

SUNDAY Sept 12 1976 7PM

Can what Possesses us Keep us safely

End of my holidays

Met with a group of people in Toronto.

To do some God Talk

Present - accomplished phrase maker -

→ Raised the question "whether what possesses us
can keep us safely"STOPPER

how well put.

Evoked the right concern

Set the dimension right.

For what the Theological enterprise is

for what you are into -

into the "Get Right with God Bit"

Turn over the Phrase a Bit thought: -

- (a) make possible some God Consideration
for people for whom other God language
is useless -

"Get right with God" poses right to
idly - does no work.

- (b) evoke some second thoughts
other people sitting complacent
before the state of the God
questions with their
God relationships

I What Possesses us:

Things Do
Something Does

We are a possessed people
you are a possessed person.

{ The way we see things -
reality -
what we take seriously - what gives meaning
to what we take seriously
what we'll forgive everything else for
Grounds for which we judge the good and
right & wrong.

Stand in a peculiar relationship to that kind
of stuff.

A. we own → very own -
possess it - at the centre,

B. At the same time - ~~possessed by it~~.
possesses us.

shapes us. determines what we are like
at the centre.

We are possessed by it.

II This is precisely the nature of The God-Person Relationship.

Possession of us.

where you are only into concepts

spiritual causes

creator of something else

not into the God bit at all

What makes God bit : peculiar
like into its self thing to be into -

- Deeds with -
long consideration of -
What possesses us.

equals a matter of choices
& being chosen.
Matter - "Whatever I let possess me -

- remain myself - letting
- overwhelming

III What is possessing us
may not be up to keeping us safe.

Seriousness of The God Question

i allows ourselves to be possessed by that
which is not up to keeping us
(a) Attacks to be defended }
or justified.

(b) Faith is - run away selfishly what we
trust.

- we holdy trust

ii Allow ourselves to be Possessed by that which destroys us.

Does our real life in

iii allowed to be Possessed by that which makes us
a monster to others -

keeps us at cost of destroying self -

keeps us safely with - self's word kept us
safely in solution

Something Possesses us —

Does What possesses us keep us safe?

That's what life is into.

The Reason Christians talk about "Good News"

Is that they love hard. →

Safe to let that ^{successes} ~~God~~ ^{God} ~~grace~~ get to you.

Because what you are dealing with there
in the Dark is an everloving love which
intends all our good.

First United Church: -

Sunday Sept 5 1976
10:30 AM.

THE MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD - CREATION.

Picked Title - way back in July →

wasn't going to be home in time to catch
the deadline for Bulletin →

THIS Title - Got to Advent - "Creaker"
bulletin.

+ Mighty Acts } could use some sense
Mighty Works } of might: - { parts -
boring -
mean
vain

I'm not sure precisely what do that,
- make a joyful, loving, good,

→ Creation is pretty impressive.

Look up - caught it.

Cross half content -

Night - Stars

Universe → U. big 1+2 space talk is so

→ reduce →
→ complete →

who can take it in?

Human Body - Bodies Function
Consequences
Baby

Mysterious: - is natural or is not.

}}} Awe is working - enables life.
Miles - planted a seed
watched it grow.

Connecting with that night work. →

put down - What is new - muffs →
shunts into oblivion -

exalt - that's address to job.

Our creation : - work like
 related to an overreaching ~~the~~ that
 + final . -
 + valuable . -
 + responsible -

Continue
 from last
 a source

Source : -
~~Source~~

PROPER AWE.

Shogun

Packman

One Evening : Session - Nawata!

~ what differences would it make -
 - "God was in the World"

Sudden reversal of all kinds of attitudes & stances.

- search for God
- commitment
- strongly to believe.

with whom we best do
 know it or not
 believe it or not.

Content with
 goes on all time - content with.

} ups & downs
 } come & go
 } affirmations & defects

~ what a way to look at - see what both to be

Bath to be

content with the true Lord of life.

~ both language illuminates.

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Not. whole story -

Creation
Preservation
Redemption. }

Distorted Story - Work of Creator
left over of our
awareness -

Feeble -

try to be our own creator.

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10:30 A. M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1976

7:00 P. M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 85 (27) "The spacious firmament on high"

Prayer of Invocation

Unison Reading: 693 (The Hymnary) Psalm 8

The Gloria

Quartette: "Jerusalem"

C.H.H. Parry

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Genesis 1: 26-31

John 1: 1-14

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 82 (589) "This is my Father's world"

Sermon: "The Mighty Acts Of God: Creation"

Rev. Jack Shaver

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Soloist: Marjorie Wight

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 114 (502) "What a friend we have in Jesus"

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.

UPPER ROOMS for September and October are available in the Literature Racks in the Narthex for 15¢ a copy.

CHAPEL SERVICE

Tonight's Service will be the last of our informal summer Chapel Services. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will be conducted by Mr. Leslie Stone, a member of our congregation. You are cordially invited to join us!

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FIRST CHURCH BROADCAST tonight will be heard from the radio station CKWX (1130 KC) at 8:00 p.m. The Service will be conducted by Rev. Art Griffin and his topic will be "Jesus The Revolutionary".

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NEXT SUNDAY, September 12th, Rev. Art Griffin will be speaking at the 10:30 A. M. Service. In the evening we resume our regular First Church Broadcast Service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p. m. It will be conducted by Rev. Jack Shaver. The Broadcast Service will be heard on CKWX (1130 KC) following the "Magazine" portion which begins at 8:00 p.m.

STAFF NEWS: Welcome back to Jack Shaver and Erma Francis who have now returned from their holidays; Linda Ervin is back from her courses at Naramata. Eleanor Jackson leaves this week for her holiday of three weeks.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 6th, for the Labour Day Holiday.

IT IS "OBSERVER" RENEWAL TIME again! Our thanks to those who responded following last week's note, and a reminder to the rest of you that your contribution of \$2.50 assists us in providing the Observer, through the Every Family Plan, to our members and adherents. If you are not receiving the Observer, our national church magazine, and would like to do so, contact the Church Office, 681-8365.