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Organist
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Poluha for 2nd row to solemn

10.30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 12 (669) "All people.." (Tune Old 100th)
Invocation
Unison Reading Psalm 116, Pew Booklet page 14
Soloist: Marjorie Wight
Scripture Readings: Amos 7: 7-15
Acts 4: 1-13
Hymn Page 5, Pew Booklet, The 27th Psalm (Happy Wanderer Tune)
Prayer
Quartet: "I will go"
Sermon "WHO ARE WE?"
Rev. Art Griffin
Offering - Prayer, Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements - The Life and Work of the Church
Hymn No. 352 "Lord of the Living" (Tune: Flemming)
Benediction
Organ Postlude

COME IN TO WORSHIP - GO OUT TO SERVE

WELCOME! We extend a sincere welcome to all who are visiting with us today.
An informal Coffee Hour will be held immediately following both services and all are invited.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1978

7.00 P.M.

EVENING BROADCAST ON CKWX
(Heard at 8.00 P.M.)

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 72 (269) "Come let us to the Lord"
Prayer of Invocation
Soloist: Marjorie Wight - THOU WILT KEEP THEM IN PERFECT PEACE
Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4-51:3
James 2: 14-18
Mark 8: 27-35
Quartet: "John the Baptist" Davenport
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)
Quartet: "Holy, holy, holy" Handel
Sermon "LOOK TO THE ROCK"
FROM WHICH YOU WERE HEWN"
Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer
Hymn No. 151 (328) "Behold the amazing Gift of Love"
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Voluntary
--(off the air)--
The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church
Hymn No. 79 (267) "Rock of Ages" - CUE
Blessing and Organ Postlude

Next Sunday -
Rev. Jack Shaver will preach in the morning and
Rev. Art Griffin at the evening broadcast.

Sunday Sept 10 - Bozell coil.
FIRST UNITED CHURCH

LOOK TO THE ROCK FROM WHICH YOU
WERE ~~HEWN~~

God business does not always accompany
 The use of God language.

It's something we all know:

Something we're ~~not~~ uneasy about: -

It can get real bad.

It's most distressing to hear people mouth the
 word God when you can't take them seriously, find
 them being tiresome, pompous, know it all,
 deceitful, self deceiving. - DUH

It's depressing when you do a lot of
 calling on God. - That doesn't do anything or doesn't
 go anywhere.

I am not sure we always know when we are
 having dealings with ~~God~~.

or whether we are having dealings with him.

But I am sure that we need to continually
 seek for the language in which we really
 do our God business.

that's
 uncomfortable

Around First United Church lately we have
 been getting into Call language: -

and finally that when we do - we get to be
 dealing with a living word: -

(esp) When we deal with what calls us
 we get dealing with him with whom all life has to do

Old Testament Lesson - 50 ~~15~~ ¹⁵ Chptr of Isaiah
 + Preach of the Epile. :- Very Power in Simplicity of Isaiah's Religion
 + Understanding of God's relationship to People of Israel reaching a strange penetrating depth.

It is no longer simply put -

God's with them when they are ~~good~~
 Abandon them when they are bad

With them in the good & the bad: -

AND In the Passages we need to right we have
 the line that Marshal Chief right with his
 Sermon Title -

You who seek the Lord
Look to the Rock from which
you were hewn.

That comes - just at a time when he is explaining why
 it has been so desolate for them.

Pause around that suggestion Tonight

You who feel the God business has been
 getting a bit unusual lately

For whom it appears near to have been ~~the~~ ^{need}
 + whose prayers go nowhere ~~at all~~

resolve - disappears like each morning

repentance steps shallow

new born themselves forgotten

Look to the Rock from which
you were hewn.

Explore your life for what set it up.

what gave it any strength that it has -

of - what was of no use whatsoever -
 just to lean on a coat of

what stayed when everything else shook out.
 what held you up — when you let go of everything.

* Look over the things that formed you

— Overcome class

— Give your life order & meaning

+ of the order. Meaning that ~~reviewed~~

rather than disordered with (JANE)
 stress & threat.

Impact on
 Behavior

Doing
 not just something

Look over the things that formed you
 that you don't have to get defensive about
 that have their own power
 that don't self destruct.
 that don't need you to defend them.

Look over what overabundance upset
 your abilities & meanings —

that is — higher powers called & formed you
 changed your direction — FAITH = DOUBT +

Look over what came of your trips
 into a Dark country.

PETER: ~~is~~

~~is~~

FAITH + SIN

CHERIE
 language

As we test what called & formed us
 upset us & depressed us

we see what God has done

We see the marks of a powerful hand.
 impact of a loving word.

The impact of that is not to fix us back
 in a loyal for past.

But to restore in us an expectations

that we are about to meet a broken one

← || There is Power & Grace for Life
Because we have already been visited by it.

There's another dimension to this suggestion —
That rock from which you were born
is not gone alone! —

you've got company.

Here's an angry company of witnesses: ^{down from} ~~down from~~ ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{feels} ~~feels~~
~~sinners~~ Living + dead.

sinners who were subdued & that some group
a weaklings who were renewed by that some strength

You who Seek the Lord —

Look to the Rock from which you were Hewn
And the Quarry from which you were digged.

