

### Central Truth of the Message:

*As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and a local expression of His Church, we are God's base of operations in our place and in our time, until Jesus returns...*

**Many thanks to our two guest musicians leading worship today!**

*Erin Propp (Fort Garry MB Church) & Darryl Friesen (Anchor Point Church)*

### More Congratulations and Expressions of Goodwill:

**Liana Fonseca (violinist and friend):** *I am so thrilled to see Yuri starting this pastoral role, one that he has been seeking and discerning for a long time! I have been blessed by Yuri's wisdom both musically and spiritually for many years. I first got to know Yuri when he was coaching my string quartet in high school, alongside my friend/his daughter Elly. At this time in my life Yuri was mostly a musical mentor, but it was always encouraging to know that him and his family were fellow Christians. Whether I realized it then or not, I believe that it was very important for me to see this rare example of a strong Christian who was also a professional orchestral musician, since that has been my career goal for many years. After graduating high school and moving away from home to pursue post-secondary studies in violin performance, Yuri became more of a spiritual mentor and friend. The early years of my undergraduate degree were fragile yet formative for my faith and I had so many questions. I found it hard to reconcile my faith and my violin playing. I struggled to keep my identity in Christ rather than in my violin successes. Coming to Yuri with these questions and struggles, he responded with incredible understanding and full attention, always doing his best to respond with grace and sound biblical teaching. During an especially hard year, Yuri challenged me to memorize the entire book of Colossians with him, which was an incredible experience and blessing!*

*Yuri had and continues to have a hugely positive role in shaping my Christian faith and I am so grateful to God for placing him in my life. I will be praying for the Bethesda Church in this transition time and that God will be sustaining each and every one of you with His love!*

**Sam Nadurak (cellist and friend):** *Yuri has been a mentor to me for many years in different ways. At first, I knew him as my cello teacher and I looked up to him as a musician at that time. Years later we reconnected again during my studies at University. At this time, my relationship with Yuri deepened as he became a spiritual mentor as well. I was relatively new to faith at the time and Yuri was able to guide me through some important questions that any young Christian works through. He helped me discern and discover God's voice as I was making big life decisions and he would pray with me. Yuri has become a very special friend and mentor to me as I have known him as a teacher, a colleague, a friend, and a pastor. He has provided space for me to feel comfortable to ask challenging questions and to bounce ideas and thoughts off him. Despite his crazy busy schedule, he has still made time to meet with me throughout the year and walk with me in my spiritual walk.*

*I am so excited to see Yuri step into this new role as Senior Pastor. I know that he has been praying for God's guidance in this decision for a long time, so I trust that God will equip him and provide for him all his needs. I pray that God will guide and bless Bethesda Church in this new chapter!*

**Reverend Wayne Snyder (retired missionary & pastor; Pastor Yuri's uncle):** *Congratulations! "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears from the truth..." The words are from the Apostle Paul to Timothy. I could not do near as good. May God empower your ministry.*

*After the service, please join us for lunch downstairs in the Fellowship Hall!*



**BETHESDA  
CHURCH**

Grant Avenue & Cambridge Street  
WINNIPEG

*Installation  
Service of*

**YURI HOOKER**  
*as*  
**SENIOR PASTOR**

*Sunday,  
June 2, 2024  
10:00*



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. – Ephesians 3:7*

**Welcome:** Philip Tan, Bethesda Church Council Chair

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 67*, Pastor Yuri Hooker

**Prayer of Invocation:** Dr. Neil Craton – Past Chair of Bethesda Elders

**Hymn #382:** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Congratulations and Encouragement (video):**

Daniel Godard – *Lead Pastor, Victory Church of Moose Jaw*

Chris Kayler – *Assistant Professor of Music, Briercrest College*

**Congregational Song:** *By Faith*

**Pastoral Reflections, Exhortation & Prayer (audio):**

Pastor Tom Castor - *missionary, mentor, former pastor of Grant Memorial*

**Questions for the Incoming Pastor:** Philip Tan, Council Chair

1. *Have you had a definite experience of salvation through the faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ?*
2. *Do you here and now present yourself as a living sacrifice in the service of your Lord and Master?*
3. *Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and that only in the Bible is God's Way of Salvation set forth?*
4. *Do you believe in the inspiration and inerrancy of the whole canonical Bible?*
5. *Is your motive in seeking to preach the Gospel solely for the glory of God and the good of his Church?*
6. *Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as our pastor, according to your declaration upon accepting our call?*
7. *Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will undertake faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and be careful to conduct yourself in all respects becoming of a minister of the gospel of Christ?*

**Questions for the Congregation:** Philip Tan, Council Chair

1. *Do you, the people of Bethesda Church, continue to profess your readiness to receive Yuri Hooker whom you have called to be your pastor?*

(If so please reply, "We do.")

2. *Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth, with meekness and love; and to faithfully remember him in prayer?*

3. *Do you promise to encourage him in his difficult task, and to assist his efforts for your instruction and spiritual edification?*

4. *And do you agree to support your pastor with all the necessary provision which you have promised, and whatever else may be needful for the honour of the Christian faith, and his service among you?*

**Declaration of Installation:** Philip Tan, Chair

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, and by the authority of the congregation of Bethesda Church, I do pronounce and declare that Yuri Hooker is duly constituted the Pastor of Bethesda Church.*

*Let us therefore pray to God, the fountain of all grace and glory, that he may be pleased to sanctify with his heavenly blessing this relation of pastor and people which has now in his name been established.*

**Recitation of the Bethesda Church Covenant of Membership**

**Prayer of Induction:** George Manalang, Chair, Bethesda Elders

**Hymn #177 (children dismissed):** *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

**Sermon:** Pastor Mark Wilcoxson – *Ephesians Three, especially verses 7-13*  
*Bible-Grounded Preaching, Gospel-Centered Ministry, Christ-Infused Life:*  
*On Yuri Hooker's Installation as Senior-Servant-Leader-Pastor*

**Hymn #379:** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

**Benediction:** Pastor Yuri Hooker