

**Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices as much as in
obeying the LORD?**

1 Sam 15:22a



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs

AM: Great is Thy Faithfulness; Mighty, Mighty Saviour; Lord Have Mercy

PM: Mighty, Mighty Saviour; Great is Thy Faithfulness; He Will Be

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 12:1-18 (ESV)

Message: The Handover & The Renewal

Response Hymn

AM: Never Once / Lord, I Offer My Life (Medley)

PM: He Will Be

Holy Communion: He Will Hold Me Fast

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Sunday Services at a glance

8.30am Mandarin Service

9.00am Hokkien Service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English Service

10.30am Mandarin-English Service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin Service

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups – to join via Zoom, register at zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only upon request, via Zoom*

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor (1030)</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor (430)</i>	9829 6051
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor (1030)</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor (830)</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Mandarin)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Chris Rajendran, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	9446 7416
Rev Danny Chua, <i>Pastor (430)</i>	9239 4160
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Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, <i>Women's Ministry</i>	9880 4507
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Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Handover & The Renewal

1 Samuel 12

“Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.” (11:14)

The Covenant

Samuel’s Faithfulness: I have kept my integrity (12:1-5)

The LORD’s Faithfulness: In the past, in spite of our failure (12:6-11)

Charge: You demanded a king, when the LORD was your king (12:12-15)

Stand still and see the LORD’s Verdict: Thunder and Rain (12:16-18)

Confession: We have added this evil, to ask for ourselves a king (12:19)

The LORD’s Faithfulness: For the future, in spite of our failure (12:20-22)

Samuel’s Faithfulness: I will intercede and instruct (12:23-25)

*Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you. (12:24)*

Reflection Questions:

1. Warm Up: What have you learned from Samuel’s example about confronting others on a serious matter of sin?
2. What does it mean to fear the LORD? The Israelites saw their enemy come against them and they were afraid. What situations (or ‘enemies’) can tempt you to turn from fearing the LORD and serving and obeying Him?
3. Think about the LORD’s faithfulness: What great things has He done for you? How does that help you to fear Him and yet not be afraid?
4. Ask the LORD to help you fear Him and serve Him faithfully with all your heart.

The Handover & The Renewal

1 Samuel 12

1. Samuel's Track Record (12:1-5)

Transition: Samuel the Prophet-Judge steps aside, as Saul takes on Kingship.

2. Yahweh's Track Record & Israel's Track Record (12:6-12)

Recollection: Samuel declares God's gracious work vs. Israel's unfaithful past.

3. A Covenant Warning & A Divine Sign (12:13-18)

Caution: Samuel warns Israel and her king, with the LORD as heavenly witness.

4. A Final Charge (12:19-25)

Exhortation: Samuel declares that the LORD will not forsake His people despite their evil.

5. Summary & Reflection:

What if God's sinful people can't keep their promise to fear and serve only Him?

What help can their King offer?

Discussion Questions:

1. **Samuel:** Look at our journey through the story so far: how has Samuel fared as judge over Israel? In what ways are his words true or not true (12:1-5)?
2. **Israel & Yahweh:** Why does Samuel recount Israel's history and God's historic actions (12:6-14)? What does this history tell us about the relationship between God and His people?
3. **God's People:** We may be tempted to 'apply' Samuel's word to ourselves – let us also “fear and serve and obey” the Lord (12:14, 24) so that we avoid His judgment! *However, what does Israel's 'track record' show us about God's people and our promises to God?* What actually happens when we fail time and again to “fear and serve and obey” the Lord?
4. **God's King:** If God's people can't be relied upon to obey Him, what about *their King?* (12:14, 15, 25). Read Philippians 2:8 – how is Jesus' obedience to God described? What strikes you?
5. **Our Christian Life:** How does the Christian life look like for you? What do you do when you encounter sin, and failure to “fear and serve and obey” the Lord? Where does King Jesus, His perfect obedience, and your covenant union to Him fit into these failures (do they)?

Prayer Points

Our Church

A&A Building Project – We thank God for His daily mercies upon all our workers and for good team work among all involved in the project. Noisy work will be carried out involving hacking of some walls and tiles on the 5th storey throughout the coming week.

Please pray:

- that users in church as well as neighbours will be able to tolerate the noise disturbances well.
- for the safety of all the workers as well as users in the building.
- for good weather during the working hours so that work can proceed unhindered.

Our People

Sister Gina - Remember Sister Gina in prayer. She's not able to return for in-person worship since 2020 because of her illness. Though her illness has taken a turn, we thank God that her faith remains rooted in Christ and firmly looking forward to being with her Lord. Pray for God's grace to fill each of her days to sustain her especially when the medicines and pain bring about great physical discomfort. Pray also for her dad and sister who are supporting her through these difficult times.

Sister Sim Nga Hoon – We thank God for answering prayers for this long-anticipated Whipple procedure to proceed on Tuesday (28 April). The surgery took 9 hours and we thank God for many who participated in the prayer watch throughout the surgery.

Please continue to pray for Nga Hoon's recovery, in particular please

- pray against these post-surgery complications: such as bleeding, infection, blood clots, blood flow to intestines impeded and leaking from rejoined areas and stomach.
- pray for restful and restorative sleep each night
- pray for God's added grace and strength upon Nga Hoon, her family members and the medical team throughout this recovery period.

Our World

Nepal – Thank God for 2 fruitful trips to 2 Nepal partners. We were able to learn more about the life and ministry challenges of our ministry partners. One of these is how few believers there are among Tibetan ethnic background peoples and how remote their villages are which mean good discipleship follow up is very difficult. Hence, many do fall away. Pray that the believers here would grow mature and strong.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	12	
English Service 8.30am	235	\$465.80
English Service 10.30am	555	
English Service 4.30pm	281	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8.30am	90	\$920.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	88	\$2,536.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	58	\$943.00
Hokkien Service	53	\$1,027.00
Tamil Service	10	\$946.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1412	\$6,837.80

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$56,057.15

Weekly Total \$62,894.95

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: \$91,095

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$4,199.00

Weekly Total \$4,199.00

Total expenses as of To-date -\$1,302,123.43

Total Gift Received To-Date \$4,842,407.08

Church Family News

Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning and at Horeb BPC this afternoon.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

General Projects Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 8 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 9 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 10 May

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm**

Connect With Us

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at bit.ly/ZBinterest and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

1 Samuel Series

10 May -- Saul's Disobedience

(1 Sam 13)

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (AM)

Ps Vernon Quek (PM)

17 May -- Jonathan Delivers Israel

(1 Sam 14)

Ps Dev Menon (AM)

Ps Danny Chua (PM)

This Is My Father's World

The phrase This is my father's world likely mean something else for the man in the street. Perhaps you might even as you read it now think of "lim-peh" or "you think it's your grandfather's road" or the likes. Their connotations are usually quite negative.

But contrary to popular understanding, the phrase This Is My Father's World is the exact opposite when it was first penned. This Is My Father's World was originally a poem written by Maltbie Babcock (1858-1901) which was later re-written as a hymn.

Babcock was an accomplished sportsman and later pastor-preacher. Once while out to the Niagara Falls, he was moved to pen the lines...

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be
glad!

For the author, to truly appreciate this being our Heavenly Father's world begins with a poetic appreciation of the Hand behind the wonder of nature. That nature is not only harmoniously created, they also resound harmoniously in praise of the Creator.

More importantly, it is when one begins to be really present among the created, to indulge, to feel, to be embraced, that one will experience the presence of the Creator, both His transcendence and His immanence—indeed His sovereignty!

It is only then that one will find that centeredness and restedness in this tumultuous, broken and sinful world. We all carry with us the scars and burdens of life in this sin-plagued world, whether it is self-inflicted, others-caused, and illness-plagued.

This is my Father's world is a rhapsodic assurance to fret not. What we see with our naked eyes are merely stained. Where the eyes of our hearts are clear, we will see, indeed—God is the Ruler yet—God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Perhaps it is time for you to take time to pause and appreciate nature? Or rather, to allow nature to embrace, still your hearts, and open your eyes to the God who loves and cares for you? Go, let the Creator enfold you... (and it helps to listen to the hymn as you do). I'm sure you will find many things and people God has blessed you with. I just did when writing this...

Announcements

ACM 2026 – Save The Date!

Annual Congregational Meeting 31 May (Sun) 1 - 3pm

All communicant members please note the above date and time for our next Annual Congregational Meeting. Ensure you register your attendance **TODAY** to be eligible for voting.

Papers will be sent 2 weeks before the ACM.

Please update the church office [**lydia@zionbishan.org.sg**](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) if you have any changes to your email or home address.

Camp Briefing

Church Camp Briefing 27 May (Wed) 8pm on Zoom

All campers are to attend the pre-camp briefing. Campers will receive the link via email.

Also, join the Camp Telegram channel for important info and updates at

[**tinyurl.com/camp2026telegram**](https://tinyurl.com/camp2026telegram)