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10.30 A.M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 154 (139) "Hail to the Lord's anointed"
Prayer of Invocation
Unison Reading: Psalm 146 (Psalms for Modern Man)
Solo: Gerry Britland
Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Is. 10: 1-4
Is. 58: 1-12
New Testament: Luke 18: 18-29
Luke 19: 1-9

Johnston

Quartette: "Two Wings"
Pastoral Prayer
Sermon: THE GOD OF THE POOR
Rev. Ray Tingley
Hymn No. 177 "Sing we a song of high revolt"
Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 210 "For the healing of the nations"
Benediction
Organ Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979

7.00 P.M.

EVENING BROADCAST SERVICE
(Heard over CKWX at 8.00 p.m.)

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 273 (517) "God the Omnipotent..."
Prayer of Invocation
Radio Identification
Solo: Gerry Britland - IF WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS
Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 52: 13 - 53:5
I Corin. 1: 17-25
John 1: 9-14
Quartette: "How firm a foundation" Rosley
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (sung)
Quartette: "Lo, God is here" Welsh Tune
Sermon: THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT
Rev. M.J.V. Shaver
Hymn No. 75 "Blow, winds of God" (Tune Belmont, 72)
Blessing and Choral Amen

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The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 442 (96) "My song is love unknown" (Wesley)
Benediction
Organ Postlude

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Next Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Boy Scouts District Church
Feb. 25 Parade - Chris McMullen preaching
7.00 p.m. Chapel Service

Feb 18 1979 FIRST UNITED CHURCH
BROADCAST 7PM

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: -

I picked this sermon title because I needed to explore again some Biblical notions about the Power of God.

Several things lately gave occasion for that need. -
This can be ^{all} put into ~~and divide up into~~ two classifications.

1. numerous experiences of running out of power /
Fatality - unable to help
Fatigue - unable to make any difference
- can't keep from fading - ^{and fade}
- fade faster - ^{working}
^{mission}
^{not enough}
^{weeks}

2. Reminders - not supposed to be running out of power.

God is supposed to be a God of Power
you are supposed to be filled with Power.

Harmonizing - what the Church needs
what you need
power of the Spirit

What's wrong with you - don't have the power of the spirit.

Explore again ^{some} Biblical Notions of Power of God

There are lots of Biblical Instances → it's recorded
This or that individual did something spectacular
or different or unusual - in the power of the Spirit.

Pentecost Story - group in power of the Spirit -
fulfill Joel prophecy -

See the whole story - Individuals: - Fatality & Fatigue
Corinthian Correspondence - kind of Church
created ~~that~~ by Group vessel of Power of the Spirit -
- very much like any of our congregations
fully Fatigue created was only there

~~scribbles~~

strange mixture, confusion, contradictions.

Power & weakness

Success & failure

Things not being what they seem
Things turning into their opposites -

John

light that both everyone - CAME
TO HIS OWN
WORD HIS OWN

Didn't become →
didn't see a light.

TO Those who received:

Power to be Children of God

That's where

Confusion Contradiction, Things turning into their opposites

what is it like to be Children of God?

~~ISAIAH 52:1-5~~

EZKIEL : -

Caught up in it & Read it through

(Prophets - Just before & after)
Jerusalem destroyed by Babylonians

God up to - Time - since formation of Israel
Keeping slaves in their rows
Seed time & harvest.

Many Nations & Empires about Filling the temple with her Glory

also: God got himself a People
put them through all manner of things / good & bad
- clean through Contradiction
so that all people will know he is the Lord
so that Israel will know he is the Lord
not getting through - but prophet must speak
- still needed. End slides

For all his stubbornness & Belligerence -

- withholding his power to deliver

Because of his own narrow selfish

- the treatment grows out of his nature & integrity
not their behavior -

What if

Power to become the Children of God

Power to become Powerful like that?

ISAIAH 52-53 + other places

One Empowered to Be God's Servant

Empowered - Man of Sorrow

- represented with Grief

- Not very attractive

- Look like he's being punished by God

Empowered to Bear the iniquity of Others

It may be - reason we don't know the
power we are being offered

we don't recognize it

It doesn't look like power to us

like the Jews - we seek Signs & ^{miracles} & the Cross

like the Greeks - we seek Wisdom

& Christ looks like a stumbling Block or Foolishness

in verse 17 Paul makes a remark ~~that~~

~~that the power of the cross~~ - Let the Cross of X be emptied
of its power.

It seems there are ways of presenting
all this Christian stuff so that the Cross is
emptied of its power.

What of the Power of God?

Is the power to Bear Sin
 Power to remain faithful to each other
 Power to be with despoiled, rejected, sinful
 Power to give.
~~Power to be with despoiled, rejected, sinful~~
 Showed that having your heart break.
 would you have some →

There's that promise —

My Yoke is Easy
 + My Burden is light.