

OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 A. M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1976

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 190 (429) "Lord, it belongs not"

Prayer of Invocation

Unison Reading: 42 (from "Psalms for Modern

The Gloria (Man" Thornbury

Quartette: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Matthew 23: 37-39

John 14: 12-21

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 245 (155) "Come, Holy Ghost"

Sermon: "I Will Not Leave You Desolate"

Rev. Jack Shaver

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Quartette: "Come, Let Us Worship" Palestrina

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 77 (266) "Jesus, Lover of my soul"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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WELCOME - We extend a sincere welcome to all who are visiting with us today. An informal Coffee Hour will be held immediately after both Services, and all are invited.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 29th, is Theological Education Sunday. Rev. Art Griffin will be speaking in the morning, and in the evening our guest speaker will be Dr. James Martin, Principal, Vancouver School of Theology.

Organist
Harry Stothers
7:00 P. M.

CHAPEL WORSHIP

Our Service this evening will be held in the Chapel and will focus on the Camp Fircom 'experience'. The event has been planned by Diane and Lorraine Baker, Tom McGuire, Wendy Kraemer, Ed Searcy and Elsie Roanberg. It will be a time to share together and think about why church camping, and in particular Camp Fircom, is important to everyone. All are invited to come and take part and to enjoy the coffee and juice afterwards.

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THE WORSHIP BROADCAST tonight (as on the fourth Sunday of each month) comes from Christ Church Cathedral instead of First United Church. It is heard at 8:00 p.m. on CKWX (1130 KC)

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"GOSPEL", a religious drama based on the gospel of Matthew, is being presented at Ryerson United Church, 45th Ave. and Yew St., 8:00 p.m., on the evenings of February 25th to 29th. Suggested donation: \$2.00.

THE AUXILIARY to the Vancouver School of Theology will meet Thursday, February 27th, 11:00 a.m., in Kitsilano United Church. Guest speaker will be Barrie Clark on the topic "The Evolution of Landlord-Tenant Law". Music will be provided by Ona Cropper, violin, and Derek Darling, viola.

ANCHOR, a program of religious concerns, is continuing on Channel 12 T.V., Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. Next week's program: "Is The Majority Always Right?"

UPPER ROOMS FOR MARCH AND APRIL are now available in the Narthex in the Literature Racks. Your contribution of 15¢ assists with the cost of these booklets.

PERSONNEL: Jan Sansalone is still recovering at home from her lengthy stay in hospital after her hip operation. She should be back assisting Bill Hennessy with the single men's work soon. Eric and Mary Kelly, who have been so adequately substituting for Jan, will shortly be visiting their daughter in Africa. Eleanor Jackson, our accountant, is extremely tired after Christmas and end of year auditing duties, and has started her month's holiday. Come back to us rested and refreshed, Eleanor!

WE SEE by looking over 1975 accounts, that friends of First United Church left \$7,806.00 in their wills to the Church during 1975. Can we urge that this method of bequests be considered by all our friends? Talk about one's "good works" living on after they die (or should we say 'promoted to higher service'?).

OFFICIAL BOARD NEWS: Last Wednesday night, about 12 of us gathered around a few congregational issues: Decided after testing preferences of the congregation that, beginning Sunday morning March 7, and for a three month trial period, we will begin the Morning worship at 10:30 A.M. So would you get the word around?

We dealt with the question of congregational music support (quartette, organist) during 1976.

The Board decided that the contributions given through the special "World Development" Envelope be split evenly between: B. C. Conference 'Indian Land Claims' campaign, and Emergency World Development through Mission and Service Fund.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are on the Narthex Table in case you didn't get one last week. Please be generous. Place it in the offering plate today or next Sunday.

NEWS FROM OUR CUBS AND SCOUTS: The Cubs, 10 in number, are presently working on a First Aid program; four of them will be taking part in a District First Aid competition. The Scouts are working on their Badge program and some have started on the "Gold" stage. There are

30 active boys making up three Patrols; the older boys are now forming a fourth Patrol. We have six adults actively participating in the leadership of the Scouts.

In April Larry Jay and Daniel Siu will be on CUVB Radio doing 10-minute programs on Scouting to the Chinese community. Larry is the Scout Leader who joined us for the Annual Meeting.

Also, the Official Board extended an invitation to the Cubs and Scouts to join us for a Church Parade and Morning Worship, possibly in May. Incidentally, this year is the 25th Anniversary for our 2nd Vancouver Troop and plans are underway for a "Homecoming" Celebration.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE for the downtown area will be held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, corner of Dunsmuir and Richards, on Friday, March 5th, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Participating churches are Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, Presbyterian and Baptist.

SEVERAL OF OUR STAFF and members have been in touch recently with Jeannie Kerr who celebrated her 80th birthday last Sunday. Jeannie reports that she is progressing reasonably well and gradually getting her strength back.

Ray Tingley, our visiting minister, is at Hastings United Church today, filling in for Rev. Olli Jokisaari who is on holiday. Ray is continuing to make numerous calls on members and adherents.

We had a very good response to our request for clothing on last week's Broadcast Service.

Our morning caretaker, Joop Schilder, is leaving March 5th to return to his home in Holland. The Staff honoured Joop in the form of a Progressive Dinner last night and presented him with a small gift. The 'Progressive Dinner' was a new experience for Joop!

"Beware of half-truths. You may have hold of the wrong half."

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11:50 AM

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU DESOLATE

I picked the till for the sermon.

Before I had any idea where it would lead
that's not new -Pick till, from staff I'm in the middle of working at.
different this week

Riskier

I picked the till before I had any idea where it
would lead anywhere.

I picked staff I NEEDED to work at.

DESOLATION:How do you deal with a text
which promises that God will not leave
you desolate - when you are desolate?Desolation: word use & meaning
alone, gloomy, deserted
abandoned
nothing, empty
no lifeO.T. refers to ~~land~~ ^{land} - ^{each}
Dwelling place

N.T. - much less often -

ORDAINED

- state of Personal Being.

2 THEMES

1. Visited by God

- chosen or called for people.

2. Alienated by God -

alienation refused by people

WORD

1. Desolation

- coming to us
- over our waking - a people
individually

→ not understanding that is deep
- very much alone.

2. How if I would I in you would not

I will not have you confused -
not happen.

~~the world is not~~

not understanding that is deep.

we will not become confused

Day in + Day out cry's for my salvation
searching word my desolation.

Ears to hear it.

Ears to hear word to another's desolation.

This salvation of mine?

as back of I. I do so much regging about

comes - when I start worrying about
someone else's salvation.

Saint - and ~~Hand~~ held forth in
wrath.

roge

had faith in Love

Call to Worship:

Do you get tired of having to begin again + again?

Do you get un-rewarded as you find out how little you learn?

+ how much you have to learn over again

Does this drag down your expectation of worship?

If it is with God - Dealing with all worship

God - who calling us to him

- calls us by

- creates

~~But~~ Better whom

To begin again with?

To be created out of nothing by?

Who would you rather be created again by

- than by the Creator?

HEMA - 4:29 - 17th Cent style - "It belongs not to my camp whether I live or die"

INVOCATION

O LORD

Grant us to know your presence
in our dark Rooms.

Then our small knowledge

+ Dim Faith

} will not be a
despair to us.

Brothnours will be a Blessed Brothnours

Prayer:

OUR FATHER: -

How each individual heart
in cry + brokenness = crying + fight - crying souls
you already have some heart
+ creation + rebuilding songs
+ chaos + destruction -

from each other

each other = make right.

Rebuild others - give to our world.

~~What is the point?~~

Eyes to see where house-hold of man
built up

Town Song
Benedict us