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10:30 A. M.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1977

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 381

"God whose farm is all creation"

Prayer of Invocation

Unison Reading: 387 (from The New Hymn Book)

The Gloria

Quartette: "Grant, We Beseech Thee"

Roberts

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Selected

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 385

"Gave thanks, my soul for harvest"

Sermon: "FOOD ABUNDANT, YET RESTRICTED"

Rev. Art Griffin

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Duet:

"Watch Thou, Dear Lord" Alfred Whitehead

Shirley Telford and Gerald Britland

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 383 (579) "We plough the fields"

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.

Organist
Harry Stothers

7:00 P. M.

EVENING BROADCAST on CKWX
(Heard at 8:00 p. m.)

Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 366 (568) Tune: St. Clement

"The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended"

Prayer of Invocation

Quartette: "Gather 'Round And Praise The Lord"

The Reading from Scripture: Job 19: 1 - 18

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

Duet: "Watch Thou, Dear Lord" Alfred Whitehead

Shirley Telford and Gerald Britland

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Quartette: "Come, Holy Ghost In Love"

Sermon: "VIOLENCE AND POWERLESSNESS"

Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer

Hymn: 107

"All praise to thee,"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary

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(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 109 (86) "When I survey the wondrous cross"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

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NEXT SUNDAY, February 20th, Rev. Jack Shaver will be conducting the Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. The Evening Broadcast Service will be led by Rev. Art Griffin.

First United Church - Sunday Feb 13 1977 Brookport

Violence + Powerlessness

It is good that some things bear repeating
or the vocation of preaching would be redundant.
I will allow that the question of whether preaching is useless
or not is not everyone's worry tonight.

But I think that the matter of powerlessness

= to violence ~~is~~ worry
matter of us tonight

I was at a meeting last week

at our church A.D. in Toronto

group - show how we honestly saw state of people ~~present~~

→ Hurting } feels sense of powerlessness
+ troubled ~~English~~ } being under threat of increased violence

Reminded: - connections

Robin May: American Psychologist -

Search for Roots of Violence →

Powerlessness

Impotence.

} introduced up
to that work.
→ mother

Work Repeating: -

connections violence + powerlessness

[- countless thoughts + images keeps spinning off
- constant need reminding, forget so soon

- Got it off T.V.

- Contains the violent people.

| these reminders

I mentioned earlier this survey

This is the week Parliamentary Committee on Panchayats - meets in Jan. Hearings. —

D.C. Interfaith Committee on justice, Councils & Resources
short brief — one point →

— please pursue → guard & prison meet.
rubber lets road — unloaded meet lopper
gets done
volatility.

power takes away
meet people who take it away
{ hidden } in secret — private things go on
aggravated;

creating a violent situation — mitigated much possible.

Feb. FARG NEW LETTER

giving out to Nat FARG Campaign.

FOOD POLICY ? — Dec 6

Policy since → No Food Policy
→ Long range

All the factors determine Food Policy —

out of reach of the poor: — used
conditions

market place: —

~~contingent~~ markets board & consumer pressures

Agribusiness —

Land costs & use —

Aggregated dept. Trading dept.

Any of these — factors, Power, Force

→ ~~set~~ set nutritional food — to needs of people
who are now being denied it —

~ No plan or policy to get it there

~ No Plan or policy to deal with the enormous force
that keeps it from getting there,

Roll the

Hidden Violence :-

Cultural System } quiet - mind its own business
obedient operator

Does enormous Violence to whole sections of people
world — $\frac{1}{3}$ of Canada population.

Real reality :- Violence & Powerlessness -

— night's night - over the - this system of Violence,
also been speaking

→ Children :- Children :-

we have violence & being violated -

what a central concern always - in all societies

- what goes between - generations

I have been speaking : as all the night - tonight
was expected to break upon the powerful
those of us who are perpetrators of hidden violence.

— strongly — we all are.

But :- When we began talking about powerlessness tonight
— we sheltered a sense of powerlessness best away
people —

Is there no word to the Powerless?

powerlessness - is also a deep problem for
many of us. —

Real Invitation of Jack's Supper

Same night in which he was betrayed

Xn Story:

Who gets betrayed

Who shows up afterwards?

Who shows up in a state of God's forsakenness.

God's son: chosen one: - gone substantially with the fact

That same Coebsen:-

Points out.

Martin Luther Found - Finally Found the

Depth of Meaning. Cr. of David between from cross

That is just when God is with you
in your state of God's forsakenness.

That is very different from the statement -

→ be content with your lot.

→ be content with $\frac{1}{2}$ of us being a powerless lot

God does not abandon you in any lot

You have somebody to stand

because God calls you his -

that is why you can start to move to your rightful
place.