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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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Ministers:

Rev. J. J. Cashore

Rev. M. J. V. Shaver

Organists:

A.M. Mr. Peter Janson

P.M. Mrs. Eleanor Bush

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Preludes: "Fugue in G-" J. S. Bach
"Adagio" G. Tartini
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 13 (6) "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne"
Invocation
Unison Reading Psalm 119 verses 169 - 176
page 185 - Psalms for Modern Man
Gloria
Solo "Tranquility" Mr. David Nancekivell
Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 10: 12 - 22
II Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 10 - 18
Solo "My Father Watches Over Me"
Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 9 - 14
Hymn No. 125 "With Joy We Meditate the Grace"
(In Hymnary)
Sermon WHAT CAN BE TRUSTED?
Rev. Jack Shaver

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Prayer
Announcements
Hymn No. 370 (214) "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name"
Benediction
Postlude: "Sonata II - movement 3 F. Mendelssohn

We wish to thank Mr. David Nancekivell for this morning's

ministry of music. Mr. Nancekivell is from the former

Hastings-Finnish Congregation.

Evening Broadcast

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

7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 501 (174) "For All the Saints"
Invocation
Program Identification
Ministry of Music
Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 10: 12 - 22
Luke 18: 9 - 14
Ministry of Music
Sermon HOW DO CHURCHES SELECT SINNERS?
Rev. John Cashore
Hymn No. 114 (502) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
-- off the air --
Offering: Prayer, Offering, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 366 (568) "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord is Ended"
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. Ms. Linda Ervin

7:00 P.M. Rev. Jack Shaver

19-24 Nov.
Shaver

The uneven ground shall become level
 and the rough places plain. And the
 way of the Lord shall be revealed
 And all flesh shall see it together.
 For the mouth of the Lord has spoken,
 --- - Say to the cities of Judah -
 Behold your God,

Behold the Lord comes with might
 and his arm reveals for him;
 behold his reward is with him
 And his recompense before him
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd
 he will gather his lambs in his arms
 he will carry them in his Bosom
 And gently lead those that are with young.

The Quotation from Malachi comes from
 this passage - Chapter 3.

Behold I send my messenger to prepare
 the way before me, and the Lord whom you
 seek will suddenly come to his temple
 The messenger of the covenant, in whom
 you delight, behold he is coming, says
 the Lord of Hosts. But who can endure
 the day of his coming and who can
 stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire
 and like Fuller's soap, he will sit
 as a refiner & purifier of silver.

WHAT CAN BE TRUSTED

In our readings for Today

We have - in almost every case -
material that got its shape because Israel
or the Church was putting forth
official ways of putting official positions.

Nearly all the Passages contain conventional statements
about conventional positions.

Deuteronomy:- official language
for expressing what got to be the middle of
the road position on Israel's
understanding of her creation & God
and her understanding of the nature of
God & his relationship to Israel

Relative:

Free of any indication as to the
rough & bumpy pilgrimages of Israel's story
in coming there

Lord Reign of You -

Fear the Lord your God

Walk in his ways

Some - and you heart - and you soul

Keep the commandments & statutes

Some, Lord of God - because of the power God of God - Touched

- Bless you.

Not Paul - Tobias & Bink

Justice for Fatherless & Widow
Love Squander

→ Made you as the star of heaven →

Circumstances Foreseen of your heart.

Epistle

I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the race.
I have kept the Faith.

Not vers
reveling of
the race
+ the
goodly
to know Paul's
courage
to go to
the end
of the world
for the
gospel

No one took my part when I was
first accused →

But the Lord stood by me
→ - - so that all the Gentiles
might hear it.

Gospel:

for anyone who exalts himself will be
humbled.

but he who humbles himself will
be exalted.

And then we have the Parable!

Some - who trusted in themselves
that they were righteous
and despised others

Story — works differently.
Respects the conversation
into an official statement
of a middle of the road position.

There is always the chance

of the story's taking off.
- Bringing a living word.

Two men went up into the temple to
pray

The Church — is

Will always need to work on our
formal statements.
organizing + putting to words
our notions. God + Salvation.

He is Holy —> Lord of Lords.

What is Holy & Lord of Lords —>
Justice — no partiality
- can't be manipulated.

Orphan & Widow neglected in need

Seeking us

All the stumbles around
wrestle in the dark of existence has
been about many
Reflected out there
insights
revelations.

But having done that
→ it is not necessarily so
That we have put our trust where
it is safe & good.

- What a mystery it is
what forces a change in attitude
in us
a change in what we count on.

We can see
people who trust in themselves that they are righteous
and who despise others! - Trusting people
is a despicable way to be -
frightful perpetration of aggression
& violence.

No one goes home justified from all that.

The world and the Downtown east side and First Subal
Church would be a much pleasant place
if it was full of penitent people instead of
people who trusted in themselves that they
were righteous.

But stating that notions by itself

does not seem to free us from believing
just like that

It requires some kind of living word
to get us to shift our Trust
from ourselves
To God's Forgiveness.

Trust in ourselves - Righteous

- Bright - see through →
- Failure - nothing anyone can succeed ^{with us}
- Drunk - beyond rescue

The centre of all that is broken about us - Faith Comes
what we get to trust
what gets us to shift our trust

Parables of our Lord:

Kind of Construction. What can
most readily be the bearer of a living word
Only a word from God can bring about a shift
in our trust.

Real Gospel