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SUNDAY MAY 6, 1984 11:00am

ORGAN PRELUDE

ALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

MIGHTY GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THIS AN ENTERPRISE
THAT ONLY YOU CAN CONDUCT. WE WILL UTTER SOME
WORDS, WE'LL READ AND STUDY THE WORDS OF YOUR SERV-
ANTS, BUT THE WORD BELONGS TO YOU. OURS IS THE
GIVEN AND RESISTANCE. LET NOT YOUR WORD RETURN
TO YOU VOID. AMEN

HYMN 462 "WELCOME HAPPY MORNING..."
Please remain standing)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

MIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE HEARD US MAKING A JOYFUL
PRAYER! THAT'S NOT ALTOGETHER HOW IT IS WITH US.
WE NEED SOME TIME IN THIS MEETING TO STAND BEFORE
YOU AS WE ARE; EARTHEN VESSELS, STRANGERS TO OUR-
SELVES AND OTHERS. WE LIFT UP OUR REGRETS, OUR
SIN, OUR FAILURES, OUR ZEAL, OUR BAD CON-
FIDENCE, OUR PARALYSIS AND OUR BUSYNESS.

RD, WE LIFT UP OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER UNTO
THE LIGHT OF YOUR COUNTENANCE. WE CAN DO THAT
ONLY IF YOU SAY "COME".

RD HAVE MERCY UPON US, PUT IT ALL RIGHT AND GRANT
YOUR PEACE, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD,
AMEN

SURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST LESSON ACTS 2:14A
..... 36-41

PSALM 130 (Responsively) 1 PETER 1: 17-23

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 24: 13-35

HYMN 137 "THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SCENES..."

SERMON: "A SURE FOUNDATION IS A RISKY BUSINESS"

HYMN 139 "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION....."

PRAYERS THE LORD'S PRAYER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION

HYMN 273 "LORD OF OUR LIFE..."

THE COMMISSIONING
THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE

WE WISH TO THANK REV. JACK SHAVER THIS MORNING FOR
ATTENDING AND GIVING THE SERVICE.

NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY at 7:00pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
WILL MEET.

7:30pm

COUNCIL WILL MEET

MAY 12, 1984 SPRING FAIR FROM 11 - 3pm!!! PLEASE
PICK UP A FOIL PAN FOR YOUR HOME BAKE DONATION.

DONATIONS FOR ALL THINGS WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED.
THERE WILL BE A BOUTIQUE, GARDEN, KIDS FUN, JEWELLRY
AND COLLECTIBLES, AS WELL AS OUR THRIFT SHOP AND A
LUNCHEON!! SEE YOU ALL THERE! REMEMBER SATURDAY,
MAY 12, 1984.

SHOULD ANYONE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE VENTURES IN
MISSION, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT! YOUR CONTRIBUTION
CAN BE MADE THROUGH OUR ENVELOPE STEWARD, SO JUST PUT
IT IN A SPECIALLY MARKED ENVELOPE AND PLACE IT ON THE
OFFERING PLATE. THANK YOU.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! OUR ORGAN FUND IS NOW AT \$3517.60

REMEMBER, WE DO THE SERVICE AT FELLBURN MAY 20, 1984.

Sermon -

The verses we read from the Book of Acts are part of the sermon Peter is reported to have preached on the occasion of the visitation of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost - & for the Christian Calendar - First Pentecost Sunday. The ^{not included} verses will doubtless appear in the lectionary on Pentecost Sunday. However as you read through the early chapters of Acts you get the impression that what is being reported is the typical early preaching of the church, setting forth of the significance of Jesus Christ ^{placed} among the saving acts of the God of Israel.

This Jesus whom you persecuted - and he could have edited because it is all right to throughout the record - and we nevertheless, denied and deserted - GOD Raised Up - GOD both made him both LORD & CHRIST This Jesus whom you crucified.

Their point is clear -

It is God's idea alone - That the crucified one is Lord & Christ.

also where - metaphor - stone building ^{physical} - head of church
friends of publicans & sinners

Announces the gift of God's Forgiveness -
He saved others & can't save himself ->
Again in this preaching

The metaphor is ~~even~~ ^{an additional component} Stone of Stumbling -
Made of God & Christ.
Cross stumbling block ^{to people} - God as one kind of
righteous Power.

— What's God's chosen one doing in a
cross of execution. When God & the
evil world meet - is the evil world
that ends up absolute.

It seems to me we can appreciate ^{very well} what is
going on here in this really witness, God
alone would come up with this notion. ->
- Crucified one is God & Christ.
What an inside-out idea.

Many years later - Writer of Book of Hebrews
puts it this way - demonstrates significance of Jesus
Christ - and for the bodies of those animals whose
blood is brought into the sanctuary as a
sacrifice for sin was burned outside the camp
- so Jesus also suffered outside the gate
in order to sanctify the people through his
own blood.

various notes →

Unclean something for sin →
considered rows before God → disposed of -
despises had to get clean up before he
could come back into Holy place.

Unclean one - God's Chosen one

God has made Holy: CHAST

Connection between God & the Sin of the World
- God receives it / ~~to him~~ ^{therefore} let us go forth
to him ^{obtain} the camp ^{being}
above for him - for him we have no feeling
city. but seek the city which is to
come

CGIT leads →



stumbles block

GOD alone put forward idea

GOD's own for sin Bea it.

Turning our institutions do for us →

- market place -
- nuclear stand off -
- Ecology consumption & distribution

→ guilt load - pollutes -

take responsibility - not be punished with

guilt load →

Sin Borne, on, for - Divinely created

What if this really was the head stone of
the corner? —

What if Outside the Gate —

in shadows of sinners left.

— when God was at work.

Fabulous News! —

What if Sin had — distanced from a
guilt load — was an every day thing
to have?

Blessed News! — if it was true.

Strongest news of all: — The only foundation
for the truth of that news is God's word.
God is the one who witnesses to that —
God is the author of that faith.

It is God who works in us the truth

→ That God is where sin bores is.
as the Holy Spirit testifies: — you have been born anew, not of
perishable seed, but of imperishable. Through the living and
strange, every day word of God.

any other foundation would be
a lesser one.