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FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
320 East Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P4  
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1979

Organist  
Harry Stothers

10.30 A.M.

"Come in to Worship"

Organ Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymn No. 401 (55) "Joy to the World"  
Invocation  
Unison Reading: Psalm No. 1 (Psalms for Modern Man)  
Scripture Lessons: Acts 4: 5-13  
1 John 2: 1-6  
John 20: 19-23  
Hymn No. 164 (249) "Jesus shall reign..."  
Prayer  
Hymn No. 397 "The Advent of our God"  
Sermon: "TAKE UP THE CROSS..FOR MY YOKE IS EASY"  
Rev. Jack Shaver  
Hymn No. 255 (373) "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"  
(Tune: Arlington)  
Announcements  
Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology  
Benediction

"Go Out to Serve"

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Welcome!

We are all invited to share in a time of  
refreshment and fellowship following both morning  
and evening services.

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Conducted by Sheila Wallace and Gordon Comer

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Next Sunday

April 29 - 10.30 A.M.

Camp Fircom Sunday, with Chris McMullen  
in charge of the worship service. A  
luncheon will follow, to which all are  
invited. If you plan to attend, please  
phone the church office (681-8365)  
to let us know you'll be here.

- 7.00 p.m. Linda Ervin preaching.

Pressure Point - Cable 10 T.V. - Tuesdays at 9.30  
p.m. and Sundays at 6.30 p.m.

April 24 and 29 - THE CALL OF THE NORTH  
Canada's Northern Natives are determined  
to gain a meaningful place in the Canadian con-  
stitution. Two of their most outspoken leaders  
make the point that the forces in our society  
which threaten their culture also threaten ours.

7.00 P.M.

10:30 A.M.

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Take up the CrossFor My Yoke is Easy

I think its fortunate that Christian worship  
has it that the Faithfulness of Resurrection is  
focused on the Resurrection for the Season  
of Easter, — Easter Sunday to Pentecost  
June 3.

of the Resurrection

The depth & meaning cannot be exhausted  
even in that length of time.

But at least the tradition helps us to avoid  
the error of thinking we can comprehend its message  
in one observance.

For instance the Easter weekend was just over  
and it had been a kind of remarkable time  
at First United Church —

and which our own unique events had  
been used by God to bless us in a deep  
& quiet way.

When I thought my goodness  
Nothing was said about the implication of the  
Resurrection for the post

I had been reminded of its miracle — surprise  
wonder — its God givenness, its Power &  
where it locates the power — in sinners —  
in Forgivenness, in the teeth of Death,  
of what it says about the future — of its  
Thrust into the future — meet the Victorious  
savior & Lord of life in what does us  
& which we are called to —

But The Post is also & large & Powerful  
Dimension of life and the Resurrection  
also addresses it.

There are a couple of striking acknowledgements of  
this in the Biblical records of Church History.  
It mattered enough to the tradition to record  
at no point -- John's Gospel -- strong  
overlap between Peter & Christ -- 3 times  
Do you love me? --

at another point Paul's summary of  
the record -- No approval also to Cephas

I imagine different Resurrection made to Peter --  
& climaxed Fantastic short course with Jesus  
& closed -- 3 fold denial --  
-- Yes they he swore he would  
never do.

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ETERNAL LIFE — OPENS PAST

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This mystery I would like to explore a little  
this morning?

Post powerful post our lives -- needs addressing  
false messages are sometimes brought to it in  
the name of good News.

If you did over with your post -- you would  
be no body : -- if you had no memory --  
-- shallow person -- missing a necessary dimension  
"Does anyone know who I am?"

How do you get a Present or future  
 if you don't have a ~~Present~~ to buy to be  
 made up of what you've been  
 & what's been done to you.

To some degree at another -  
 elements in that past have mixed us up  
 left us tangled.  
 Placed burdens on us.

One of the words to all that - won't work -  
 Forget the past -  
 you've got the future.

The Past won't forget -  
 won't go away  
 what was done can't be undone

The Good news of the Resurrection is not  
 Forget the Past  
 you've got a future

You can remember the past because you've got a future  
 the past has left its mark but that mark  
 doesn't have to be a disaster.

The past has damaged - but that damage  
 doesn't have to stay damaging.

The past has cursed but it can be blessed.

Some of the depth of the Resurrection <sup>past</sup> is that  
 it calls you to a redemptive sorry business

But also Some of the depth of the resurrection faith is  
 that is gets ~~delictive~~ burdens off your back

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Forgiveness : Big Thing -

Nothing Greater -

lets you leave your past -

Breaks the evil dimension of its power  
Stand on your feet before your future.

This is the wonderful thing we owe to each  
other.

in the congregation of X flock  
means whereby Christ God reach in to touch  
hidden, forgotten curses of our lives so that  
we can live again,