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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
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Ministers:
Rev. J. M. Cashore
Rev. M. J. V. Shaver

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship in spirit and in truth. We are
a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy
nation.

People: Let us declare the wonderful deeds of him who
called us out of darkness and into his marvel-
ous light.

Leader: Once you were no people but now you are God's
people.

People: Once we had not received mercy, but now we
have received mercy.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn No. 199 (15) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ministry of Music

Scripture

Isaiah 56: 1 - 8

Romans 11: 13 - 16, 29 - 32

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Ministry of Music

Sermon

WHO ARE THE "FOREIGNERS"?

Rev. John Cashore

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering:

Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 296 (374) "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

A welcome is extended to all who are worshipping with us
today. An informal Coffee Hour will be held after both
services and all are invited to this time of fellowship.

Organists:
A.M. Mr. Peter Janson
P.M. Mrs. Eleanor Bush

Evening Broadcast

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

7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 12 (669) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Invocation

Programme Identification

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 8

Romans 11: 13 - 16, 29 - 32

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Solo "O Rest in the Lord"

from Mendelssohn's Oratorio "Elijah"

Shannon Lythgoe

Prayer

Solo "Come Ye Blessed"

from H. R. Gaul's Oratorio of "The Holy City"
ARE SOME GROANINGS GOOD TO HAVE?

Rev. Jack Shaver

Hymn No. 255 (373) "Jesus, United By Thy Grace"

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 284 (270) "Just As I Am"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

The congregation is planning a WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP for Sat.
Sept. 26, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Please let Jack
Shaver or Elizabeth Stebbings know if you plan to attend.

PHILIPPINE NIGHT on Wed., Sept. 9, 8:00 p.m. at Knox Uni-
ted Church. A slide presentation and discussion workshop
to introduce Jack Lakavich and his work in the Philippines.

Next Sunday

10:30 A.M. ~~Rev. John Cashore~~

7:00 P.M. Rev. John Cashore

Call to Worship : —

This whole thing the next 40 minutes - assumes that the worship of God is called for. That the worship of God is a getting to the heart of the matter:- an engagement with the one with whom all life has to do.

We don't often let be all its intended.
But there's always a chance that we will.
What else is there that holds such promise?
Let us worship God

Hymns:- No 12 All People that on Earth are born

Almighty God:-

We don't even know who all we're
got gathered round, but each one of us knows I
mean something to know the other -

We're not sure what it will mean if you
really come to us when we call but we know
we need something -

Something sanctified

Something truly central put right.

and Reconciler & inner chemistry & outwards
= one another

= Would I say you love.

and Forgiving -

Faith of our lives blessed.

Come to us with all
of Father & Mother of all

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Jack Shaver & Eamon ^{Goel} Some Groanings
Goel to hour

FIRST UNITED CHURCH BROADCAST OF WORSHIP
ARE SOME GRAMMERS GOOD TO HAVE?

The verses selected for tonight's epistle Reading provide a good illustration of what's wrong with using a lectionary of readings for regular worship.

There are a lot of things ~~good~~^{right} about using a lectionary of readings. At first church we think there are enough good reasons and we have undertaken the practice of following a lectionary quite faithfully. The practice helps to insure that your regular worship gets to include having to deal with a wide selection of Biblical material. It's harder to make the bible say what you want it to say. The fact that there is more than one reading helps a living dialogue to get started — such dialogue is a likely location for hearing a living word.

You are of course subject to the influence of the creators of the lectionary. The themes they pick or the connections they see — except when they have elected to select successive passages week by week.

It's kind of obvious what the lectionary committee had in mind for today. All three readings are on the same theme. They each present some variation on the question of God's

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inclusiveness in the membership of God's people. I could never be one to say that is not a grand theme.

From when I was two years old to the year before I was ordained. My church my took place in an institution called All Peoples Mission. First with the Methodist Church and then with the United Church of Canada my Father was Superintendent of that All Peoples Mission in Winnipeg. ^{for 21 years} I can almost sense it God's name from its founder - the late James S. Woodsworth. I do know how seriously that mandate was taken from the 56th Chapter of Isaiah: For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all Peoples: - a lot of my formation came from how much my father meant that, how deeply to heed that as God's call. -

~~Please don't think that a warm fuzzy place to be~~

But lifting a few verses out of Romans 11 is no way to discover what the apostle Paul was getting at. What he was dealing with in this part of the letter. Without following his tortured thought through chapter 9 10 and 11 we really can't in dialogue with Paul - not with regard to this matter. The problem of why all his fellow Jews have not received Christ?

Much of the letter to the Romans reads like the writing of a Christian who has matured in his thought and understanding. Many of his other letters are written in the haste of controversy and conflict. Romans reads like a thesis. But chapters 9-11 reads like he is thinking the matter out as he writes. He's thinking out loud. Reaching into his heritage of the Hebrew Scriptures for notions that he hopes will help but he finds they don't quite. He seems to reach resolutions only to start up the tortured discourse again. It's like a fire in a peat bog bursts out again after it appears to have been put out.

It is a matter deeply troubling. There is every reason to think Romans 8 is anticipating Romans 9-11. — The whole creation groans — not only they — we who have the first fruits of the spirit groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption.

It is very possible — Paul's own sight too deep for words on regarding this matter of why all members of his people are not accepting Christ's saving work.

What makes the problem so deep and serious is the Pauline Theology itself.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law - although the law & the Prophets bear witness to it.

The righteousness of God through Faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction - since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They are justified by his grace as a gift.

- Has God then chosen - not to save the Jews?

Does God choose only to save some not others?

- confronts us - reconciliation gift of ~~God~~ not our accomplishment

- } A.D. → some a gift. →

- everybody doesn't receive it. →

Prophet; - He will have mercy on whom he wills

and he hardens the heart on whom he wills.

- Who can you answer back to God?

Part way through Chapter 9

— how we go

let it drop - end of chapter

Reason God allowed some to reject it.
Others could receive it.

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For God has consigned all men
to disobedience that he may have mercy
upon all —

Of the Depth of The riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God - How unsearchable
are his judgments and how inscrutable
his ways. For who has known the mind of
the Lord or who has been his Counselor?
Or who has given a gift to him, that he
might be repaid. For from him and
through him and to him are all things
to him be Glory for Ever.

from Groaning which cannot be uttered.
- 3 chapters of groanings with God
after he says who are you to
answer back to God.

To this !!!

Embrace Groanings

Sighs too deep for words.

→ without
not felt
deprivation.

} God Can have mercy on all