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10:30 A. M.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1978

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

Silent Preparation: "To refuse to accept the desert is to deny the vertical dimension of existence - one's relationship with God, the need for prolonged prayer, the face-to-face exchange with the Transcendent." Carlo Carretto

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Approach to God

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn of Praise:
Prayer of Approach
Moments of Friendship
Quartette: "God, Who Has Caused To Be Written" Clarke
Responsive Prayer of Confession (see insert)
Hymn

Word of God

Scripture Lesson
Psalm Reading
Scripture Lesson
Soloist: Gerald Britland
Sermon Message:

"HOPE IN THE DESERT"

Linda Ervin

Prayer

Hymn: "The L'Arch Hymn" (printed)

Response to God

Our Offering

Doxology

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: #308 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Threefold Amen
Organ Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

EVENING BROADCAST ON CKWX.
(Heard at 8:00 P.M.)

7:00 P. M.

Organist
Harry Stothers

Organ Prelude
The Call to Worship
Hymn: #29 "Praise the Lord"

Prayer of Invocation

Identification Come Holy Ghost in Love - Untenanted

Quartette: "Speak with Your Word" Irish Trad. Melody

The Reading from Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-32

Soloist: Gerald Britland

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Quartette: "Not Far Beyond The Sea"

Sermon: "IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU SURVIVE?"

Jack Shaver

Prayer

Hymn: #283 "Who would true valour see"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary

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The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: #114 "What a friend we have in Jesus"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

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WELCOME - We hope you enjoyed the service and will join us

with a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd, Rev. Jack Shaver will be preaching

at the Morning Service. Rev. Art Griffin will be conducting

Communion at the 7:00 p.m. Evening Service.

Broadcast, Sunday Jan. 15 1978

It Depends on What You See

For a year or so now we have had a Bible Study Group at First Church meeting at 9:30 Sunday Mornings.

Run into all kinds of stuff -
puzzles, problems, surprises.

LIVELY BOOK - different way.

Not that every thing is solved.
^{Big} ~~things~~ things are engaged.

That the real & ultimate stuff is engaged,
that's what makes it a book which
reflects God at work with the thinking, feeling and
life histories of people
and a people.

Watch the engagement go on
read the way the writers interpret what's going on
interesting hints & nudges.
Turn out to be significant nudges from God
to us.

Theme God Creates a People

How it got its name:

Jacob - one of Twelve - on the one of facing his brother
ESAU.

with the help of; if not the instigation of his mother -
outwitted aging brother
assumed the inheritance & blessing from
elder brother.

Taken off for years
Returned rich & married.
a lot of his wealth having been accumulated by
treachery.

AFRAID TO FACE ESAU

Place name when he arrived: MAHANA'IM

Benimle Angels — This must be God's accompaniment

Two Companies
Hosts —
on Campments.

(Split his Forces)

not all his eggs in one basket

5 Puns on word FACH ^{or its root} A Rest

(which the name of the place)

gifts sent ahead to "propitiate" (scurry the fox)

Not wanting to do —

Putting off →

Left alone — wrestles all night unknown adversaries

Toward morning → injures his thigh —

J. I won't let you go — until you bless me.

A. What's for Name —

New Name — Israel —

Blessing —

J. What's for Name.

A. you can't ask I —

— says God for →

ie Blessing — NAMING —

ISRAEL —

stop teller —

Explorations — for those lost Shown with God
TRANSLATION — GOD Strength.

Jacob } Peniel →
reported
as saying

for I have seen God face to face & I am saved

I find this story people of Israel told of their origins —

Addresses us

Out of Sorts — UNREST

life not going smoothly —

Things that matter deeply aren't clear.

All current alternatives open to you counsel each other out.
Deals with Big stuff — threatens you with destruction.
Rock bottom meanings questioned, tested, dealt with.

Strange Way: Total Difference

Between that State -

When Differences
issues, meanings, wrestles with

Real
won't be manipulated

matter
whatever's at issue no significant difference

and where - issues you invent more to
cover the real ones -

issues you invent so that you can
point about because the world is it
manipulated thing.
acrobatic to some idealized form
you have got.

Strange Kind of Poetry

Wrestle - about something
instead of about nothing at all

engagement - ^{deals} rather than flight

When it's GOD STUFF: -

That's The Essence

I am Having to do -

with the one with whom we have
to do.

Differences

fearsome engagement

wrestling in the dark

gets to the point

it can be known as God Stuff.

called →

GOD STRIVES

GOD RULES

GOD STRIVING

ISRAEL THAT'S
THE ESSENCE

I MET GOD FACE TO FACE

I SURVIVED - I'M NOT THE SAME
AGAIN

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BIBLICAL -

So Revealing:

Engage God } - appear indistinguishably.
abandoned by God }

Struggle & Powerful Rest - one
- Disruption other →

Moses Story of Crucifixion →

abandoned by God
Saved only & Can't save himself.
When he saw that he died with a God!

— Surely this was Son of God.
