#### SERVICE

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** 

SCRIPTURE READING

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

(Bank Transfer to

DBS 017-008265-5 or

via Church QR)

MESSAGE

**RESPONSE SONG** 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

#### Announcements: 1. Sunday Services

Sunday services will continue as per normal unless further changes or directives are advised by MCCY or our government.

Entry to church services are strictly by pre-registration via Eventbrite and is limited to 50 pax. There will be no singing and mask on is mandatory.

As advised by MOH, unvaccinated individuals, especially the elderly, are advised to stay home as much as possible over the next few weeks and not to attend in-person religious activities during this period.

As per request from our government, for those who are attending in-person services, you are strongly advised to have completed the full vaccination regimen in Singapore and have had time to develop sufficient protection [i.e. two weeks after the 2nd dose of the Pfzier or Moderna Covid-19 vaccination only].

We encourage everyone who is eligible, in particular the elderly, who are most at risk of developing serious symptoms to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Small groups are encouraged to continue to meet virtually.

# 2. Pre- Worship Prayer

Pre-worship prayer is held onsite at 8.30am before Sunday Service.

### 3. Come and See: Gardening Initiative

Thank God for the steady and fruitful growth. Pray that the gardening initiative will serve as an outreach to our community.

#### 4.Come and See: Workshop on Home Safety

Join us at this upcoming workshop conducted by SCDF on: 9 Oct 2021, 2 - 4.30 pm

This includes an e-learning session at one's own time prior to the session. The workshop is open to all loved ones, friends and community. Do register by 17 September via https://tinyurl.com/befchomesafety

### 5. Follow Me: Sermon Series Orientation (S.S.O.)

Join us for our next series on the '**Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God**', based on the book of **Jonah** 

#### 8 Aug, 10.30 am via Zoom

Do note that there will be no on-site SSO in line with Phase 2 HA guidelines.

### 6. Come & See: Mid-Autumn Festival Fellowship

Invite your family & friends! **18 September, 7 pm, Zoom** Register via: https://tinyurl.com/BEFCmidautumn Contact Mavis for more info

Date	1 Aug 2021	8 Aug 2021
Preacher	Ps Kenny Lee	Rev Dr Desmond Soh
Sermon Passage	<b>Proper Priorities</b> Haggai 2:20-23	Relentless Pursuit of a Prodigal God Jonah 1:1-16
Holy Communion Chair	Rev Dr Desmond Soh	
Worship Team	Penith Boolsambatra Ng Yui Yun	Wong Keen Mun Lee Li Hui
AV/IT Crew	Calvin Han Sarah Gan	Chan Jing Xiong Kuang Zi Ling
Interpreter	Calvin Han	Wendy Soh
Befrienders	Ng Ah Kong Oh Jing Jing	Joshia Kwa Debra Yap
Sunday School Teachers	Mavis Chen Yeo Bi Lan	Maureen Tan Ng Feng Yi

# BEFC Staff off day

Rev Dr Desmond	Monday
Soh	
Louis Seng	Wednesday

Proper Priorities Chosen for His Purposes Haggai 2:20-23

Introduction:

Sermon Outline:

Question: How can we not lose hope as we serve the Lord?

We can do so by remembering three things about God:

1. God is <u>s\_\_\_\_\_</u>! (v.20-22)

A. God <u>k</u> what he's doing; He is the Lord of Hosts (repeated <u>14</u> times! i.e. He is sovereign)
B. God has a perfect <u>t</u>. (Exodus 14:28; Judges 7:22)
C. N is too difficult for Him. (Jeremiah 32:17)

2. God <u>r\_\_\_\_</u>! (v. 23)

Significance of the signet ring; God was:

A. RHis judgment on the condemned lineage of JehoiachinB. Rthe honour of Zerubbabel's family before the Jewish peopleC. RZerubbabel back to the Davidic lineage

3. God has <u>c\_\_\_\_\_</u> us for His purposes (v.23a)

A. "That day" involves Zerubbabel but goes <u>b</u>him as well.

B. Through Zerubabbel his servant, God was pointing to a coming <u>M</u>\_\_\_\_\_, the servant King C. A future fulfilment: "that day" when there is no more <u>t</u>\_\_\_\_\_, God Himself will be the temple. (Revelations 21:22)

Like Zerubabbel, followers of Christ have been <u>c</u>\_\_\_\_\_ to declare His glory to the nations. (1 Peter 2:9)

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. God clearly reminds Zerubabbel that He is sovereign among the nations (v. 20-22). How does God's sovereignty in all things affect how we live our lives?

2. Zerubabbel may have felt that his "track record" as hindering him from being used by God. Are there areas in our life that we feel our "track record" is far from perfect? Are we willing to receive the God's restoration and forgiveness in our lives?

3. Similar to Zerubabbel, believers today are also called "chosen" (1 Peter 2:9). Are we aligned to his purposes, or are there areas in our life we have not completely surrendered to Him?

This sermon's recording will be available online at http://bethanyefc.org.sg/sermons.html



# WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

ENGLISH SUNDAY SERVICE 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOLS English Sunday School for Children / 9am

# PRAYER MEETINGS

Pre-Service Prayer / Sunday 8:30am Monthly Prayer Meeting / Last Friday of the Month 8pm

# LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Board Meeting / Third Wednesday of the Month 8pm

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