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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
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SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979

Ministers:

Rev. A.J. Griffin
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10.30 A.M.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome and Song Practice

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO GATHER...

Call to Worship (From Joel 2: 27-28)

Prayer of Approach (see insert)

Hymn of Praise "All praise to Thee...." No. 107

Prayer of Confession)

Song of Supplication) see insert

Assurance of Pardon)

Doxology (unannounced)

...TO SPEAK AND HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Prayer for Grace

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Galatians 5: 13-26

John 3: 1-8

Hymn "To the Hills"....(see insert)

Proclamation: "CAN I BE SPIRITUAL (WITHOUT BEING
DULL, PREACHY OR IRRELEVANT)?"

Chris McMullen

Affirmation of Faith The De Deum (see insert)

...AND TO RESPOND IN GIVING OUR LIVING!!

Offering our gifts, ourselves

Offering Hymn: "Lord of all good" No. 295 (Eventide 180)

Prayers of the Faithful: Summons)

Thanksgivings) see insert

Intercessions)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Dedication: "O Breath of Life" (see insert)

(Tune: St. Clement, 366)

The Sending: Commissioning

Blessing

Organ Postlude

Organist
Harry Stothers

7.00 P

EVENING BROADCAST

(Heard on CKWX at 8.00 P.M.)

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 397 "The advent of our God"

Anthem ~~PLEASE IT'S -~~

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40: 27-31

Romans 14: 1-4

John 10: 11-16

Anthem - ~~SHEEP MAY SAFELY GRAZE~~

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

Anthem - ~~THE GLORY OF THE LORD -~~

Sermon INCLUDING YOU

Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer

Hymn No. 151 (328) "Behold the amazing gift..."

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary

--- off the air ---

Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 257 (296) "Jesus, Thy boundless love."

Blessing and Organ Postlude

A warm welcome is extended to all who are shipping with us today, especially the visiting Senior Choir from St. Giles United Church, and the direction of Mr. Murray Walker. All are invited to participate in informal Coffee Hour following both services.

Next Sunday, May 20 - 10.30 A.M. Rev. Jack Shaver
7:00 P.M. Chris McMullen

(5431c) INCLUDING YOU

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

BROADCAST

May 13 1979

The other day I sat with some people who were meeting to plan an evaluation of First Church Sunday Night Broadcast

It was an exploratory meeting
What kind of evaluation did we want?
Whose opinion were we seeking?
What did we want to find out?

As we explored this matter together I found myself becoming clearer & clearer as to what most mattered to me: and that was whether or not the Radio listeners felt ^{that} they were included!

We'd like to know a lot of things about how listeners feel about the broadcast, what they like about it & what they dislike. We know we don't please everyone, we feel bad when people don't like what we do or say or sing. But it's important we know that.

However - Important as are your likes and dislikes, and worth while as it is for your approvals & disapprovals to have an impact on the shape of our worship, Nothing is as vital to me as the question of whether you get a sense of being included

As this conviction grew $\rightarrow$ more and more ^{deeply} I became Worship $\rightarrow$ VITAL TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

that this Broadcast give you a sense
 that you are included. —

If we want to Do that

We shouldn't be on the air
 We shouldn't be conducting Public
 worship.

I'd like us to look at that conviction tonight.

It suggests —

It is ESSENTIAL worship service be
inclusive

ESSENTIAL - OF THE ESSENCE
 OF THE BEING —

without that grace - worship isn't
 of the essence: worship NOT EXCLUDE.

PURPOSES to be a meeting with God.

Biblical Visions - came to understand } →
 + gave witness to

GOD DOES NOT EXCLUDE
 WHILE YET SINNERS.
 WHILE ENEMIES.

calls us
 HIS

If is attempting to provide an occasion for
 people to meet with God, some of us around
 here get in the way of that, include you
 out - some how - they were blowing
 our calling.

it's all right if you find it strange because
you find God strange, an encounter with
God is a living thing. It sometimes seems
very much like a wrestle :- It goes to be strange.
~ Conversation ^{included} →
long time → Comfortably with God

- Feel you have broken in on someone else's party - then we are obstructing the Kingdom.

Who have no call to give
you the impression you don't belong.
Who-so-ever will may come.

— Worship - Come as you are

~~SAME~~ THING - YOU ARE OK AS YOU ARE

YOU'RE INCLUDED

NOT SAME as saying

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- There is nothing upsetting about meeting God
 - no judgement -
 - no revealing of hidden darkness
 - no insight into culpability which makes us accessories to serious social crimes

But it's God's judgement you are to meet.

If you are excluded by our judgement ^(not ours)
If you are excluded because you are not like us
- then we are presiding on God's territory.

"Who are you to Criticise ~~some one else's~~
some one else's ~~Secret~~ Secret??"

Called to Pot Together

Occasion - Meet God

meet his love - not be
meet his judgement - not be tough

turned off skinpiness of our love
injustices of our judgement.

That's why it is so VITAL whether you are included.