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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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10:30 A.M.

Morning Service
Last Sunday of Easter

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

7:00 P.M.

Gathering

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Perhaps you and I could let ourselves be caught up into the movement of God.
Many: We might seek to free from those tangled streets, that which is finally trustworthy.
One: Hmm.....perhaps.

INVOCATION

HYMN NO. 3 (16) "From All that Dwells Below the Skies"
Iillsley

CONFESSION: (to be said together)

We are stubborn people and liars to ourselves. We run scared most of the time. We do not love. Instead, we feed on the misery of others. We war against life. We are sorry for many things and we know we are sick from them. We seek again that forgiveness which kills all death and sets the prisoner free.

SILENCE FOR A TIME

DECLARATION OF PARDON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC I

Hearing

HYMN NO. 99 "God, Who Hast Caused to Be Written"

Lobe Den Herren (29)
You are invited to change the 4th line of the 2nd stanza to read, "throughout the world love must reach".

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 1: 15 - 26 Joan Drabek
I John 4: 11 - 16

MINISTRY OF MUSIC II

READING FROM THE GOSPEL: John 17: 11 - 19

SERMON "A CLUE TO AUTHENTIC FOOLDOM" Larry Morris

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

HYMN NO. 182 "Blest Be the Everlasting God" Abridge
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ABSOLUTION

CHORAL INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

EPISTLE LESSON I John 4: 11 - 16

CHORAL RESPONSE

GOSPEL LESSON John 17: 11 - 19

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Thygerson

SERMON "ABOVE ALL ELSE--OUR LOVING MUST BE BORN AGAIN AND AGAIN" Rev. Jack Shaver

SOLO Kathee Stark

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 151 "Behold the Amazing Gift of Love" St. Stephen

-- off air --

OFFERING:

Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN NO. 442 "My Song is Love Unknown"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The music this evening is presented by an ensemble from the Vancouver Youth Chorale under the leadership of Len Lythgoe.

Next Sunday - May 30/82

10:30 A.M. Rev. Jack Shaver - Communion

7:00 P.M. Ms. Linda Ervin

ABOVE ALL ELSE - OUR LOVING MUST BE BORN AGAIN + AGAIN

The Epistle reading ^{for tonight} 1 clues on the line

In This is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment because as he is - so are we in this world.

right along with all that talk

about having God's spirit so that we know & believe
 that the Father has sent the son as savior of the world
 - - - God is love and abides in love
 abiding in God and God abides in them.
 comes the line.

-- AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD.

Would you ever know it?

How are you doing in this world?

→

If you are having no trouble being in this world
 if you are making no trouble being in this world
 then you don't need a word and you can sit out
 the source for its entertainment value or turn
 it off.

But what a grand Thing if there could be a word
 in tonight's ~~two~~ lessons for those whose day
 in the world is deeply troubled.

As an economic system - The world is not just -
 the ways in which life's necessities and extras are
 produced and distributed in our world are unjust
 → and getting less just

As AN ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM

The world being destroyed. Our Stewardship of the earth resources is deteriorating. Our Population & Habitat is taking over large areas & water-systems:- at an increasing rate.

As a Social System our world is disintegrating - the way we get along as Peoples of the earth in - increasing belatedness, - increasing dependence on power to destroy itself at a time. Destructive Capability

For success the amount it would take to destroy life on the earth.

It is hard not to be convinced that this going to get worse before it gets better.

Look around - as victims of oppression struggle for power & liberation.

- Destroyed by tyranny
- generate a state of permanent strife until the people will for the peace of tyranny again.

Church - or any other body or group of people becomes the slightest bit open to the call of some justice would

and the concern begins to heat up mankind because less hearing of each other.

There
which for
new binary
way
it or
troubled.

Even if you forget (supposing you could)
the world will still and just consider the
little corner where you are in the world.
How can you be in the world
come about it
and not be deeply troubled?

What is it going to take to be in the
world - ?

except - ~~NOTHING~~ NOT BE COMFORTED.
something like sometimes NOT BE DISMAYED

What is it going to take to
not be comforted

+ not be dismayed at the same time?

Total = Contradiction : - only verbally
- only rationally

not in living experience
not in human FORM.

we have known
on occasion

In the state of love

Troubled & upheld at the same time.

If ~~both~~ have ever
cared for someone

} → Blessed are those who know

deep grief is not a matter of dismay

To love the world - is how to be in the world.

I think a lot of us know that - or know it
once - or once upon a time.

But the reason we need some kind of
Word for being in the world comes from
~~it above all~~ this, reflects the recognition.

It is our loving that is in trouble in
the world.

Above all

It's our loving that goes wrong in the world.

We run from the pain of loving

We aggress and manipulate with it.

We shrink from the risk of loving

We make demands with it

We confuse ~~the~~ love ^{with} power & possession.

We quit on it.

Above all, it's our loving that needs to be born
again & again.

Gospel lesson taken from the 17th Chapter of John
One Love Prayer - spoken by Jesus
at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel - response of a believing people
to one who was with them -

How they saw - one who was with them.

Praying for them: } got to be a real piece
- High Priestly Prayer
- Prayer of consecration - like at communion
- Consecrate Himself - them.

LISTEN FOR SOME ⁵
WORD IN IT. - RESTORING IS IN LOVE.

(5446P) HOLY FATHER KEEP THEM IN THY NAME

I // While I was with Them I
Kept them in thy name
I have kept them and none of them is lost

- Believe that is going on - kept -
same as deeply kept. - now lost

1) I have given them Th Word.
Sanctify them in thy truth - Th word is truth
And for his sake I sanctify myself that they
also might be sanctified in truth.

- WORD - TRUTH - Good now →

Kind of Word

Sanctified by this remembered one
Ther life taking both resurrection
Ther word LOVE OF THE WORLD looks like in flesh
Thats what will now you

II They are not OF the world as I am not of
the world

I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out
of the world - but that thou shouldst
keep them from the evil one
As thou didst send me into the world
so now I send them → →

Prayer is all about

Sent - not rescued - Sent to world not rescued from world
- rescued from evil one

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Now I'm coming to these
these things I say in the world
that they may have the joy fulfilled
in themselves.

~~Purpose~~ Remembered on.

Early Ministry in the world

His joy fulfilled in ourselves.

Promise is :- Power is there

~~to keep a - not in any old kind of power
but in HIS KINGDOM~~