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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1980

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 448 (82) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Tune Ellacombe
Invocation Prayer
Unison Reading: No. 446
Organ Selection
Scripture: Selected
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Reception of Membership by Transfer: Mr. Gordon Comer
Communion Meditation Rev. Art Griffin
Hymn No. 344 (220) "Here O My Lord, I See Thee" (St. Agnes)
Offering: Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 328 "I Come with Joy" (St. Agnes, Durham, No. 121)
Benediction
Organ Postlude

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. Rev. Jack Shaver
7:00 p.m. Ms. Linda Ervin

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

7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 30 (17) "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Invocation
Quartet: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Scripture Lessons: Isaiah: 50: 4 - 7
Philippians: 2: 6 - 11
Luke: 23: 39 - 43
Solo: Linda Fraser
Prayer
Quartet: "To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love"
Sermon: "IN THE ARMY OF LOVE ONLY THE WOUNDED CAN SERVE"
Rev. Jack Shaver
Prayer
Hymn No. 151 (328) "Behold the Amazing Gift of Love"
Benediction
--- off the air ---
Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 109 (86) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Benediction
Organ Postlude

The music this evening is presented by the Quartet of the
Vancouver Youth Chorale under the leadership of Mr. Len
Lythgoe. Members of the Quartet: Linda Fraser
Denise Tupman
Chris Hooper
Benny Kwong

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In the Army of LoveOnly the Wounded can Heal

I think most of us ^{have} ~~have~~ experienced
~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~that~~ life can be a desert
 or a garden

And I think most of us know that love
 is what makes the difference
 between life by ~~desert~~ or a garden
 when love goes right -

like if a green tree
 plants by rivers of water.

I once heard a Rabbi preach in a Synagogue in
 Winnipeg.

That was more than 20 years ago - but I
 remember a large part of the sermon.

And what particularly stayed in my mind was
 a that sentence that I have given as the sermon title

In the Army of LoveOnly the Wounded can Heal

To Love is To Risk

To Love is to permit the central life in the

the power of great price -

something for which you will forgo
 anything else

to be something given,

to be other than what you can manage

or be in control over

to love - is to make yourself enormously vulnerable

to love is to allow the other to be
to affirm the otherness of the other
to bear the otherness of the other
includes conflict.

to love is to bear the sin of the other.
as well as the other's hurt.

In the Along of Love

Only the wounded can save

always something going wrong with our loving
or about to go wrong ~ " ~ "

pain or anxiety our rejection - cuts it off

Ambiguous relationship between power & Love

We want our loving to make a difference

as soon as it does it is undermined

by our worries about possible aggression

all been victimized by love

Love that has a hook hidden in it

not subtle & vice versa to be manipulated

Love Goes wrong ~ No help to be

used to try harder.

not result ~ in Love Flowing Forth

Even Paul's magnificent Hymns to Love
are to God needs.

heard only as demand.

Love never ends

is not puffed up

does not regard what others do

love endures all things, fears all things

Address all these statements to

a love that is in fact not going well
and you wipe me out.

It is at moments like this that I
find that word so helpful in terms
of indicating where rescue can be found

That says:

The Christian they is Not good advice
But Good News

Hear all those beautiful statements as

Needs - rather than Demand

Love bears all things, endures all things - even my
brother's love

- love never ends.

- God is Love

Add to that "In the army of Love only the
wounded can come"
God is the wounded one: - little birds through

Suffering Servant.

Job's mediator.

Ezekiel's person in sword

God was in X Because world into death

Message -

{ always heard only in fragments
always ready to be heard for
always about to be ^{total} believed

Message to us who are feeling Love's Burden

{ That's The Burden God is Under.
That's The company you will have
Love is what is carrying you & your burden

By its Very Nature:

as Love's message

it is mediated to us through The Other

That is the role we have been given with each other

to continuously be the mediator to one another
& receive from one another

of the Love of God

which unifies & restores us.