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FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1980

Ministers:  
Rev. J. Cashore  
Rev. M. J. V. Shaver

Organists:  
A.M. Mr. Peter Janson  
P.M. Mrs. Eleanor Bush

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude "Trio Sonata" Nr. 5 (1st mov.) J. S. Bach  
Call to Worship

Leader: Praise God with shouts of joy, all people!  
God comes to us in love to renew and redeem.  
People: We sing praise to God, who seeks us out and  
calls us to new life in God's love.  
Leader: Hear God's Word calling you to life, claim-  
ing you in love.  
People: Thanks be to God who makes the Word known in  
Jesus Christ. Praise the Name of the Lord.  
Hymn No. 19 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Confession and Pardon

Unison: Almighty God, in whose love there is mercy,  
we come together to be renewed in life as we  
are forgiven. We confess our sin and seek to  
be open to you and to one another. We know  
life goes bad when we ignore the claims of  
love. But we continue to isolate ourselves  
and run away from your loving care. Bring us  
back once again, O God, and renew our spirits  
by your love. Amen.

Leader: Here are words you may trust: "Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save sinners." Receive  
the forgiveness of God.

People: Thanks be to God.  
Responsive Psalm

Leader: Be merciful to us, O God, because of your con-  
stant love. Because of your great mercy wipe  
away our sins!

People: Create a pure heart in us, O God, and put a new  
and loyal spirit in us.

Leader: Do not banish us from your presence; do not  
take your holy spirit away from us.

Evening Broadcast  
(Heard over CKWX at 8:00 P.M.)

Call to Worship  
Hymn No. 14 (668) "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" Jackson  
Invocation  
Programme Identification  
Ministry of Music  
Scripture Lessons

Exodus 32: 7 - 14  
I Timothy 1: 12 - 17  
Luke 15: 1 - 10

Ministry of Music  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer (sung)  
Ministry of Music  
Sermon

KEEPING THE GOOD NEWS GOOD

Rev. Jack Shaver

Hymn No. 233 (239) "O Spirit of the Living God"  
-- off the air --

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology  
Announcements

Hymn No. 26 (34) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"  
Benediction  
Organ Postlude

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We welcome all who are worshipping with us today and invite  
you to an informal coffee hour following both services.

Next Sunday

10:30 A.M. Ms. Bonny Smith

7:00 P.M. Chapel

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KEEPING THE GOOD NEWS GOOD

On an increasing number of occasions lately  
I have been deeply moved by a longing  
to have the Good News heard as good news.  
There are so many people down here <sup>here</sup> who have so many  
things going wrong for them that when a couple of things  
go right they are just ~~drawn out~~ <sup>don't show</sup> by the disarray,  
smothered.  
any impact from the good things happening: - immediately  
erased.

Once in a while such a one gets talking to me  
- or talking to others where I lead them  
about God in their lives.

It's tragic how often that's BAD NEWS.  
Somehow - in their own history

- history of how Bible was presented  
them series of rigid bits - <sup>Religion of the Bible was come upon.</sup> all of which they feared  
or an endless list of should's -  
Depressing weight of demands.  
unremitting response - wrong again.

Not just down here: -

Function of Organized Religion →  
you are not good enough.  
you are not measuring up.  
you are supposed to.

Function - goes with.  
High minded high standard organizations  
→ Both sides of that judgment

Sadder: - Calling for much more sober  
attention →  
Function of Getting the Gospel right  
accurate -

- possible for you to get it wrong -  
- wrong again -

Good - Good news →

Days - sure chop Carl on the Church.  
- each one of us →

Keep the Good news Good.

→ Eyes - Eyes to Hail about us  
hear Good News of the Gospel  
rather than the put-down  
of a

string of parables  
or crush down rigid aggressive  
demands. -

Readings: comment and dialogue.

Exodus Story: Golden Calf.

{ God is Planning to Destroy Israel; -  
Moses talks him out of it.

What are the Egyptians going to say?

Some when  
Some how  
Some time

ISRAEL - Broken Pilgrimage / Israel  
Nationhood  
Peoplehood  
Survival -

Went Somewhere - God Called them somebody -  
just society called for from them -  
a role on the earth was called for  
from them.

when they went their own stubborn way  
they messed things up. went  
disgrace on themselves.

But that on account of God's stubbornness  
they were not abandoned.

Miracle of Israel's being - God's Faithfulness  
- not Israel's behavior

People of

Israel came to this understanding  
of their history & existence.

This understanding of God!

Remarkable Revelations?

Came through — kind of Thinking →

Moses → trying God into it.  
by an argument about fore-savings.

Broken vessels - earthen vessels - NOT very useful vessels  
- means God is overruling us.

Christ who came to save Sinners: - Parable 5 →  
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Roots - fore-savings →

While yet a Sinner: God's grace can work  
its miracles →

Trivially.

Classic sinning of Paul's salvation history.

Chief of Sinners →

Christian Doctrine of Sin — not Bad news.

Good about Doctrine of Sin.

Turns evil into something that responsibility can  
be taken for.

painful → } not bad news  
costly → }

Guilt in Bad news —  
Sin leaving — good news. :-

Parables

(s2439)

you'd have a party if you found a  
sheep that had been lost.

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you'd have a party if you found a  
lost pig chop

What do you suppose heaven is waiting for  
in the case of any sinner?