

WEST POINT GREY UNITED CHURCH
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glas Bacon, Minister; Leonard Lythgoe, Music Director;
rothy Martin, Organist; Darren Liepold, Ministerial Intern;
en Lego, Secretary - Office Hours, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 5, 1989.

We extend a sincere welcome to all who worship with us. We
want to make our ministry available to any who are seeking
Church home. If we can serve you in any way or if you
wish to enter into the life of the Congregation, please
speak to one of the Ministers or to an usher.

You are invited to look through the Hymns prior to the ser-
vice to discover your own ways of making the language more
inclusive.

Welcome our guest preacher this morning, the Rev. Dr.
Jack Shaver. Darren Liepold, who was scheduled to preach
this morning, is ill and unable to be here.

GATHERING

Include - Here Yet Awhile J.S. Bach
Welcome to Visitors and Announcements
Lent Prayer (use this time to move from the activity of
"Getting Here" to the wonder of "Being Here" with God
and with the People of God. (The leader concludes this
time of prayer with an "Amen".)

Call to Worship
Leader: "Yet even now," says the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart, and
rend your hearts and not your garments."
PEOPLE: THE SACRIFICE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD IS A BROKEN
SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART, O GOD,
THOU WILT NOT DESPISE. (Joel 2:12; Ps. 51:17)
Hymn: "Spirit Divine, attend our prayers" H.B. #60
Invocation
Confession

Leader: Dear God, before your shining face, things
don't start out very peacefully.
Look at our struggle to be; the ways we try
to prove we're somebody; the ways we seek to
justify our existence; the way we guard our
territory; these mostly prove futile and are
often destructive.

PEOPLE: KYRIE ELEISON S.G.P.# 25

(* = Congregation stands; H.B. = red Hymn Book;

Next Sunday, March 12th,
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, March 19th, Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 23rd, Maundy Thursday,
8:00 p.m. "Service of Shadows" with Eucharist

Friday, March 24th, Good Friday
11:00 a.m. Symbols of the Cross
12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. - A 3 hour vigil of Silence

Sunday, March 26th, Easter Day
8:00 a.m. Easter Sunbreak at Trimble Park
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist

The Annual Convocation of the Vancouver School of Theology
will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in
Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, 2733 West 41st Ave.
The Convocation Address will be given by Hon. Thomas Berger.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 6th - ANNUAL THRIFT SALE
Start now to collect items you no longer need in your home:
clothing in good condition, household articles, toys, games,
garden and house plants, etc. For further information,
please call the church office.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Leader: There are different gifts,

PEOPLE: BUT IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT WHO GIVES THEM.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

PEOPLE: BUT IT IS THE SAME LORD WHO IS SERVED.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

PEOPLE: TO USE IT FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

PEOPLE: AND INDIVIDUALLY MEMBERS OF CHRIST.

Leader: Whoever among us wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if one wants to be among others, one must be the slave of all!

PEOPLE: JUST AS THE SON OF GOD CAME NOT TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO SET
OTHERS FREE.

The Chair of the Nominations Committee calls the candidates for installation forward - and says:

INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Introduction -

People of West Point Grey United Church, I present these persons who have been elected to active service as members of this Official Board, and officers of this congregation, that they may now be installed to office.

Minister: Brothers and Sisters, you have been called to a position of leadership in the church.

Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Jesus Christ our

Board Members and Officers:

I do and I will.

Minister:

Do you, members of the church, accept these persons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: WE DO

Minister:

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

PEOPLE: WE DO

Minister, Board Members and Officers:

God of grace, you have chosen us to serve and lead. Now give us strength, wisdom, and love to work for Jesus Christ through this congregation....

PEOPLE: GOD OF ALL CREATION, YOU CALL US TO A
COMMON MINISTRY AS AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST,
TRUSTING US WITH THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION.
LET ALL IN THIS CONGREGATION BE TRULY THE PEOPLE OF GOD, TRULY DECLARE YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS
OF JUSTICE, AND SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THE WORLD;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Minister:

You are now participants in this church's ministry through the offices of its Official Board. Whatever you do, do it in the Name and Spirit of Christ. Welcome to this ministry. Amen.

2430
Prayers of People

Almighty God hear us now, hear each one of us
keep us from devouring each other out.

Now is when we give attention to what we really want
to what drives us, to what we hunger and thirst after,
to what we feel deeply deprived of, to all that is
precious to us, ~~that~~ that makes us frighteningly
vulnerable,

God hear our prayer!

Some of us have reached the place where we just
want to wait! Like would get its color back if
there was something we really wanted. Some want
out of the situations we are in, Some lives are
necessity where that shouldn't happen to anybody
Some are having what is precious to them taken
away. Some can find peace nowhere. We
left up all these cries and the ones that cannot
be uttered,

God Hear our Prayer!

Dear God even though our cries never cease, we
don't feel right praying for ourselves only, What
you hear the cry of the world we dare not voice
ours to you,

Numberless people are hurting, homeless and
hungry, Victims of other people's greed, & indifferent
powers & systems, victims of natural disasters.
Some people benefit while others are deprived, some
people thrive while others are wasted. Today's
indulgence threatens the future for coming generations.

Dear God, hear the cry of the whole world
and grant earthlings ears to hear

God Hear our Prayer!

Call to worship

God gives power to the faint
 and increases the strength of those who have no might,
 even the feeble shall faint & grow weary
 and the young shall fall exhausted.
 But they that ~~wait~~ ^{trust} upon the Lord
 shall renew their strength
 They shall mount up with wings as eagles
 They shall run and not be weary
 They shall walk and not faint.

Invocation:

Lord Bless us and keep us,
 Make your face to shine upon us
 and be gracious unto us
 Lift up your countenance upon us
 and give us peace.

Confession

Luke 15 11

Sermon 1

43e) In the lines from Paul's second letter to the
Corinthians which were read to us this morning,
we have an example of how FAR FETCHED the Gospel ^{is} ~~claim~~
we get so used to the pious sounds - they don't
shock us any more
or we set them aside as something not to be doubted
because the Bible says it's so,
GREEK Sentence is constructed

Anyone is X NEW CREATION

No need to edit Paul to make his language inclusive

Made New
Born again
ecstasy } OVER WHAT?

THROUGH CHRIST WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD
WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION.

GOSPEL: News Beyond Believing
rather than demand beyond accomplishment.

FAR FETCHED NEWS -
GOD
IS.

Parable of 2 Sons - older brother got a raw deal.
raises question - what is justice, not very just.
when has justice been done?

when evil gets punished?
what is God's justice like
what is God's righteousness like

genuine reconciliation has happened
painless forgetting -
painful remembering.

For Patched News about God

GOD RECONCILED THE WORLD

not just Likeminded with us.

All these enemies within & without.

Until - all our reconciled - God is Not Finished!

As long as we don't know world's reconciled
rejecting God's Gift.

For Patched News about US

Interested to US Ministry of Reconciliation

Broken

Fearful

Strife ridden

Search

Paul's Corinthian correspondence → message appears
veiled in the model of a series
of freighted notes

Israel: Joshua tradition: - Conquest & Sweep of Promised
land,

Books of Judges

battles have only begun.

Blowing away of Jericho
Divide up land,

Touching - New Queens eat Moura → Family of land

- Forgive them their offences out of Egypt

- Circumcised - whole crew of men →

- Grown up men - all dead.

LITERATURE

~~First Fruits~~ ~~Fragment~~ ~~Metaphor~~

First Fruits

Fragment

Receiving our reconciled a Gift from God

Means whereby other know Gift of God's

Forgiveness

METAPHOR

A.A. Meeting in Prince Albert Park

HAVE IT

+ DON'T HAVE IT

Because have known it - know have only fragmented

Because have only fragmented - know - come again

Life in X includes living expectations - come again for world
flashing God has reconciled the world

Let us turn to Paul's text again
describing what this ministry of Reconciliation
is like — even as he is being reconciled with
the Corinthian Church

Behold now is the Time of Salvation.

We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that
no fault may be found with our ministry.
But as servants of God we commend ourselves
in every way. — (through great endurance in
afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings,
imprisonments, tumults, labours, watchings,
fasts, hunger, cold, nakedness, The Holy Spirit
genuine love, useful speech and the
power of God. With the weapons of Righteousness
for the right hand and for the left, in
honour & dishonour, in ill report & good
report, we are treated as impostors
and yet are true, as unknown and
yet well known, as dying and yet
we live, as punished yet not killed
as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing
as poor yet making many rich as
having nothing and yet possessing everything