

Call to Worship.

Maybe its restlessness, maybe its gratitude, maybe its a sense of being pursued, maybe its a sense of being lost. Any of that, or all of that could be God, stirring in you for his own recognition. His call to worship.

Hymn 1 - Frances of Assisi - imitating him.
We all ~~got~~ made, the whole earth ~~got~~ made
- praise the Maker.

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We call on you for different things at different times. And sometimes we wonder what we call at all for - why don't we just listen. But there is no way we can listen without calling. It's as if our listening is so bad we think you're not speaking. And so we cry ~~How~~ Lord, ~~or how~~ Lord.

Have we also say.

Speak Lord. for your servant hears.

Good Evening:

Broadcast of Worship from First United Church, Hastings & Gore in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. We have a congregation that meets at 10:30 ~~Sunday~~ Mornings. If our sound waves you and you are free to do so join us in the morning as well.

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH

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10:30 AM

WHAT GOOD ARE ALL THESE SAINTS?

We are just one day away from All Hallows' Eve
2 days away from ALL SAINTS DAY

you won't believe what a relief it was for me to recall
these facts as I set about preparing this order of Service
for the office.

* → The Communion of Saints - that's something I
can preach about →

You see →

for two weeks - exhausted, angry, achy, depressed
ashamed whenever I faced our
fallen world.

on every hand → areas of very promising endeavour
were going WRONG

The more we agonized

the more we worried and poked at and
worked at a remedy - the worse it got

the worse everybody felt.

the more people got hurt.

In the midst of it all - almost devastated by a cartoon
→ almost - had a strangely broken liberating effect.

Two tramps:- one said,

The way I figure it - I have made no
contribution to the world - whatsoever -
and it's better for it.

To be in the state

World would be in better shape if I had made
NO contribution —

It came on as a world shaking disaster
that I had made no helpful contribution,

→ in pretty bad shape.

I'd call it a crisis of Faith.

- If I was counting on the excellence of
my contribution to save the world
- I was believing the wrong stuff.

To Be able to face ^{again} the yesses & no's
of a fallen world.

Because that is how one is created
not destroyed

Because that is where ~~the~~ creation is
that is where God is.

is a state of faith that I wasn't in.

Put it another way — consider the Metaphor

he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water
— his leaf also shall not wither.

The Metaphor of the Green Tree —

Roots getting water.

What Restores us to faith?

What waters our dry Roots?

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SERMON 3

OTHER BELIEVERS!

The only time I believe is when I am with other believers.

Communion of Saints:- We may have to work a little bit at what is meant by saints →
- It is the apostle Paul who said
- One will hardly die for a righteous man
- one might for a Good man.
→ not quite what Bible has in mind.

Matthew's Story of Peter's confession

Amazing contradiction.

Same PETER - blessed

Cursed

Re Asseney to Jesus - first time anyone in right mind - broke through

in some breach in suffering men will happen to go on.

Blind to the point of fall

Why don't you walk through a few of the saints that have been part of your history?

People through whom faith was restored:-



Paul → Romans 8

Dad → Had my life to live over again

As a fighter -

- Caught between - Betrayal 1

Betrayal 2

→ Ministers - sons of themselves
not "Successful"

Last Bottle :- Terminal illness →

job - The only time I believe that -

→ Around Table of BFs +

family worship

Mother - Pain can't help

Death - O.K.

Woman + 5th Step - When I am on the Brink
of believing that I am done.

Weak Bragg - You know what you're suffering from
- awful of Guilt.

Fine Woman - unchained because Chained - Church was
enjoying - enjoyable - even fun.

→ ugly - hurting.

I had dreamed - loss of innocence.

- uneasy - responsible

- do you regret? - No job - How else
will I ever be useful to anyone?

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The Reason for the work though -

you will recognize the Saints in your history

- that surround you now.

- that surround us now. →

In their presence - in their recollection.

→ ~~Believe again~~ that again

that -- Like Paul you can be sure that
he who began a good work in you will bring it
to completion,