

SM 2868a

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1981

10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

Evening Broadcast
(Heard over CKWX at 8:00 P.M.)
Passion (Palm) Sunday
7:00 P.M.

THREE EXPLANATORY NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICE.

The bread used in Holy Communion represents our common life. The buns which the White Spot Bakery discards are picked up weekly and used by First United Church in our various programmes. The White Spot buns are the bread we use in this service. Tear off a piece and pass the bun to your neighbour.

The Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday consists of the Passion Story from Matthew, 124 verses in all. It is an old tradition in the history of the church to sometimes read all the verses. We will do so today. It means that a large and significant part of the service will consist of the reading of the Gospel Lesson while we get in touch with one evangelist's story of the passion of our Lord.

When the offering is brought forward we will sing the first and last verses of the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

Organ Preludes: "Le Banquet Celeste" O. Messiaen
"Herzlich tut mich verlangen" J. S. Bach
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 450 "The Glory of Our King" Richmond, No. 147
Invocation
Gospel Lesson Matthew 26: 17 - 75
Ministry of Music "My Heart is Filled with Longing" Brahms
Gospel Lesson Matthew 27: 1 - 66
Hymn No. 452 "O Sacred Head"
Sermon SEVEN WORDS IN ONE
Rev. Jack Shaver
Offering: Prayer and Offertory

The Community of Faith Gathers

Silent Preparation: "The Gospel of Matthew is written for the Church. One of the purposes it achieves is to set before the Church a radical Messiah--one who comes for and associates with those people who live in the margins of life. Jesus calls his hearers to be faithful to God by living God's kind of faithfulness and justice.

All of us who have been baptized are under the commission which God gives the church. It is the call to discipleship. The first pain we face is the knowledge that we can not be faithful." Ralph Donnelly in Keep Awake With Me, ed. by Ben Smillie.

Organ Prelude
Radio Identification

To Acknowledge God's Presence

Call to Worship
Prayer of Approach
Hymn of Praise - No. 447 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
To Acknowledge Our Need

Prayer of Confession
Words of New Life
Ministry of Music

To Hear God's Word
Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 50: 4 - 9
Epistle Lesson Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Gospel Lesson Matthew 26: 1 - 27: 66 (selected verses)
Ministry of Music

Message THE PAIN OF OBEDIENCE

Ms. Linda Ervin

To Respond in Faith

Ministry of Music

Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer (sung)

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Sermon

~~HOLY COMMUNION~~

First United Church Sunday April 13 1901 10:30 AM

Sinner Works in One

Largest Part of This Worship Service

Listening to How one of the Gospel writers
recorded the Passion of Christ. Picture he completed
Royal Undergoing **TOTAL DIGNITY** -

HIGH PRIEST - Scribes & Elders	MAJESTY
GOVERNOR	
UDAS.	

Ignominy.

Cos of Desolation - Answer -

My God My God why have you forsaken me
Psalm 22.

Read One EVANGELIST: : March Towards Faith
Cross

ONE :- Other Evangelists { Drop
then other

Not: Peter & No Other

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+
BONHOEFFER.

MIRACLE

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GOD ENTERS OUR CONDITION
→ at the point

~~Red abandonment~~ place of our abandonment by
to where we can be found of ~~that~~ God

Creeftian
Pfeiffer
Charles
Johnston Hilg

Call to Worship

Jesus said Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.

Jesus said Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.

It is the brokenness of God, entering our condition that is our living Bread.
Come to the Table of our Lord.

HYMN 450 THE GLORY OF OUR KING
WAS SEEN WHEN HE CAME RIDING BY

Invocation:

Almighty and Merciful God

How strange that when you are our most approachable, we reject you.

When you most deeply penetrate our condition you transcend us.

Teach us now the Majesty which confronts us in the passion of our Lord.