly!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Jeremiah 18:1-6, Isaiah 64:8, Psalms 121 and 123

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Grace Ng

PRAYER

HYMNS

Behold Our God
CP 477 | Shine, Jesus, Shine

ITEM

"In His Presence"
Evergreens Choir

MESSAGE

"My servant Caleb... a different spirit" | Numbers 14:21-25
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 367 | Wherever He Leads I'll Go

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 377 | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

BEHOLD OUR GOD SOVEREIGN GRACE

1. Who has held the oceans in His Hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain

Behold our God seated on His Throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King – nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Refrain

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 477 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GRAHAM KENDRICK

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 367 WHEREVER HE LEADS I'LL GO B. B. MCKINNEY

1. "Take up thy cross and follow Me,"
I heard my Master say:
"I gave My life to ransom thee,
Surrender your all today."

Refrain

Wherever He leads I'll go,
Wherever He leads I'll go;
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,
Wherever He leads I'll go.

2. He drew me closer to His side,
I sought His will to know,
And in that will I now abide,
Wherever He leads I'll go.

Refrain

3. It may be through the shadows dim,
Or o'er the stormy sea,
I take the cross and follow Him,
Wherever He leadeth me.

Refrain

4. My heart, my life, my all I bring
To Christ who loves me so;
He is my Master, Lord, and King,
Wherever He leads I'll go.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 377 JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN HENRY LYTE

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be:
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought, and hoped and known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own!

2. Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; show Thy face, and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.



In His Presence

*Words & Music by: Dick & Melodie Tunney
Choral Arrangement by: Tammy W. Rawlinson
Performed by: The Evergreens*

In the quiet of this hour, as we kneel before You now,
We believe Your promise to be faithful.
We don't always understand what Your perfect will demands,
But we've learnt to trust You more in Your presence, Lord.

In Your presence there is comfort,
In Your presence there is peace.
When we seek to know Your heart,
We will find such bless'd assurance
In Your holy presence, Lord.

There can be such sweet reward when we wait upon the Lord.
As we take the time, He gives His perfect wisdom.
To be found in Him alone, all our deepest secrets known,
We're surrounded by His grace when we seek His face.

In His presence there is comfort,
In His presence there is peace.
When we seek the Father's heart
We will find such bless'd assurance.
An ever open door to know our Saviour more,
In the presence of our Lord.

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