



Welcome to our Morning Service
Sunday 11th July 2021
Haggai 'God's Rebuilding Project'

Welcome: Julian Bidgood

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them –

he remains faithful for ever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns for ever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may serve You in newness of life
to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

Song:

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater.
He sends us more strength as our labours increase.
To added afflictions He offers more mercy.
To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance;
When our strength has failed and the day is half done;
When we've reached the end of our earthly resources;
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

So lean hard, Lean hard.

Lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean hard, Lean hard.

Lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean on the everlasting arms.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure.
His power has no boundary that's known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

So lean hard, Lean hard....

You lead me beside still waters.
Your goodness restores my soul.
I know that you'll never leave me.
I know that you won't let go.
I know that you won't let go.

So lean hard, Lean hard....

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Children leave for Sunday Club

Reading: Haggai 1:1-15

¹ In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

² This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘These people say, “The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.”’

³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai:

⁴ ‘Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your panelled houses, while this house remains a ruin?’

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.’

⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured,’ says the LORD. ⁹ ‘You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labour of your hands.’

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: ‘I am with you,’ declares the LORD. ¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

Talk: David Horrocks

Prayers:

Song:

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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Next Week

We continue our series as we turn to Haggai 2:1-9