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!

"LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?" (Psalm 15:1) Let us draw near to our Holy God as His people who desire to walk righteously and uprightly!



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FOR THE LORD TAKES PLEASURE *in His people*

There is every reason for us to rejoice in our glorious Lord and offer heartfelt praise to Him! Yet, for God to take pleasure in us as His people is a beautiful and humbling truth to ponder and appreciate deeply.

[1] Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of saints.

[2] Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

[3] Let them praise His name with the dance;
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

[4] For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.

PSALM 149:1-4

1. Rendering of praise

   a. It can be in the composition and singing of a new song — Psalm 149:1a

   b. It can be expressed in a dance — Psalm 149:3a

   c. Musical instruments are skilfully employed — Psalm 149:3b

   d. Praise is offered on a collective level — Psalm 149:1b

2. Reasons for praise

a. God is our marvellous Maker Psalm 149:2a

b. He is our King who cares and provides for us Psalm 149:2b

c. He takes pleasure in His people Psalm 149:4a

d. He beautifies the humble with deliverance Psalm 149:4b

3. Rejoice in God

a. Genuine rejoicing arises when we appreciate the Lord and His salvation

b. Praise becomes a dominant feature in our relationship with God!

May we as a Church, never cease to sing of the Lord's Might and Majesty!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
14 NOVEMBER 2026

Prelude	Pianist: Lorraine Lai
Call to Worship	Pastor Charles Tan
Opening Prayer	Pastor Charles Tan
Song Leading 1. In the Secret 2. Speak, O Lord	Alina Chan and Chloe Tang Pianist: Lorraine Lai Cajonist: Jamie Li
Scripture Reading Text: Joshua 9	Laura Chan and Thaddeus Heng
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Mark Tan
Message "Do with us as it seems good and right" Text: Joshua 9	Pastor Charles Tan
Closing Prayer	Pastor Charles Tan
Offering	
Postlude	Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

14 NOVEMBER 2026

"DO WITH US AS IT SEEMS GOOD AND RIGHT"

JOSHUA 9

In the Secret

By Andy Park

In the secret, in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,
'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You.
I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face.
I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,
Out of my way,
'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You.
I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face.
I want to know You more.

I want to know You.
I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face.
I want to know You more.

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SPEAK, O LORD

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights
Of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 31 OCTOBER 2026
"NOW JOSHUA BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL"
TEXT: JOSHUA 8:30-35

BUILDING AN ALTAR TO WORSHIP THE LORD

"Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel,..." Josh. 8:30-31

1. This was commanded by the Lord Deut. 27:1-26

   a. Set up stones on Mount Ebal

      i. They had to whitewash them

      ii. These were stones which an iron tool had not been used upon

      iii. They were to write plainly on the stones the words of the law

   b. Set up an altar to the Lord

      i. Building the altar with the same stones

      ii. Offering of burnt and peace offerings

   c. Eat and rejoice before the Lord

   d. Half of the people would stand on Mount Gerizim to bless

   e. The other half would stand on Mount Ebal to speak the curses

2. The key thing - To obey the voice of the Lord and keep His commandments as God's people

THE REASON FOR BUILDING THIS ALTAR

1. Establishing the vital role of worshipping God

"... as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: "an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron *tool*." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings." And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written." Josh. 8:31-32

a. They had to establish the vital role of the worship of God

b. God is a holy God and He wants us to worship Him in holiness

c. Giving of sacred offerings to the Lord will be accepted

i. Burnt offerings - This is for the atonement of sins Cf. Lev. 1:4

ii. Peace offerings - This is for thanksgivings Cf. Lev. 7:12

2. Remembering the covenant of the Lord as a nation

"Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them *were* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel." Josh. 8:33

a. The altar was meant for all to remember and to ratify the covenant

i. The leaders - Elders, officers and judges

ii. The religious leaders - The priests and the Levites

iii. All Israel

iv. The strangers born among them

b. Half of the people would stand in front of Mount Gerizim - Speaking the rewards of keeping the covenant

c. The other half would stand in front of Mount Ebal - Speaking the curses that will come when they do not keep the covenant

d. The priests and the Levites will bless the nation

e. They were to publicly do this as a nation

3. Making the reading of the Scriptures the focus in worship

"And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written." Josh. 8:32

"And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the curses, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel..." Josh. 8:34-35

a. The vital place of the word of God in worship

i. Joshua wrote the word of God on the altar

ii. The people were meant to focus on the word of God as they worship

b. Joshua read all the words of the law

i. The blessings

ii. The curses

iii. This was to help the people remember the Lord's covenant

iv. This was to renew their faith in His covenant

c. They were to know and to keep all the commandments of God

d. The reading of the commandments was meant to be the main focus in worship

KNOWING AND KEEPING THE LORD'S WORD ARE MEANT FOR EVERYONE

"There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them." Josh. 8:35

1. This was not just meant for the men

2. This was meant for everyone

   a. All the assembly of Israel

   b. The women

   c. The little ones

   d. The strangers living among them

3. The little ones were also involved in worship

4. Worship of the Lord / keeping of His word was meant for the whole family

5. It was also meant for strangers...for everyone else

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Keeping the command to worship the Lord

2. Having reasons to worship the Lord as God's people

   a. To establish the vital role of worship to God

   b. To remember the Lord, His covenant and the need for the Lord's blessings

   c. To know His word

3. Practising the word of God as a collective response to God

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

THADDEUS HENG

Welcome back to Youth Worship everyone. We rejoice specially with Winston and Yanning who got married last weekend! 2 weeks ago, Pastor Mitch taught us from Joshua 8, where we read how the people of Israel paused to worship God, and Joshua built an altar to the Lord.

A Deliberate Pause: Seeking the Lord

In the midst of Israel's war campaign in Canaan, Joshua chose to pause, for them to build an altar to the Lord. In doing so, he obeyed the command of the Lord recorded in Deuteronomy 11 and 27. He built the altar accordingly, and fulfilled the specific instructions given, including not to use any tools on the stones.

Amidst fighting, the people paused to pray and worship God. This was not "natural", for typically one would ride the wave of victory in war, and seek to continue to battle and conquer more enemies. But the people made a detour to Mt Ebal and Mt Gerizim, paused to be with God, and sought Him in prayer and worship. They offered sacrifices to the Lord, and also sought His blessing.

I too recognise the need for me to pause and seek the Lord. In National Service (NS), there have come some periods of pressure, such as on one occasion when I had to drive my tank for an important parade. I struggled with the fast manoeuvre I had to do, and felt stressed by expectations from many superiors. But in my moment of distress, I paused, and went back to the Lord in prayer. I prayed for Him to guide my hands and feet, and my mind to comprehend how to control the pedals and wheel. Graciously, the Lord answered, and I was able to get the hang of things after a few more rehearsals. But I was now so much more conscious of my need to depend on the Lord. Across the 32 rounds of rehearsal for the rest of that week, I sought the Lord in prayer earnestly, seeking His grace for every round I drove the tank. Without the Lord's Presence, I definitely wouldn't have been able to execute the drive-past well eventually.

Renewal of the Lord's Covenant and Remembering His Word

The Lord's Word was also read out to all the people of Israel. This was a good moment to refocus on the Lord and the centrality of His Word, especially the need to remain obedient to Him. It was also an opportunity for the people to renew their commitment to the Lord and to keeping His covenant. Before this, the people had already faced one defeat in battle at Ai, due to Achan's sin. Joshua saw the need for the people to pause and hear the Lord's Word once again. The people were to know and obey the Lord's commandments, as His holy people.

I am challenged to be so much more conscious, that obeying the Lord and seeking Him come first. I am reminded that I must continue to make a deliberate effort to pause and seek the Lord, amidst whatever schedule I have in the army. It is only then I can learn to obey Him fully. Pastor Mitch also reminded us, we represent God everywhere we go, as part of His people! I am challenged to continue to live out my faith and honour Him first, whether that's setting aside each weekend to be in church, to live differently as a believer, or make better choices in obedience to His Word throughout the week. May we all be encouraged to live each day, being conscious that we are a part of God's people!

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

ASHLEY TAN

Welcome back to Youth Worship!

Introduction

Two weeks ago, we learnt from Joshua 8:30-35. The children of Israel had just gone through a series of ups and downs - victory at Jericho, defeat at Ai, dealing with Achan's sin and then victory at Ai. After this eventful time, they not only took a "break", but dedicated a special time and place to remember and worship God. Reading Joshua 8:30-35, we can almost imagine how all the people of Israel gathered together at Shechem (where Abraham first built an altar to God), where God's commandments were pronounced to them by Joshua.

Remembering God's commandments

This lesson made me reflect on how I am consciously pausing to remember God amidst the "battle conquests" of my life. For me, I go back to first principles: as it reads in Deuteronomy 10:12-13, "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?"

There are many "quests" and even "side-quests" we may pursue in our lives – studies, career, relationships, hobbies and so on – but what do we really *need*? Deuteronomy 10:12-13 reminds me that all the Lord requires of me is to love Him – that is the ultimate goal. I often need to pause and go back to these fundamentals. And what better time to pause and remember the Lord than at the upcoming Youth Conference? I am looking forward to the time when we can learn from and be refreshed in His Word!

Remembering God's promises

Not only that, but as we take the time to be reminded of God's commandments, we can also be reminded of His promises. Being at a historically significant place to worship, Israel was reminded that they were seeing the fulfilment of God's promises to Abraham. God had evidently multiplied the descendants of Abraham, "Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude." (Deuteronomy 10:22) Now as Israel faced an uncertain time, they could be assured that God had indeed prepared a homeland for them.

There are many promises of God we can remember and appreciate. One example is the promise of His presence, which we learnt at the start of our study of Joshua, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9) I am seeking to remember this even as I complete another semester of university – that amidst small milestones both physically and spiritually, I can be encouraged knowing that God is able to see me through various challenges.

Just as Israel had to remember that God was with them, going before and fighting for them as they fought for the land of Canaan, we are encouraged to remember that God is with us no matter what we may go through. May we find encouragement as we seek to remember His commandments and promises!

DARKNESS OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT

The Ninth Plague was one of thick darkness;
Pharaoh had hardened his heart with wickedness.
He would never concede defeat to the Hebrews;
They were his slaves to do what he chooses.

God asked Moses to stretch out his hand to heaven;
The Sun God was the most revered among the Egyptians.
They believed that his light cannot be curtailed in any way;
The thick darkness would curb the power of the sun for three days.

For three days, there was hardly any movement anywhere;
To move in thick darkness safely, proved too much to dare.
The Egyptians knew that that this was a mighty work of Moses' God;
But they were unable to prevail upon Pharaoh who was their lord.

In the land of Goshen, the Hebrews enjoyed normal sunlight;
There was no darkness and the people were in much delight.
They were grateful to their God who had given His protection;
They looked forward to the day of their promised Redemption.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 10:21-23



HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE

REVELATION 3:11

Youth Conference is a month away! At this Youth Conference, we will be looking at how we can grow in our faith as an individual, as a family, and as a Church! We will be studying from various books of the Bible, including Genesis, Galatians and Revelation. We will also be reminded of the dangers and distractions we can face both personally and as a community, and may we be encouraged to hold fast to our faith and be an overcomer!

We look forward to seeing you!

Details: Date: 30 November - 3 December
(Monday - Thursday)
Venue: Bethany IPC
Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age: Open to youths aged 13 and above

Fees: $25.00

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

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 80286194.
You can register online by scanning the QR Code:

CHRISTMAS
CAROLING 2026

Christmas remains a special time of remembering
God's everlasting love toward us, in the coming
of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us ready our hearts to worship the Lord
and declare His love this Christmas!

Christmas Caroling will be taking place in December.
Kindly sign up at the booth at the Fellowship Hall
on Sundays if you'd like to attend.

Details

Date: 5 December 2026, Saturday
Venue: Sanctuary
Time: 3.00pm



CHRISTMAS
at Shangri-La 2026

We will be having our special Christmas Worship Service and Christmas Lunch on 25 December 2026.

Details
Date: 25 December 2026, Friday
Venue: Shangri-La
Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch. Kindly plan to sign up early.

Please scan the QR code to register for Christmas Lunch. Kindly approach us at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you've any queries.

Church Spring Cleaning

Thank God for all who helped!

Thank God for the wonderful turnout at the Spring Cleaning on Monday! Many came, including some of our children, who gave of their time and strength to clean up the Church. May we cultivate a deep love for the House of the Lord!



21 NOVEMBER 2026

"Do not forsake your servants"

Text: Joshua 10:1-15

A battle was waged by the Amorites for the Gibeonites had made a treaty with the nation of Israel. Once again, the Lord fought for Israel. By the command of Joshua, the sun and moon stood still until the enemies were fully delivered to the nation of Israel. This was a mighty and divine miracle of the God of Israel.



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