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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1981

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude: "Two Chorale Preludes" J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 60 (153) "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Invocation

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Unison Reading - *PSALM 77*

Gloria

Scripture Lessons: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 11 - 13
I Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

Confession

Absolution:

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all.

Right half of Congregation:

Your name is written on the palm of God's
hand.

Left half of Congregation:

And so is yours.

Hymn No. 115 (271) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

Gospel Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Ministry of Music

Sermon THE FOOLISH, THE WEAK, THE LOW, THE NOTHING

Rev. Jack Shaver

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Hymn No. 27 (21) "O Worship the King"

Benediction

Organ Postlude: "Prelude in G" (The Great)

J. S. Bach

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.

Worship Service

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Organ Prelude

Silent Meditation: "O God, where are you? Here. Where?
Here in this person and this person. But Lord, I loathe
some of these people. I know, but this is where you'll
find me." Ken Walsh. "God is not a neutral God. Jesus
reveals a stance which places him as a liberating figure
among the poor and the dispossessed. To be obedient to
him the Christian messenger must then surely proclaim his
message with a radical accent." Alan Walker.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn of Praise - No. 78 "We Worship Thee"

Prayer of Confession

Words of New Life

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THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons:

Hebrew Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 11 - 13
Epistle I Corinthians 1: 26 - 31
Gospel Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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Message

WEAK AND POOR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Ms. Linda Ervin

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer
Hymn No. 280 "Lord of Light"

Blessing -- off the air --

10:30 AMTHE FOOLISH, THE WEAK, THE LOW, THE NOTHING,

The four words of the sermon title are lifted straight from the text of the Epistle reading for today.

Seeing them that way they seem to sharpen

~~the message~~
 What a list! - ~~The pieces~~ stand out →

We can almost see the things,
 the situations,
 the people.

But the message is a God message!

WHAT A MESSAGE! even if we have heard
 it before - many times.

it is surprising! -

it sounds like the first time.

That's what God has to do with.

- what looks to us like

- } the foolish
- } the weak
- } the low & despised
- } the nothing

Sharper than just That.

God loves { Foolish
the weak
low
the Nothing.

USES THEM

:-
To work our Salvation :-

{ Knowledge of God
Creation wisdom
rightness
sanctifying -
Redemption.

anyone of These
different names for the same condition

God uses :- To Save
To put right,
Liberate.

↑ Weak
Foolish
Low + despised.

{ if you're talking
God stuff
That's what it's like

Salvation
 Straightening out } Paul is talking
 Liberation } about.
Different from earned
Created out of NOTHING.

Pretty interesting News for all the
 { unsaved of the earth.
 { unsaved situations of the earth.
 { unsaved of the Downlow East side
 { unsaved situations of the Downlow
 East side.

their Salvation created out of NOTHING.

What if we believed it?
 What will enable us to believe it?

One thing to present a message.
 to hear it.

We got our Teller's message from Paul
 This morning →

Method: - call it that.

all the Glories brought of God

That you've got now.

The power of God

Windows of God - get now.

Fragmented as it indeed is. uuu

How did it come?

Consider your call $\rightarrow$

Not way of your own will

peaceful
rock bath.

Consider in this flow - around weekly
we will ~~soon~~ gather for it -

~~and the cost~~ ^{and} its Total Colly was Good.

breakfast & washbasin ~~over~~ ^{over} the
gate over leads to some & washbasin.

How has ~~God~~ become real for any of us.

except Though the foolish

The Week

The Low

The Nothing.