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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1978

10.30 A.M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

Organ Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn No. 19 (Hymnary) "Now thank we all our God"

Invocation

Unison Reading No. 729 (Psalm 103)

Scripture Lessons: Romans 5: 1-11

Matthew 5: 1-12

Hymn No. 637 (Hymnary) "The Lord's my Shepherd" (Crimond)

Prayer

Hymn No. 503 (Hymnary) "Pass me not O gentle Saviour"

Sermon "THE GRATEFUL HEART"

Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 23 (Hymnary) "When all Thy mercies"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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We extend a sincere welcome to all who are
worshipping with us today, and invite everyone to an
informal Coffee Hour following both services.

EVENING BROADCAST

(heard on CKWX at 8.00 P.M.)

7.00 P.M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 384 (577) "Come ye thankful..."

Prayer of Invocation

Choir: "Unite to praise Thy Maker's Name" Lloyd Webber

Scripture Lessons: Deut. 8: 1-3

I Tim. 6: 6-16

Duet "O lovely peace"

Handel

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

Choir: "Breathe on me, breath of God"

Sermon "IN EVERYTHING, GIVE THANKS"

Rev. Art Griffin

Prayer

Hymn No. 383 (579) "We plough the fields..."

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. 382 (578) "Sing to the Lord of harvest"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

(Tune 'Lancashire' No. 173)

A special "thank you" to Highlands United Church
Choir and their leader, Mrs. Jocelyn Pritchard, who
are leading us in the ministry of music this evening.

Call to Worship

Something is at work in us
 in us Together
 in each one of us
 That something includes God.

God is at work in us.
 in us Together
 in each one of us.
 Calling us to himself

This morning - let's be found by his call
 let's be meet the call at work in us.

HYMN: - Now Thank we all our God, 19

INVOCATION -

Here we are
 Gathered
 Just us in your house
 Speak to us
 We need a word
 to create us again
 to present life to us again as precious & good
 to give us to each other,
 to bless our way & the offering of our hands.
 Speak it & give us ears to hear.

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FIRST UNITED

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The Grateful heart

What's there to say about Thanksgiving that will make any difference,

Who's against being grateful?

it's like those against being happy.

When my heart swells with gratitude - I'm not against it.
What a state!

Hi trees! Hi lights. Hi sea
Bears atop their lands

Not just saying thanks -

state - allowing all that is God's Beautiful
about life to be good & beautiful

I don't need convincing that that's a good time,

AND Who's for ingratitude?

Who likes an ungrateful person?

someone who sits before a whole heap of what's
good & beautiful only to find fault,

who prefers to be in a state of ingratitude?

& not allowing what is
good & beautiful about life
to be indeed good & beautiful,

Most of us are ashamed when we catch ourselves

rejecting life's gifts - life's gifts -
- devaluing the gift of life.

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On the other hand.

How can it be good to slap your hands
over the loss of good gifts life has brought you
if they are denied others?

At the same time, how does it help to devalue
gifts when they are denied others.

THESE SEEM TO BE THE PROBLEMS
Which Besset Thanksgiving.
What's the cure.

A. We aren't sure we approve of some kinds
of THANKSGIVING.

B. We are not in the state we approve of
as much as we are in the state
we disapprove of.

How can TALK CURE that?

Do you remember the story of the depressed King who came
upon a happy miller in his kingdom. The king
set about trying to discover the miller's secret. He
was led to believe that if he could get hold of one of his
shirts and put it on he would get to share the miller's
grateful heart. - It turned out the miller didn't own
a shirt.

The mystery of what produces a grateful heart
remains elusive.

But perhaps we might come upon a clue or two
as we explore the BIBLE to find how Biblical
writers see a grateful heart.

- what they take gratitude to Be.

O.T. Interesting

Hebrew words for

THANK

GIVE THANKS

THANKSGIVING

1. BARAK Bless - Declare blessed.

2. YEDA confess - praise

3. YADAH confess - Name of God
- Sins

4. TODAH - COMPANY OF THANKSGIVING - COLLECTIVE OF PRAISE
choir.

THANKSGIVING:

all mixed up - with Confessing Sing.

Acknowledging God

Singing.

Declaring Blessed

- That's what's going on when you are THANKFUL

Receive gift of Life

Hold it precious - call it Blessed

wish of regard it + wish of be renewed for it.

That's what's going on when you are in a
Grateful State

letting Forgiveness be your foundation

letting God be God

Singing in the Choir.

how be-thankful - thankful song? how
was sent?

N.T. Eucharist
 Eucharist - Name for Lord's Supper
 Holy Communion

CHARIS . . .
 Charisma
 Charm
 Grace - favour -

That's what's going on in THANKSGIVING, it goes on.

Lord's Supper - Stoney looks death
 but becomes

Pain -

Hold life precious without pain.

In communion with God

& one another -

do that without pain.

That's what's going on when you are in a grateful state
 - a STATE OF GRACE.

What brings about a state of Grace? Some Mystery

Talk can't bring that off either.

But sometimes talk can make clear what is meant
 a state of Grace

a blessed state -

Close with having again the strong words Jesus put together
 with the blessed state