



## The Hayes Sector Methodist Church

*“United in Love & Service  
to God’s Glory”*

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### **Bringing out the blossoming joy from within**

When have you last looked at yourself in the mirror? I mean really take a long hard look at yourself? Better yet, when is the last time you sung a truly affirming tune to yourself (as opposed to doing it for someone else).

*Imagine standing in front of the mirror and singing “**have I told you lately how I love you?**”*

That sounds self-centred? Not really! How else will you know what sharing love is like unless you can genuinely accept it for yourself?

I believe that “summer warmth” is an opportunity to smile from within and to embrace the blossoming newness around us. To fully appreciate what God is giving us in summer sunshine, we need only look at children playing in the park. Their laughter, joy and playful exploration helps to build a well rounded emotional being. They don’t worry about how short summer is or even that winter will be upon us before we know it. Children embrace the day fully – the gift of the moment and they do so without question or worry of hurt.

**I pray that us adults too, will sing more affirming songs, will jump around a pond of water on the pathway with joy and child-like playfulness rather than annoyance; and that as we do so, we will open ourselves up to experiencing true joy that blossoms from within!**

**May God bless you, ♥Jongi.**

## God Almighty is our Father and our Enabler

**Welcome:** *What is the most treasured memory you have of growing up? Does it include gratitude for a family member, parent or guardian? Share why that memory has stayed with you.*

**Worship:** Give thanks to God for being the unchanging and unfailing Father we have come to trust in our lives. Celebrate fatherhood and pray that all fathers will continue to be there for their families in providing and offering support.

**Word: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 & John 3: 1 – 17**

- ✘ Momentous occasions in people's lives tend to be remembered along with some community or national or worldwide event. When you note Isaiah's commission, *what strikes you with verse 1? Do you have a memorable spiritual happening in your life that you can link to some event of national/community significance e.g. Billy Graham crusade?*
- ✘ Isaiah cries weakness and or unskilled/ungiftedness (see vs5) and he feels unworthy yet God through His angel cleanses and restores Isaiah to fulfil his calling (c.f. also John 3: 1-8). *What are the fears you have that hinder you from serving God fully? Are you willing to trust God to equip and enable you to reach your full potential?*
- ✘ In the Isaiah reading, God does an act that helps him atone for bad language and unhealthy intentions whilst in the John reading God sends His Son Jesus to heal and restore the broken relationship humanity has with Him. In light of this truth then, *what makes you think that God is incapable of coming to your rescue? Or worse still, rescuing a world headed for pain?* Trust and obey if you wish to see a miracle and you will be pleasantly surprised at what God is doing for you(r) {world}.

Our **Witness:**

- ✘ Let your actions speak of God's power in you, everyday!

**Prayer:** Send Your fire into mine existence Lord and feed me with Thy Glory divine, that I may love You and serve You more and more...  
Amen!