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10:30 A.M.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO GATHER

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship (from Luke 14:11, Isaiah 57:15)
Prayer of Approach (see insert)
Hymn of Praise: "Come let us sing of a wonderful love"
No. 126 (488)
Confessing our sin
Receiving God's Forgiveness (see insert)
Doxology (unannounced)

TO SPEAK AND HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Grace
Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9
Luke 4:14-15
Romans 8:18-25
Quartette: "Lord of all power and might" Wesley
Sermon MAKING A NAME FOR OURSELVES
Chris McMullen
Hymn of Response: "God Who stretched the spangled
heavens" No. 198 (tune: Hyfrydol #241)
Affirmation of Faith: The Magnificat #525
Solo - Gerald Britland

AND TO RESPOND IN GIVING AND LIVING!

Offering ourselves, our gifts
Offering Prayer: "Lord of all good" #205, verse 1
(tune: Eventide, #180)
Sharing news and concerns
Prayers on behalf of ourselves and others (see insert)
Hymn of Dedication: "Lift High the Cross" No. 321
The sending: Commissioning and Blessing
Organ Postlude

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1978

EVENING BROADCAST

(heard on C.K.W.X. at 8.00 P.M.)

7.00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 390 (137) "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
Prayer of Invocation
Quartette: "Round me falls the night" Wesley
Scripture Lessons: Malachi 3: 1-7b
Revelation 3: 14-22
Luke: 3: 1a, 2b-17
Solo: Gerald Britland and A. CHARTWMS CARR
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)
Quartette: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace"
Williams

Sermon: WHO CALLED THIS MEETING?

Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer

Hymn No. 389 (132) "Come Thou long-expected Jesus"
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Voluntary

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The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 363 "Glory to Thee, my God"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

A sincere welcome is extended to all who are
worshipping with us today, and a warm invitation to
join in a Coffee Hour following both services.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10 - Linda Ervin will preach at the
morning service and Rev. Art Griffin for the evening
broadcast.

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH VAN
WHO CALLED THIS MEETING?

Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me

And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his Temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of His coming?
 and who can stand when he appears?

In those verses from Malachi I find
 LANGUAGE THAT WORKS

It doesn't just lie there

~~I~~ doesn't breeze by leaving no mark

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When I found this text in one of the lectionaries at the head of a set of Readings for the first Sunday in Advent - It became irresistible.

First of all - It recalled an Advent event ^{in my life} 10 years or so ago. I ~~was present~~ ^{attended} ~~at~~ an early in the season Carol-Sing-Story in a state of near total abstraction:-

I can sense you can all appreciate what it was like to be urged repeatedly to join the happy action.

Then a Baso Sobhist came on the programme who sang the restatement and aima which Handel composed for these words: - appear in his messiah

I could identify with the words & the sound and the fury.

I could identify the word & found with the words & sound & the fury.

This somehow dealt with my alienation.

I joined the Sing-Song.

The Carols Became Good Songs.

But it wasn't simply nostalgia that stuck me on the text.

I got stuck because the language still works.

* That was also a good reason for not Preaching on it.

IF it works - ~~don't~~ spoil it -

- let it work for others.

The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight: - behold he is come

But who can endure the day of his coming and who can stand when he appears

For he is like a refiners Fire. !

Can't Resist having something to say.
 Curious to know why the words are
 so powerful -
 even welcome.

Setting: - Nations
 Not say exemplary social life.
 Great Rejoice about the coming day of the
 in which God who took care of them
 as his messenger - Return
 Restore - uphold - ~~was~~
 Establish them.

Speaker

You're wanting it.
 you're wanting it - it's coming
 When it comes you not
 going to want it.

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HUMAN STATE

Wanting a meeting with God.
 Dreading it.

Finally Gets Said, Welcome word.

Whatever we long for
 whatever we let color & shape what we long for ^{ideal} ~~fantasy~~
 We get a social notice somewhere deep
 - won't work unless for real.

is Meeting with God - ~~the real~~ - Shaking up
 Refiners Fire, Fulfills Soaps
~~willow~~ window Ford is in his land
 to clean the floor

Dread it or not.
at least → Real

Shook down free of pretence.
garbage & ~~trash~~,
corruption

disorder
L inbel of course with coming of
CHRIST

→ Wrathful God - of Battles & conquest.
GOD IS LOVE
KING - STABLE

INDREED

WERNNESS -
FAILURE -
SIN BEARING -

WHO CAN BEAR SUCH A ONE'S
COMING

EVEN MORE PENETRATING - separation

→ SHARPER distinction

Winnowing Fork → severe separation
wheat from chaff.

More Total refining out of adulteration
Coming of such a one.

ADVENT READING - ADVENT Season

Prepare for HIS COMING
- Recall again his coming
Now before us his coming again

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Words Powerful.

Welcome.

— Indicate

Some

of the Distress

Alienation from myself
~~Present state~~
experiences now

The Refusion from
Fuller's Sore
Wounded Love

check at work

Praise to God.