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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
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10:30 A. M.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 284 (270 Vs. 1,4,3,2,6) Tune: Woodworth
"Just as I am"

Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Reading: 748 (The Hymnal) Te Deum Laudamus

The Gloria

Duet: Dorothy and Peter Shaver

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: II Corinthians 1: 3-11

Luke 17: 20-33

Hymn: 456 (91 Vs. 1,2,3,5)

"My Lord, my master, at thy feet"

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: (See Bulletin Insert)

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

Sermon: "ANYONE WHO HAS IT ALL TOGETHER

HAS LEFT SOMETHING OUT"

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Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 44 (112) Tune: Darwall

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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Organist
Harry Stothers

7:00 P. M.

CHAPEL SERVICE

An informal Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
Elizabeth Diwell and Linda Ervin will be arranging this.
We hope you will plan to attend.

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THE WORSHIP BROADCAST tonight (as on the fourth Sunday of
each month) will come from St. Andrews-Wesley United Church
instead of First United Church. It is heard at 8:00 p.m.
on CKWX (1130 KC).

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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 after both Services, and all are invited.

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NEXT SUNDAY, May 29th, Linda Ervin will conduct the
Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. Our speaker in the evening
will be Rev. Glen Baker.

UPPER ROOMS for May and June are available in the Literature
Racks for 20¢ a copy.

THE AUXILIARY to the Vancouver School of Theology is holding
its Annual Coffee Party and College Tours on Thursday, May
26, 11:00 a.m. at the Vancouver School of Theology, 6000
Iona Drive.

"Now has so little that there is no room for praise, nor
so much there is no need for prayer."

S184b

Call to worship:

You and I can't move or act or think
Take up our lives without trusting,

We trust something or a series of things

Our trouble comes when we trust that which
is not safe - that which betrays us, that which
destroys,

The Lord's day - the Lord's House
is a time & place to have our faith restored
in that which can keep us safely and save
us from destroying others,

Hymn

Invocation:

Almighty God and father of us all,
We need a word from you.

Call us by name into being again

Stand us on our feet.

Save us from that which is destroying us
Our fragile & troubled flesh needs
a word from you

For your word become flesh & will become
Flesh again.

S154c

The Armful

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For every parcel I stoop down to seize
 I lose some other off my arms & knees
 And the whole pile is slipping, bottles, bins
 Extreme to hard to comprehend at once
 Yet nothing I should care to have behind
 With all I have to hold with, hand and mind
 And heart, if need be, I will do my best
 To keep them building balanced at my breast.
 I crouch down to prevent them as they fall
 Then sit down in the middle of them all
 I had to drop The armful in the road
 And try to stock them in a better load.

If you are at all like me

That poem of Robert Frost's makes you think
 of many situations in your life.

Where you cannot get it together,

holding onto this. something else goes away
 Jacques Tati - Mithel's label - Room

Day starts to come apart - come home to ^{the} restored
 County or back you -

Your attempts to mend each - makes it worse

Life is full of contradictions - things turn into their opposites

Things keep falling into disorder

You yourself are a bunch of contradictions.

It is a painful disturbing state
We long to be delivered from so great an affliction.

But I find a more freeing word to this state
in the life of Christ.

and in the basic Christian motifs,

Our fragmentary work of a loving God

- Some of it is — Not God wants us miserable
great deal suffers self-reflected - comes and freely offered

Divine Disorder.

Divine Purpose to disorder.

- Only kind of pure - totally coherent order
we can have in by our choice not to live.

- choice to escape reality - real people

- choice ^{our real values} - illusion.

The only people who can have it all together

- are people who leave something out.

→ reality & real people.

Divine Disorder

Divine purpose to the disorder

Brokenness - good news: -

all you lose - living in the real world - your omnipotence

" " " your turning up Blinders: -

- stronger in another way

The full emotional strength of a person can be felt
only as something fragile in time

(S154e)

(3)

only as you allow yourself to be afraid
find out its all right to be afraid.

live life as it is in time,
^{consciously}
aware of Otherness of life - things
- people

you'd love — No one to love - be loved by
didn't it allow yourself to be afraid.
- to be hurt.
- Broken.

Key Points :- Beaver →

Only responsible act — inspire one
responsible act — always
necessitate inspire

The Goodness in that.

Soundness

Re word - if you like.

WORTH: Responsible

i.e. What it is to love
to come about.
to be responsible

} can be seen
only in the state of
Brokenness
↓
Duality

One could say Higher Holy praise, in the midst
of Brokenness } even with longings for
Duality } wholeness
Order

(S154f)

To remove all the Conclusions
before God does
to the Spirit that will

Prayer:

Our Father:

Hear the praying that is going on in each one of us.

Sometimes its kind of confused; and we can only sigh.

Sometimes for all of us and for some of us right now we're in a rage.

Sometimes for all of us & for some of us right now we're devastated —

Sometimes for all of us — for some of us right now we're empty — cast down

Sometimes for all of us & for some of us right now we are confused.

some right now — without hope

- starting to hope - first time

- going down hill.

Some of us right now got load on our hearts.

Bore away — need refreshing.

distorted our thoughts & prayers.

raised ~~some~~ other thoughts & prayers.

We have got to thinking about thoughts

So we pray for all sorts & conditions of men

& women — all those others.

all people — your son most interested in.