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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1978  
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

10.30 A.M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

Organ Prelude  
Call to worship  
Hymn No. 4 (638) "Ye gates..." Tune: St. George's  
Invocation Prayer 523 "Son of Zechariah"  
Solo: Shirley Telford  
Scripture Readings: 1Cor. 14: 23-26  
2Cor. 4: 1-6, 16-18  
Quartette: "Bread of the World" Garland  
Communion Meditation REV. ART GRIFFIN  
Communion Hymn No. 42 (48) "All hail..." Tune: Miles Lane  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Hymn No. 253 (336) "Re Thou thy Vision" Tune: Slane  
(The offering will be received during the hymn)  
Announcements  
Benediction  
Organ Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today,  
and we are all invited to an informal Coffee Hour following  
both services.

EVENING BROADCAST 7.00 P.M.  
(heard on CKWX at 8.00 p.m.)

Organ Prelude  
Call to worship  
Hymn No. 447 (81) "All glory, laud and honour"  
Prayer of Invocation  
Solo: Shirley Telford - THE LORD IS MY SALVATION  
Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 5: 1-7  
Philippians 4: 4-9  
Matthew 13: 44-45  
Quartette "Breathe on me, breath of God" Lewis  
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)  
Quartette: "The Lord's Prayer" Peeters  
Sermon WHAT'S THERE TO REJOICE ABOUT?  
Rev. Jack Shaver  
Prayer  
Hymn No. 44 (112) "Rejoice, the Lord is King"  
(Tune: Darwall)  
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 No. 65 (208) "Jesus, where'er Thy people meet"  
Blessing and Organ Postlude

OCTOBER 1 1978WHAT'S THERE TO REJOICE ABOUT?Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

Are you able to rejoice on demand?

Do you ever choose not to be joyful?

Does it help to have someone tell you to rejoice?

I think REJOICING is one of the things human beings are least in charge of.I think we find REJOICING greatly abusive  
Full of contradictions

People promise it to us on all sides —

But it's not that easy to come by

When we do rejoice — it's not hard  
— it's no effort

it just fills up &amp; you overflow

Try to stop it

It would take effort to stop it.

PARABLES OF TREASURE IN A FIELDPEARLS OF GREAT PRICE.WHO LIKES A COMPLAINAR?

Once that's what a person sounds like — he's unbearable!

Once a person has almost everything & still complains,  
who can stand her?

who can stand the person who absorbs gifts  
and well-being of the tons and is still miserable?  
who wants to be like that?

How come so many of us are like that so much  
of the time?

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as if all that is not complicated enough  
how can anyone allow himself or herself any feelings  
at all and not be devastated by the state of the  
world and his or her part in it?

### ISIDOR'S SONG OF THE VINYARD,

Have you been able to feel anyone, even for one hour  
of the number of Areas of civil strife throughout the  
little space-ship earth? War & near war -

- Strong Violate Powerless - violence inept
- Tyranny begets massacres begets Tyranny -
- Haves - exploit have Nots -
- Nicaragua - Cambodia - Chile - Panama - Bolivia - South Africa
- Black African Tyranny, Korea - Indonesia

Terrorism in Europe

Israel Camp David Accord - Facing huge Arab wars  
Beloved Palestinian Nation

Labour - scene of someone else's greed.

Over Casualty - Native - Poor - Prisoner - secured

in a prison system open investigation pronounced crisis.

- able to prompt - imperious movement to reform.

Church entering a period of increasing conflict as responsible Christians seek God's will for them in this fallen world.

Christian Businessmen organizing to get heard by church leaders. Church militants for social change being told they are not speaking for God. Stressful agitation caused by Church support going to partisan groups in ugly conflict.

Unless you're Blind, Deaf, or hard of Heart. There's no way to be innocent - No clean choices to be made.

And - Let people into your heart.  
get to caring about another

- get to aggress against people
- or be betrayed by them

Truly there NO JOY except in loving  
and there is no loving without shame + pain

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Rejoice in the Lord always - again I say Rejoice  
Let all men know your Forbearance -  
The Lord is at Hand  
(The Lord Draws Near)

Consider the one who draws near -  
the Nations of That LORDSHIP

Loving + bearing so united - His Mark is a T  
Machine of Execution

The Power To Love A suffering Sinning World  
- is near-by

That's how you can love forever  
and that's what allows the victory.

The Hurting world can be faced  
Our Complicity in it can be faced  
The Disappointment in ourselves & others  
can be borne

We can let ourselves Love & Care + Bear  
When The LORD DRAWS NEAR

Can you Imagine a more fitting kind of JOY