



GALILEE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"IN GALILEE ... there's a great light"

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Church Theme Verse 2023:

Luke 14:23

"And the Lord said unto the servant, **Go out** into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, **that my house may be filled.**"

Pastor	:	Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan	9858 4865
Associate Pastor	:	Rev Freddy Yong (MWS)	8309 8157
Advisory Pastor	:	Rev Philip Heng	9792 9183
Ministry Staff	:	Pr David Cher	9737 9150
	:	Dness Lee May San	9618 9160

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, 16 April 2023, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Isabelle Chung

INTROIT #216 "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Tai Fatt Weng

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mr Daryl Tan

HYMNS #147 "How Great Thou Art"
 #210 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"
 - "Behold Our God"
 #408 "How Firm A Foundation"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING [Responsively] Psalm 132:1-18

Mr Marcus Ho

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

(Creche/Nursery/Kindergarten/Primary children leave for Sunday School)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE "Creation Glorifies God"
Psalm 96

Preacher David Cher

CLOSING HYMN #33 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &
Broadcast Live on
Galilee Website

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong
Message: "Faith Of Isaac"
Genesis 21:1-14

Wednesday
19 April

7.30 pm

Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting

Pastor Simon Nagarajan - The First Epistle Of Peter
Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM

Rev Philip Heng - The Gospel of Mark

<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>

Dness Lee May San (Ladies' BS) - The Book Of Galatians
Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM

Saturday
22 April

1.30 pm

CF/JF – Paul's Final Journey

I/C: Sis Lata B



Youth Worship Service

"Running With God"

Speaker: Mr Lim Chien Chong (Grace BPC)

Text: Jonah 2-3

Saturday 22 April 2023, 5pm

Lord's Day
23 April

9.00 am

Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting (on-site only)

9.15 am

MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE

[On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening]

Preacher: Rev Bendick Ong (Calvary BPC)

Message: "Under The Shadow Of The Almighty"

Psalm 91:1-16

9.30 am

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]

Chairman: Dn Kenneth Wong

Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang

Scripture Reader: Dn Kenneth Wong (Psalm 133 & 134)

Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

Message: "The Fall Of Man" Genesis 3

All Sunday School Classes on-site

10.00 am Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6

11.00 am Secondary/Senior Class

11.00 am Young Adults [Dn Sandeep Choppara]

11.00 am Senior Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee]

11.00 am Adults [Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan]

12.15 pm Senior Catechism (Church Library)

I/C: Pastor Simon Nagarajan

12.15 pm Junior Catechism (Level 3 Room 3)

I/C: Preacher David Cher

Testimony of Ricky Chng

On 6 Mar, Monday, as I was running a temp of 39.7 and having the chills, I went for the GP consultation and was prescribed fever and pain relief medicine. But through Monday, I didn't recover and went back to the GP again the next day. She prescribed antibiotics and I went back home again. I prayed to God for relief and comfort that the medicine would work but God has His plans. The high fever persists and subsequently on Thursday, I went to Jurong Polyclinic, and the doctor who was looking into my case immediately noticed something wrong as the white of my eyes has turned yellowish and my blood sample was found with bile traces in my blood, which can indicate a liver or gallbladder problem. He immediately refer me to NUH Emergency.

In NUH, I waited in emergency observation for more than a day before a ward was found for me in Ward 44 bed 44M.

I was put on fasting and then on Sat morning was wheeled to have a CT scan.

The results of the CT scan were explained to me by Dr Tan. It shows my liver and gallbladder are fine, thank God, but they can see a kidney stone in my right urethra tube and it's causing infection and forming of pus and abscesses in my right bladder. My case was taken by kidney specialist, Dr Attshvin. He recommends to insert a stent from my infected kidney to my bladder to bypass the kidney stone. Thank God the procedure is able to be scheduled immediately and successfully performed on Tuesday 14 Mar.

Snr Consultant in Urology Prof Tiong Ho Yee then took over my case. He mentions that my infected kidney is actually in quite a difficult position when, if they should do the procedure to drain the pus from my kidney, there are some critical organs along the path. Thus, they try to hold off this procedure and try antibiotics to let the infection and pus come out through the stent naturally. This is only possible if my temp remains normal. They tried for next 3 days but my fever shoots up to 38.5 during the nighttime.

On Friday morning, Prof Tiong decides that the IR (interventional radiology) will go ahead to drain out the pus and infection physically. Procedure was scheduled for Friday 2pm. I was wheeled into the IR room on time. I will be awake the whole time with only local anaesthesia in the keyhole area. During the 15 mins preparation, I just call on the Lord to be merciful and sing hymns 'Be Thou My Vision' and 'Amazing Grace' to remind myself that God is in control. At the same time, I prayed for all in the IR room and commit them into God's care.

During the procedure I was faced down as the entry is through the back of kidney. I just keep focusing on God, on my family and loved ones, singing hymns silently in my mind. I can hear the doctors discussing and I particularly remember them constantly mentioning during the scan and operation, like 'Perfect, that's the best path to go in', 'That's perfect, the lighting of the image, I can see so clearly' and 'Perfect, that removes the pus from this half'. I keep thinking, yes, it's always perfect because we have a Perfect God who is leading all of the procedures. All Glory to our Almighty God.

The IR ends at 4pm and doctor mentions the pus and infection is cleared as much as he can see and he will leave the tube in so that the remaining can drain out. I said 'Thank God for all of you' and I can hear a nurse says, 'Yes, thank God'.

As I was wheeled out, I can feel my body temp starts to rise and at the same time, I start feeling cold and having the chills. My body starts shaking violently. They covered me with 5 blankets yet I still shaking. They quickly wheeled me to the ward. All the way, I keep praying to the Lord for comfort and

peace. At the ward, my temp was measured at 39.7, my BP is above 200. The ward doctor administered ice pack, antibiotics, oxygen tube and leg compress, and by the marvelous grace of God, my symptoms subsided by 7pm. Later on, Prof Tiong came and he says it is my body's natural reaction to the IR procedure as something foreign has entered my body. Praise God for showing me how my body reacts to ailments so in future I know how to react.

I recovered through the weekend and was scheduled for a CT scan to confirm my kidney condition. It was scheduled for Tuesday 21 Mar morning. From Sunday to Tuesday my temp was very normal at range of 36.5 to 36.7 deg. This shows the infection in my body is removed already. It is solely by God's intervention and grace that He has cleared the infection. Prof Tiong came to tell me results shows very positive recovery of my kidney and also unlikely the infection will recur. God is marvelous indeed. He says I can go home on Tuesday afternoon 21 March 2023, and I cannot help but keep praising our God for the last 13 days in the ward. God has His will and timing for everything. After discharge and back home, on 22 March, I received news about my mother's condition and my siblings have to make the very difficult decision regarding mum's dialysis. After that, we spend precious quality time with mum for 2 weeks until her passing on, on 5 April 2023. The funeral was held on 9 April. We thank God for many Galileans who came to the wake to comfort us. On the final day, it was raining very heavily after lunchtime but we prayed for the rain to stop. By God's grace, the rain stopped just in time for the funeral procession to Mandai Crematorium. God's timing indeed is perfect.

The next day 10 April I was admitted for my procedure of removing stone and replacing the stent. Thank God for bro Kim Thia who drove me to NUH. The admission process was very fast and I was in the OT at 1.30pm. I woke up at around 4pm inside the ward. Dr Tay came to see me and he says the operation went very well and the stone was blasted out with laser. During the laser, a small tiny piece broke off and back-flow into the kidney. The team have to get a longer cable camera to reach inside the kidney to find the rebel fragment. Thank God for His amazing instructions to the team who is able to find and retrieve that tiny stone fragment. How wonderful is our God.

Luke 12:7 (KJV) - But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows

I was warded for one night for monitoring and next morning, once they confirmed my bladder movement is back to normal, I was able to be discharged on 11 April 2023. I am thankful to our Almighty God for His mercy and grace to me for my medical condition from 6 March to 11 April. It shows our God is always in full control, providing perfectly the people, the facilities, the timings, and even the weather during this month. It has been a difficult time for me but I just rely on His perfect grace to sustain me through my operations and mum's death. One stanza of the hymn 'Day by Day' sums up my gratitude and dependence on Him always.

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

All Glory to our God Almighty. AMEN

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For the Lord is great, and greatly
to be praised: he is to be feared
above all gods.

Psalm 96:4

Attendance

Maundy Thursday Memorial Service (Online) (In-Person)	146 18 128
Easter Sunrise Worship	98
Easter Worship Service 16 April 2023 (Online) (In-Person) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday School	268 48 220 42
Mandarin Worship Service 16 April 2023	36
Wed Bible Study 19 Apr 2023	23
Wed Prayer Meeting 19 Apr 2023	26

Church Announcements

- Acknowledgement from Dn Ricky and Sis Lena Chng**

The family of Ricky and Lena Chng would like to thank all Galileans for your love, prayers and condolences during the demise of my dear mother and her mother-in-law, Mdm Lau Yew Mui, on 5 April 2023. We are very much comforted by your presence by our side during the wake. With much love and thanks.
- CF/JF Outing to Kok Fah Technology Farm**

Date: 29 April 2023, 1.30 pm to 4 pm
Speaker: Pastor Simon
All children between K1 and P6 are welcome to join. The bus will leave the church at 2 pm and return by 4 pm.
- Session Meeting today:** 1.30 pm @ church library

Forget The Past And Press Forward

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 16 April 2023

Brethren,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Quite some time ago, I naively accepted an invitation to join a large company-organised program to scale Mount Ophir. Amongst the close to 100 people, I was the most improperly geared. It only goes to show how much I underestimated the task. By God's grace, I pressed on to the "killing field" named as such; many gave up there, and so did I. After analysing the next challenge that requires to scale over a large bolder by knotted rope, the fear of falling gripped my attention. Hence, I forfeited watching the glorious sunrise from the summit. Later, I regretted not attempting, but my lesson learnt.

It will be unrealistic to imagine you have no regrets in life. We all do! Author Daniel Pink in his research, realised man's regrets are categorised into four groups: 1. Foundation regrets: not doing the work, 2. Moral regrets: doing the wrong things, 3. Connection regrets "If only I have reached out, 4. Boldness regrets: a chance that wasn't taken. Possibly, all our regrets will fall into one or more categories.

How do we handle regrets in our lives? Paul's prescription for this all-consuming, life-crippling condition is, "Brethren, ... this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Phil 3:13-14. Paul's past holds terrible accounts: "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison" Acts 8:3. See also, Acts 9:1-2, 1 Cor 15:9, Acts 22:3-4, 26:9-11. He played a part in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:57-58). Turning our attention to Peter, who denied Christ three times, certainly was about the worse thing he had ever done. The regret over his action must have been deep-seated. Thomas would have

experienced no less for his words of unbelieve.

Brethren, all these people picked themselves up and pressed forward for the Glory of Christ Jesus. We must not allow all past unwise decisions and actions to hold us back from the good things God has in store. We need to examine the regrettable situation honestly and then pray, get up and say to ourselves; I am done; now I move forward to do better with my opportunities and resources. The lesson from the mountain hike was never to embark on anything without a good idea of what I am getting myself into and to equip myself well to handle the task. Jesus said, count the cost before jumping into anything (Luke 14:28-32). Anything less is plain recklessness.

Paul's reputation preceded him. When God called Ananias to meet Paul, he hesitated and told the Lord, "I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.." Acts 9:13-14. Sometimes, we are reminded of our past wrongs and the whole process of unhappiness kicks in. Look at Paul; he spared no opportunity nor feared physical hardship nor verbal abuse but laser-sharply focused on finishing the race well. Like a determined Olympic runner, he did not turn back to dwell on his past failures. He ran with great expectation to see His Master's face and to hear His Words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants... enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matt 25:21)

Are you still occasionally grumbling and muttering words of regret? Cast it out. Move on in the strength of the Lord. Be a blessing to one and all. Help others to make wise decisions. Keep your focus on the Lord and glorify the Lord. God's grace is with us!