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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1980

Ministers:
Rev. A. J. Griffin
Rev. M. J. V. Shaver

Organists
A.M. Mr. David Gibson
P.M. Mrs. Eleanor Bush

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

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

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 58 (650) ~~WE ARE THE PEOPLE IN NEED~~
Invocation

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 16 (196) "God Reveals His Presence"
Invocation

Scripture Lessons:

I Samuel 3: 1 - 10
I Corinthians 6: 12 - 20

Radio Identification
Octette: "With a Voice of Singing"
Scripture Readings:
Luke 6: 20 - 26
Luke 12: 13 - 21
Luke 16: 10 - 15

Ministry of Music
Gospel Lesson:

John 1: 43 - 51

Ministry of Music
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Solo: "Pardon Us Gracious Lord" (Moyra Van Nus) Bach
Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 197 (19) "Now Thank We All Our God"
Sermon "THAT WOULD BE A MIRACLE"

Octette: "Ave Verum" (Hail True Word of God) Mozart
Sermon "BLESSED ARE YOU POOR"

Prayer
Rev. Jack Shaver

Rev. Art Griffin

Ministry of Music
Offering, Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Hymn No. 304 (354) "O Jesus I Have Promised"
(Tune 354 Hymnary)

Announcements

Hymn No. 59 (206) "Behold Us, Lord, a Little Space"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

Organ Voluntary

Offering Prayer, Offering, Doxology

Our guest musician this morning is Michael Moon from
Windsor United Church.

Hymn No. 301 (388) "O Master Let Me Walk"
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

Reminder
Official Board meeting after church this morning.
Annual meeting after church next Sunday.

10:30 a.m. Mr. Stuart Lyster
7:00 p.m. Chapel - Naramata Winter
Session Students

THAT WOULD BE A MIRACLEFIRST UNITED CHURCH 10:30 AM Jan 21 1980

You may have noticed that several of us who do the preaching here often use a lectionary.

that is, we depend sometimes, on a prepared set of scripture lessons for each Sunday of the year. These lectionaries have different origins. The Anglican Prayer Book - which British Methodism also used contains one - prepared in reformation times and gives some slight changes over the years since. ~~A three year calendar of readings was prepared for the British Church.~~ The British Church Common Order, published at the time of union contained a programme of Sunday Readings that was ~~proposed~~ ~~adopted~~. The united Church issued a three year calendar of ~~reading~~ scripture selections at the time of the publication of our New American for the Church School. Recently an Ecumenical Group of American Churches - Luther, Methodist Episcopal, ~~Presbyterian~~ Church of Christ, Roman Catholic - issued a 3 year Cycle:

The thing about using a lectionary is that you are prevented from over-working some favourite passages, and ~~are~~ confronted over the years with ~~textual~~ material you might be inclined to ignore. The other thing is that -

instead of looking for scripture passages to reinforce an idea you start with you are confronted with a ~~selection~~ of passages - that because they are read together - surprise you

Surprise you with connections and contradictions.

Today's passages are of This Nature:

O.T. - Samuel - Call - up

EPistle - Paul dealing with what appears to have been ~~some~~ kind of spiritual - libertine notions among the Corinthians Churches

Gospel: - John's description - except to him - of the Calling of some of Jesus Disciples.

Fascinating Common thread running through them.

Upset conventional religious Notions.

Unique kind of Notions -

- Spiritual Matters.
- Works of the Spirit
- Relationship of Body & Spirit.
- God & Man.

Samuel - up

God Speaks - AWAKE -

Addresses Understanding.

Not Dream - Garbled - Makes no sense

As they can happen

- Freed from Body Flesh & Mind

No Containment or Shrinkage

Paul - Chalutzim -

Filled with Spirit - As if he had with Body.

The Body is Meant for the Lord
 and the Lord for the Body
 Bodies are Members of Christ
 The Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit
 Glorify God in your body.

Get out of the Body - Spiritualized They
 Body = seat of feelings
 = appetites
 = desires
 = Joy
 = Pain
 } DO us in
 enslave us
 generate like rejection
 choice for Death.

Salvation in X →

escape from Body →

Rejection of Body -

Identity → Concretion & meaning

Body is Meant for the Lord
 & Lord for the Body.

We have a Body so we can Glorify God
 Honor God.

JOHN

Phelps → Can any Good come out
 of Nazareth →

Nathaniel → described as being impressed
 with Jesus supernatural knowledge

- what is the to be impressed with -

→ what an ~~of~~ universal notion of nature of
 supernatural.

Greater Thing

extra sensory powers

Angels assigned & dwelling on Song of Mary
Song Mary Things -
Human Things

impress the angels
Within "Human Containment"

Story of a Girl on Campus

Taken Samuel Christmas Traditions
 Church.

- Drawn to him for.
- Penetrated by Church Teaching.
- Scepterous, immensely convinced
 theories - faith as she saw &
 kept story - recalled
 the evanescent power
 of scepterous.

Virgin Birth: - It was that so hard to
 believe -

loosely enough that is so necessary about
 life.

How can ~~the power of God~~
~~be limited to our puny minds~~
be limited to our puny minds

She was also a troubled girl.

Physically attractive

Physically driven.

Passionately attracted to a variety of numbers of opposite sex

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enter into physical relationships with them
 which would prove painful & destructive
 — just as passionate repent of this & desperately
 seek liberation from guilt & self rejection —
 and soon be back into another relationship.

At one Discussion Group she heard for
 the first time the meaning of the ~~infamous~~
 Incarnation.

That God became Flesh.

God became a Person.

That the full saving, liberating, power of God
 enters the Human condition.

The Flesh is the Place of God's Life.

HO → She said.

THAT WOULD BE A
 MIRACLE.

THE HUMAN CONDITION
 IS THE SCENE OF GOD'S
 FULL EMBODIMENT.

That indeed would put the Angels
 ascending & descending.