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10:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT-BIBLE SUNDAY

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Hymn No. 235(240) "Thou whose almighty Word"
Unison Reading No. 524 (Hymn Book) "Arise, Shine!"
Advent Marking - Elizabeth Stebbings
Ministry of Music
Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
John 1:1-14
Advent Christian symbols placing on tree.
Pastoral Prayer
Ministry of Music
Hymn No. 93(184) "The Spirit breathes upon the Word"
Sermon "THE LIGHT OF THE WORD"
Rev. Ray Tingley
Prayer
Ministry of Music
Offering, Offertory Prayer, Doxology.
Announcements
Hymn No. 404 "Go tell it on the mountain"
Benediction
Organ Postlude

We welcome all of you to our worship today, and invite you to stay and share in an informal Coffee Hour following both services.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1979

EVENING BROADCAST SERVICE
(Heard over CKNX at 8 p.m.)

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 4 (638) "Ye gates lift up your heads"
Invocation
Ministry of Music
Scripture Lessons Romans 15: 4-13
Luke 21:25-33
Ministry of Music
Prayer
Ministry of Music
Sermon "WHEN IS OUR REDEMPTION GOING TO DRAW NEAR?"
Rev. Jack Shaver
Hymn No. 14 (668) "O sing a new song to the Lord"
Benediction and Choral Amen
--- off the air ---
Offering and Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 156 "Mine eyes have seen the glory"
Blessing
Postlude

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1979

10:30 A.M. Rev. Jack Shaver
7:00 P.M. Rev. Art Griffin

7:00 P.M.

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH

BROADCAST

DEC. 9 1979

WHEN IS OUR REDEMPTION GOING TO DRAW NEAR?

Our Epistle Lesson tells us That whatever it did for the people who wrote it and their contemporaries, ~~that~~ what was written in former days was for our instruction, encouragement - we might have hope.

Many Variations of two constant THEMES

Look what God has done? The God who Acted

Time is coming when surely Now will happen The God who Promises

CHURCH - Does the same thing.

Calendar + Lectonary of Readings

ADVENT:

Prepares for X's coming } already Come
Looks forward to X's coming }

Ready - as many Coming Again

Intro we stand before what it put together in order that we might abound in hope

Reminded.

Of an old promise to Israel

gathered around David is true in particular

Glorious Hope → Root come out of Jesse

gather outsiders

Gathered Israel

Grafted to a mixed broken they -

For all his nobility → Extortioner

collaborator, adulterer, Such old May did in his faithful parents - Messed up the succession.

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all this ^{earlier message} remembered + quoted

Because God had already confirmed the promises to the Patriarchs
by the coming of Christ

In HIM such a light shined that the Gentiles Rejoiced
The kind of light shined - that can

illuminate everybody. - creates its own hope

Outsiders: have hope.

At the same time

Gospel lesson —

there remains distress of Nations

and fainting with fear & foreboding
of what is coming on the world.

How like our Own Advent 1979

As Christmas approaches

family ties tighter - love & conflict

Community awareness higher - kindness &

WORLD CLOSES IN, INJUSTICE VIOLENCE
FOULED UP POTENTIAL

HEART GROWS TENDER

FEEL EVERYTHING;

including - ugliness, violence & Terror
our part in it;

FLIGHT IS CUT OFF

Deeply feel the world's lack - of justice
deliverance
Salvation

Receive X realize how much he sees & he missing in the ^{world}

LUKAN PASSAGE Jesus Proposing
DISTRESS OF NATIONS

+ FAINTING WITH FEAR + WITH FOREBODING
FOR WHAT IS COMING ON THE WORLD

LOOK UP REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR

Fascinated - MATT + MARK Record this SIGN
include a warning also given by Jesus
Don't take this sign business as
helping to fix the date

What helps can it be then

unless it is meant to be helps in knowing that
GOD is drawing near,

When the distress of the world draws near
your redemption draws near

When the world and the way it truly is, begins
to penetrate - God is beginning to penetrate

The reason you can let the world penetrate
is that Christ has already come

The reason you DO let the world penetrate
is that Christ has already penetrated you,

What it is to receive Christ's coming is to
see the world with his eyes

What it is to know the miracle of his coming
is to be empowered to count on his

What it is to coming again

So the world with his eyes

What it is to know the miracle of his coming

is to be empowered to look for his coming again

• Even as God's glorious promise is
rooted into David's unlikely Dynasty
So the Basis of your expecting Christ's coming again
is your present broken acceptance of Him.

What it is to know his coming
is to find, in the darkness of Nations
a TIME TO LOOK UP.