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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 15, 1979

10.30 A.M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 465 (105) "Jesus Christ is risen.." (Easter Hymn)
Prayer of Invocation
Unison Reading 475
Soloist: Gerald Britland
Hymn No. 480 (115) "Crown Him with many crowns" (Diademata)
Scripture Readings: John 20: 11-18
2 Corin. 5: 14-17
Quartette: "On Easter Morn"
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Sermon
GOING BEYOND EASTER
Rev. Art Griffin
Prayer
Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn "Up from the grave" P.9, Pew Booklet
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this
Easter day - you are invited to come to an informal
Coffee Hour following both services.

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

7.00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 466 (104) "Christ the Lord is risen.." ^{OLD HYMNS}
Prayer of Invocation
Soloist: Gerald Britland ^{END OF THE SERVICE}
Scripture Readings: 1 Corin. 1: 17-25
1 Corin. 15: 1-11
Quartette: "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" -Thiman
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)
Quartette: "Hail Thee, Festival Day" Vaughan Williams
Sermon
WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED
LEST THE CROSS BE EMPTIED OF ITS POWER
Rev. Jack Shaver
Prayer
Hymn No. 41 "Thine is the Glory"
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Voluntary
--- off the air ---
Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 468 (109) "The strife is o'er" (Vulpus)
Blessing and Organ Postlude
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Next Sunday, April 22nd:

10.30 A.M. Rev. Jack Shaver
7.00 P.M. Evening Chapel

SUNDAY APRIL 15 '79 (EASTER)

BROADCAST 7 PM

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

LEST THE CROSS BE EMPTIED OF ITS POWER

There's a line in The First Chapter of Paul's letter to The Corinthians that goes like this -
"It Pleased God by The Foolishness of Preaching to save those that believe."

That phrase "Foolishness of Preaching" says a lot

it sits there waiting to infiltrate its meanings into every preacher

"every listener

at NO TIME is it more penetrating than EASTER

When preaching is to be focused on the Resurrection

The Phrase The FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING

applies ^{its meanings} all over the place.

By its very nature, The Resurrection, ^{FAITH} is not something preaching can manufacture.

IF you find yourself lacking the Resurrection Faith it won't help much to tell you that you should have it.

IF you are having trouble believing it, it's futile if not cruel to tell you Gotta believe it.

IF you are convinced that The Powers of Death reign supreme in our world - in what way will someone else's cheerfulness or assurance convince you of the Resurrection?

"It pleased God; by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

God Works the Resurrection.

~~We don't have it in us.~~

We can't ~~create it~~

Bring it off

~~Complete it~~

it's GOD'S GIFT

It's in the very Nature of the Resurrection Faith that we can know it only as a Gift.

The fact that we don't bring it to a situation does not make it not so

The only way it gets to be so for you is when it meets you in the situation.

It pleases God to use the Foolishness of Preaching to Give this Gift.

LOOK FOR THE ELEMENTS that make up this foolishness of Preaching

Sometimes the N.T. uses a word ~~Kenosis~~

Cry - Proclaim - Announce - Herald
information - needs telling - News.

I Corinthians 15 - I declared unto you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures - that he appeared to Cephas then to the 12, then to more than 500 brethren at one time, then he appeared to James and to all the apostles, last of all, as to one untimely born he appeared also to me - so we preached & so you believed

Couple of similar words

- Tell good tidings
- Tell thoroughly -

The reason the earliest New Testament writings got written
NOT to preserve the story for posterity -
that came after -

Correct Distortions :- worried news told thoroughly
worried tidings were getting the wrong thrust.

Writers go over & over the news
in any language he can think of
from any angle he can think of

One classic place we come upon an author
trying to Tell thoroughly -

1 Corinthians: 1st Chapter -

Preach Christ Crucified

lest Cross of Christ be emptied of its Power.

The purpose of preaching is to tell the News
thoroughly - information is straight

THAT'S WHERE THE POWER IS.

IF any gets preaching
or proclaiming
or interpreting
or understanding

} Power is somewhere
else

got a DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT
MESSAGE

Dying a death like his — is where the Power is
where Resurrection is

Sin bearing — is where the power is
where the Resurrection is

Forgiveness, Being Born, the death of me as my
own savior

Forgoing of me as my own savior
is where the power is
where the resurrection is

Living — where the victory is
— Resurrection is

not Living wins the reward of Victory —
which is something else added

NATURE OF THE RESURRECTION FAITH is

that What looks like Death

— is where the Victory is

What IS Death — is where the victory & Power
are

NO WONDER the BIBLE says

THIS IS THE LORDS DOING AND
WONDROUS IN OUR EYES

~~ONLY THE LORD CAN DO IT~~

We are ~~not~~ going to be able to elevate ourselves to ~~the~~
the Resurrection Faith

ONLY THE LORD CAN DO IT

WHAT THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING

CAN DO — properly name the Resurrection
Faith

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BUT ONLY GOD CAN RAISE US UP.

There was a moment this week when I heard the
Resurrection Faith named.

Chris McMeulen } was conducting a little worship for a
shoutout Jesus } a few of us on Maundy Thursday
for the poor

There was a sentence in his prayer
which went, "Thank you Lord

that we can look Death in the Eye

There's a statement of the Meaning of the Resurrection Faith
the state of Being able to look Death in the eye

- Look in the eye all that is Dead

o Dying about US
and our world
and our time

That's the Miracle the Resurrection is
about