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10:30 A. M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976

7:00 P. M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 60 (153) "Spirit divine, attend our prayers"

Prayer of Invocation

Unison Reading: 527 (The Hymn Book) "Psalm of Blessing"

The Gloria

Quartet: "Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts" Willan

243 - 12th Ave. (800.700)

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer II Corinthians 6: 1-10

Hymn: 245 (143) "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire"

Sermon: "The Spirit And Choice" Rev. Jack Shaver

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Duet: "Love Divine"

Shirley Telford and Gerald Britland

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

The Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 256 (367 Vs. 1,4-7) "Gracious Spirit,

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.

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

Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 88 "God who gives to life its goodness"

Prayer of Invocation

Quartet: "Lord, Speak To Me" S. S. Wesley

The Reading from Scripture: Selected

Duet: "I Waited For The Lord"

Shirley Telford and Gerald Britland

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer: (Sung)

Quartet: "God Be In My Head" Sir Walford Davies

Dialogue: "Our Years At First Church"

Rev. Art Griffin with Elsie Rosenberg and Vicki Obedkoff

Prayer

Hymn: 282 "I feel the winds of God today"

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: 305 "Lord, as we rise to leave this shell"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

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NEXT SUNDAY, June 27th, Rev. Art Griffin will be preaching at the 10:30 a.m. Service. Rev. Jack Shaver will lead the 7:00 p.m. Evening Service which will be held in the Chapel.

"Your availability counts more with God than your ability."

First United Church Sunday June 20 10:30 AM  
The Spirit and Choice

Do you know why people do Theology?

wrestle with God-Talk

God thoughts

Because they can't stand Religious ~~talk~~ that is unreal  
 and they have no call to

"God is a mystery" Doesn't mean False

Fake mystery

i.e. ARE False Gods

Religious Talk sounds False

Fake

hollow

Unreal

calls for a variety of thought wrestling - with God

Doing theology is.

Lately I have had to do some thought wrestling } Holy  
~~God~~ wrestling } Spirit

Mentioned this Problem many times.

Don't talk about him

Deliver Him

Believe where he wills - wrestles his  
 something to do with it.

admittedly it is not the same as receiving him

"The Spirit + Choice"

Spirit + Will.

1. We kid ourselves about our will & its strength

② I never change } we can't take them  
I always say } seriously.

2. Resolving }  
Choosing } turns out really rationalizing afterwards  
Deciding }

3. I make Big decisions }  
Choices } find out I haven't meant them  
resolutions } I get discouraged

4. At the same time

I find out that I do mean some things  
have made choices

I find out afterwards - that I have decided

Whatever that process of selection is : - - -

that we go this way with our lives instead of that way  
make significant, determining choices  
sense of integrity

### POWERFUL STUFF

witness what happens when you

or anyone else

arbitrarily tries to change the direction

Appropriate to put it this way

to call what ORDERS

Drives

Responses

Conscience

} Spirit

Not So Much - our Centredness is in Charge of ourselves

Rather - our Centredness obeys some spirit or other

God is ready with the Gift of His Spirit

This is one way of putting the human problem

We all obey some spirit.

all spirits are not God's Spirit

all enthusiasts are not the Holy Spirit

Try the spirits - whether they be of God

Love

Give us to each other.

Write all humorous

Joy in leaving Sinners

If Spirit - what ever our decision making process is obeying

then - you don't test spirits - Ditched

Distant evaluation } religious  
appraisal } ideas  
weighing

More a Self-Testing.

Testing the spirits you obey

- in dialogue with others - free of deception  
without self deception

- wrestling with Biblical } thought.  
Church

- Guard the means of Grace

Testing the Spirits whether ~~the~~ be of God -

God's Spirit is Powerful

+ waiting,

+ already at work within