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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1980

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 62 (5) "Come, Thou Almighty King"
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Creed (back of Red Hymnary)
Scripture Lessons: Genesis 14 (selected verses)
Psalm 85 #718 (Black Hymnary)
Luke 9: 11 - 17
1st Cor. 11: (selected verses)
Hymn No. 72 (269) "Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God"
Sermon Ms. Linda Green
Hymn No. 146 (164) "The Church's One Foundation"
Prayers of the People
Offertory
Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 107 "All Praise to Thee"
Benediction
Organ Postlude

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

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

7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 197 (19) "Now Thank We All Our God" Nun Danket
Invocation
Ministry of Music
Scripture Lessons: I Kings 8: 38 - 43
Galatians 1: 1 - 10
Luke 7: 1 - 10
Ministry of Music
Prayer & Lord's Prayer (sung)
Ministry of Music
Sermon
Hymn No. 72 (269) "Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God"
Benediction
Offering Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 503 (179) "Give Me the Wings of Faith"
Blessing
Organ Postlude

Next Sunday

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jack Shaver
7:00 p.m. Rev. Art Griffin

Westminster

Belmont

Bad Faith and its Cures:

The lesson from The Hebrew Scriptures
was taken from the Long Prayer which Solomon
is reported to have offered at the Dedication of the Temple
he had built in Jerusalem - vs. 22-61 of the 8th
chapter of 1 Kings

Moving piece of writing - especially as you begin to
appreciate that it is the work of many scribes
but through the history of Israel's religious
Reflects the up & down story of Israel's faith
Hoped for in the Temple

Come to expect - relationship with God
Come to think called for in worship
Come to trust -

goes through a great many walks
our lesson touched on two of them

1. what supplication was made

by each one knowing the afflictions of his/her own land
for sin & act & render

as he stretched out his/her hand to the Lord
For you alone know what is in every heart
(recognition - broken relationship between
formal expressions of prayer
what is really logged for)

2. Same for the Foreigner - Come from afar

For you alone know - head of your Name
stretched out hand to the Lord & outstretched arm
- 'hear them - that they may know the name and
know that as do the people around

Teach Recognition - Israel does & doesn't

Gospel } Labo's reading of the Story of the Centurion
Lesson }

Someone from afar

has even greater faith than he

been found in Israel - Labo's point

even more than Matthew

Galatians.

Paul wasn't no time

getting started - what is upsetting him

Trusting wrong stuff.

" misplaced

Gospel somehow turned into its opposite

What comes of putting these three possess
together

Faith has a central Role in the

Behaves in a strange way.

Bad faith is at the heart of the human predicament

We trust what cannot save us

born on a broken need for our safety

The things you use to prove you're saved

~~also~~ do you

~~also~~ ^{desperately} under the pressure of real life
The things you use to prove you're saved ^{cutting yourself off from life - chasing people}

consume others.

justifies your existence - destruction of others

Survive - I beg irresponsible.

Bad faith is the heart of the human predicament

Care of Bad Faith is a mysterious thing
 what you say you believe
 and what your life relies on are
 very seldom the same thing.
 you don't change what you trust just by
 saying you are going to.

Trust and what changes what you trust
 is a mysterious thing.
 you find out afterwards when a change
 has taken place in what you trust.

If we look for what brings that about.
 I think we'll find.

exposure to what another trusts
 to what transforms another
 to what sustains another - in spite of desert
 in the midst of brokenness
 and without making them
 a discharge of others

That's why Israel was given to the foreigners
 and the foreigners given to Israel

That's why God gives us to each other

That's not to deny any place to theological discourse
 to relieve us of any responsibility for
 saying clearly and well what is
 truly good news

But it is some other person's believing it which
 convinces you it's true.

and is your broken trust in it that convinces
others it is true.

It is catching a broken sinner,
redeemed & empowered by the gospel
that prompts your trusting of it.

Student Ministry was your great
young Brook - Mark friend of Joe Coups
called at their farm one day
Real they were sad.

young child drowned deep sea
then as they sat down with little of resignation
up to any kind of ministry -
had nothing to say - unable to face the other
they felt lonely.

also found - unable to leave
we there - Coups returned - was miserable
was speechless -

a week later Mrs Coups showed
what that had meant to them

What made it possible for them to
start to believe that there was a living
God who comforted the desolate?

for the first time
he the student

Though speechless and full of flight
there he stayed
in spite of himself.