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10:30 A. M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976

7:00 P. M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 14 (688) "O sing a new song to the Lord"

Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Reading: Psalm 725 (Hymnary)

The Gloria

Quartet: "O Brother Man"

Spiritual

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-12

John 7: 37-52

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 115 (271) "I heard the voice of Jesus"

Sermon: "WHAT IF GOD IS IN THE WORLD?"

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Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Soloist: Beth McNairn

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 143 "When Israel was in Egypt's land"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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.

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

Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 65 (208) (Tune: Warrington)

"Jesus, where'er thy people meet"

Prayer of Invocation

Quartet: "Give Ear to My Words, O Lord"

The Reading from Scripture: Isaiah 53: 3-6

Romans 5: 1-5

Romans 8: 18-25

Soloist: Beth McNairn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Quartet: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Sermon: "THE CRISIS OF SUFFERING"

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Prayer

Hymn: 229 (Tune: Melcombe) "O Christ, The Healer"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary

(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 352 (Tune: Flemming) "Lord of the Living"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

NEXT SUNDAY, September 26th, Rev. Bob Burrows will be
conducting the Morning Service. There will be a 7:00 P.M.
informal Chapel Service. The Evening Broadcast Service
will be heard at 8:00 P.M. from Christ Church Cathedral.

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Announce:

10:30 HOUR

Linda + "SHARING GROUP"

FIRST UNITED CHURCH SEPT 19 1976

10:30 AM

WHAT IF GOD IS IN THE WORLD?

I am still caught up in reflecting upon the question put to us one evening during the week we were at Navanota this summer.

What if God is in the World?

I am sure what happened was that this question came along just when I was finding myself ~~turning~~ over the phrase God's mighty Acts.

This phrase seemed to stand out in a long stretch of knowing nothing but feeble acts.

The question "What if God is in the World" seemed to turn the whole matter around.

Took the focus off feebleness of life
problem of its lack of strength.
guilt for not bringing enough commitment.

One thing it would mean - "for God to be in the World" history of people & Nations becomes a very different thing.

Scene of God's Mighty Acts

What's happening in the world & to us -

Scene of God's Mighty Acts

The People of **ISRAEL** write an enormous record of their own wrestle with just this fact.

We call it O.T.

Accumulation of literature, allows us to watch
1000 year story.

what its like to be a people
who are aware of or are coming to see

GOD IS IN THE WORLD

- NOT just directly within each heart.

NOT just. Holding the universe in view.

At work in History.

Reading - helpful story - what's like

1

Living dynamic
Process.

STORY

See where he has been

what it is like to be in contention.

Engage in contention with us in our history
anticipate : —

2

Contention : —

- Potter —

we will follow our own

3, Worship : where it's — and in it. plan.

~~a~~ Matter of Contention ^{what was} True War of Yahweh.

→ False Prophets.

→ official Control — (pharisees, Nicodemus, Galileo)

→ Rebel : —

5. To Have to There : —

Righteous Contention

down ↔

contention
whole story

* Might Matter ~~not~~ Feasible Matter -

* WORSHIP - WORLD - What's Happening to us.
understand how - some are delivering
nations & systems - survival & delivery

~~***~~ turn around - not argued for commitment -
- reality of our contention.

* Denied - dream absolute responsibilities
have regular center to which all other
denies ourselves

* Abused of that Burden.
What role
Safer -

Promise - Not Feasible.

