

Call to worship: -

It's Sunday morning again & here we are.

We keep coming back out of loyalty even though nothing much happens.

If God was really God you'd think his worship would be a very outstanding event.

If we were really at God's worship at First Church there would be memorable mornings.

Perhaps we have to keep asking what's outstanding & what's memorable.

Before we know that this morning is the best thing that happens to us all week.

Hymn: 208 Jesus, wherever your people meet

Invocation:

We Sing our Invocation:

Amen to that line -

your former mercy have renewed.

And that line -

Drawn the house - comes quickly down
and makes (and) heart your home.

Prayer:Our Father,

how is the time we busy ourselves & our
world before you,

For that is the kind of holy house you run
you exclude your enemies and remove those
who turn from you.

And you turn all Holy thoughts towards
love for the world & sinners.

Hear the cry of the people you have gathered
here.

Don't leave us until you have blessed us.

Don't leave us until you have given us to each other
you - with your time help in times of trouble

Don't pass any one of us by

We've all got times to leave
ourselves to keep.

we need to be
renewed to those

with new power

insight.

& love.

Don't pass any of us by

We've all got burdens - sorted out.

— Those that are called for secured.

— Those that are still called away.

We stumble in darkness of life

and stride in our chosen sin away from the light

Visit us all with light.

Forgiveness

cleansing.

You with your time help in times of trouble

Don't pass any of us by.

We run from the world:

Restore in us your love of the
world. By our meeting you in your house expects us
for our meeting you in your world; tomorrow
— and all week —

God believes in me
I can't believe it?

Whenever I go - speaking about First United Church
Any Time I am asked - what does First Church think
is doing.

FAITH MINISTRY !!! →

not just FIRST CHURCH.

UNITED CHURCH,
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

What's wrong all over -

We Believe church stuff -
- wrong stuff.

stuff that fails us - misshapes us.

- individuals

- and as a people - nation - society. →

What happens us.

Captures our trust.

calls for deepest responses - does us in.

makes it - do others in

We can come to a pretty General agreement
on that one -

It's when we try to straighten it all out
we see what a deep kind of problem it is.

One for Bad Faith:

Illusion Thing -

You gotta this - you gotta that
every wrong believe straightened out.

you must realize - you must be made to realize!!!

We Don't change what we trust - by a simple
act of will →

Greater mystery yet.

Xn Thing - good advice.
good news.

contains all that

Good News:

While listening to Paul preach last Sunday
on the Point Sunday Park from Halloway

It seemed to me afresh

How characteristic of the Bible to present contradictory things
Constantly happening

On the other hand. eg Fidelity on the Roof →

Worth looking into.

intentional - not confusion - clarity.

- not to make it harder - truly helpful

- good news - not words of power & power

promise.

Way from - Word - Preaching - Life - presented
remains hard he is seen by the remembrance & witness
of the N.T. → indicative of how he is seen
in received by people and such

At Last here is who everyone has been waiting for.
Fulfillment of peoples highest hopes.

Kind of person they wish they were. courageous,
kind,

winsome,

unflappable

Right every time.

Winnier in any society.

Success when everyone
also fails.

Common people had him gladly -

Undeology was championed:-

Crowds gather →

all the bad-guys he offends does not touch him.

How people have found him ever since.

Martyrs found their lonely stand affirmed.

Rebels righteous cause championed.

Bruce Barton → the man Nobody fears →

- anyone had reached Jesus after his own image

- another Bishop - would not talk man.

Only One N.T. Theme.

Our Current Theme is the Very noted Word.

Reaction:-

He is portrayed as a not perfectly spectacular
but appealing figure.

as turning things around

The suffragan servant partly of Quaker - applied to him

- the wounded & rejected man

- we assumed him not

The inner 12 are portrayed as rejecting his central

utterances (it appears there was some attempt

to raise the record of this audience but
obviously it was not all removed

God Believes in You

not quite - Shame on you - You Don't believe in ^{God}

GOD Believes in you - while get enemies.

what if you believed it?

There's nothing between God & us →
against →

For us at the same time →
Radical Thing

I Can't believe That -

Mediated -

1. get news straight - backwards.

2. That's what it always been, → about of witness

3. Catch someone believing it - justly himself

4. Catch yourself believing it.

5. Reject Gift - { not let God to God -
 won or earned title
 - won't accept myself → negative way
 in own power

6. Wait

Broken →
 until all believe.

What are these two themes doing together?

GOD

whatever He She That it
all about

NOT IRRELEVANT MATTER TO US
BY WHOSE ORDINANCES HUMAN LIFE
Got that right - what fulfills us

WORD } addresses us, { answer to question
UNDERSTANDING } of
CLARITY } life.



SAME TIME:

Key observations of HUMAN SCENE

People made ~~had~~ over into their own image.
- MESS'D UP. - lay messing up ingredients

Very Possible: real deal

(not) the fulfillment of our
expectations at all

- contrary -

(NOT) essential formulation of our highest values
- opposed to what we most
value.

(NOT) answer to our question but the power
of a radically different question.

[Gave]

Strange Expression: - prominent layers

Jealous God:

As I live! - I will not be ingested & & gone.

I am who I am -

No other →

(N.T.)

Key word would -
Stone the Breaker rejected,
+ stumbling Block.

don't send kids away -
- buy them.
identify with sinners

→ morph of God → POWER.

(Victim) → POWER?

Saved others - can't save himself → not the one!

We are going to be surprised & what fulfills us
Our salvation will come from something that
upsets us