

SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE - Aug 8, 15, 22, 29 & Sep 5, 1993

GATHERING

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* The Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn of Praise 14

* The Confession - (in unison)

We confess, O God, that we have sinned against you, against ourselves, and against our neighbours. We have called on your name, but we have not done your will for us. We have esteemed ourselves, but we have not respected your image in us. We have sought the company of others, but not always their good. Forgive us, we pray, and make us what you desire us to be; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen

* Words of Assurance

* Response →

LISTENING

Learning with the children
(the children will leave for their programme)

Solo
The Hebrew Scriptures Ex 3:1-15
The Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26
The Epistle Ro 12:9-21
The Gospel

* Hymn 235

Sermon

RESPONDING

Solo

The Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

The Offering
Offertory

* Dedication - (in unison)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
In heaven above and earth below;
One God, Three Persons we adore
And sing your praises evermore.

Announcements and congregational concerns

* Hymn 442

* Commissioning and blessing

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

August 8, 1992 The Rev. M.J.V. Shaver will conduct the service and preach the sermon today. Dr. Shaver was for many years chaplain at the University of British Columbia.

Lectionary readings are: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15 and Matthew 14:22-33.

August 15, 1992 - The present chaplain at UBC, the Rev. Brad Newcombe will conduct the service and preach the sermon.

Lectionary readings are: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15:21-28.

August 22, 1992 - Robert Smith will conduct the service and preach the sermon. The lectionary readings are: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20.

August 29, 1992 - Dr. Jack Shaver will conduct the service and preach the sermon. Lectionary readings are: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26 Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28.

September 5 - The preacher for the Sunday of Labour Day weekend will be Robert Smith. Lectionary readings are: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20.

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Prayers of People. ①

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Almighty God - Father & Mother of all

We aren't anybody, until we are heard. It's vital to us that we ~~get~~ be heard.

Hear our prayers and let our cries come unto you

Hear our prayers for our loved ones:

We delight in them we echo with dreams on their behalf

We long to bless them & we want rid of them

We want our love to make a difference with them and are worried when it does

Hear our prayers for our undertakings

those tasks, close to our hearts, to which we give ourselves, and which make us vulnerable.

We are inhibited by the fear of failure and depressed by the emptiness of success.

Establish the work of our hands, and you establish it.

Hear the cries of the people gathered here

Bless those who mourn, who keep vigil by the sick bed of a loved one.

Who are dealing with rejection, failure or disappointment.

Who dread some decision they must make who are haunted by anxiety

who see no end to their lives' grievous burden

who long to be freed from an inner or outer tyranny.

May each one here know his and her prayers lifted up to you by the rest of us

Hear our prayers for the world.

There is so much wrong with it we're afraid to look.

Terror stalks the lines of vast numbers of people.

Millions go hungry even unto death.

Overwhelming numbers face a lifetime of homelessness.
We who share the planet with all of life, neglect
the cause of it.

We who share the planet with other humans
refuse to do so, except by violently contesting
together.

The cries go up from children of the earth in
all parts of the world.

Hear their cries.

As we know they are heard we can learn to
hear them ourselves.

And begin to find our true meaning
and home as participants in your love
of the world.

Holy God, hear our prayer for the Church.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on the church

so that it will recognize your glory in the Creation ^{as}

so that it cannot use its piety to escape you

so that it cannot use its authority to tyrannize people

so that it never ceases to breach the gates of Hell

so that it never uses the power of the keys to

exclude anyone.

so that it becomes a high and lifted up

witness to your love of sinners.

Dear God - we are praying for us - not
about THEM as though the church were someone else -

as our pastor has taught us.

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Call to Worship

It is God who is seeking us. It is God who is calling us to worship.

Our part is to cease our flight, to come out of hiding, and lay down our arms.

Let us pray:

Almighty God We long for you, and are
do everything to avoid you. We are
in confusion over who's hiding from whom, while
we stumble in the dark over your sure foundations.
We need your light, to break into our darkness.
If you are seeking us - give us eyes to see it,
We need your word to penetrate our confusion.
If you are calling us give us ears to hear it,
If, even while we are still at odds you
reconcile us reconciled, lift whatever veil there
is between us.

Absolution:

God does not deal with us according to our
sins nor require us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so
far does he remove our transgressions from
us.

Thanks be to God

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Sermons (1)

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Often enough, God Talk doesn't do its proper work, i.e. it does not become an occasion for meeting God or lead to any knowledge of God.

or, to put it more Biblically, -- to an occasion for our coming to know ourselves known by God.

Sometimes

When one language ceases to work for us, it helps to talk about the same stuff in a different language - caught by meanings & insights you missed before

Saying our opening reading was a Description of the Call of Moses - I propose that we try exploring Call language and see whether it brings any understanding of God or occasions any meeting with God.

- I've found Call talk to be very theological.

• Trying to deal responsibly with what is called for in life + with your part in all that - or having to do with God.

Reflect on Moses Call.

Man on the Run :- Left a very unpleasant scene behind him + yet one he cannot forget contains a matter desperately needs putting right.

Revised in the court of Pharaoh, a prince of the realm he becomes aware of the suffering of his own people who have been enslaved.

Burst of righteousness indignation, slays an overmaster who was mistreating one of his countrymen. The result is he feels unsafe in the Court and surprisingly rejected by his people - takes off + sets off for his home neighboring country.

Brings light load, awareness of state of gross injustice, + guilt at his own messing up in his first response to it. Finger of God - You are the one to do it.

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Sermon 2

Name of God: Yahweh; Verb to BE

I am who I am - say that I am and you
Not the First Person - 3rd person form of the Verb.

The HE CAUSES TO BE - creator

- The one Active in Historical affairs

* Dealing with

- Component present and active in your historical affairs
Undeniable or still Called for
your history, relationships to it, knowledge of it.
YOU are engaged,
Role is Called for from you.

elements have gone to some:- Commandments teaching
is right from wrong.

Called by Name:- Creation -
Making you somebody.
Called to be Saints.

Creation

Sainthood

Vocation

- God's work

calls for - Faithful participation in God's work

Romans:- All that nice behavior - Called for.
which characterizes the Church " "

Summed up - let your love be genuine.

let the Greek writer put it his own way
without dissimulation

literal translations - without
hypocrisy.

Now There's Something Called for

let love - not to be forced - forced I have your
not to guard neither

" Love how nothing up is sleep

not a weapon

not a way to manipulate

What is more called for.

Church family Stok. Int. affair
very simple & terrifying.

Let love be - unconditional - Fate of Jesus Christ
responsibility for sin of sinners,
sin of institution, & speaking
all that sin yours. -

start to understand - Called for - you are required to do it.

Call Talk: embraces many of the components of
the Good News that God was in Christ
reconciling the world,

I think - sharpen the theological insights that come
from Call Talk - Ministry of First United Church
I can sense they are very different from
the ten years I was there - ended with
my retirement 10 years ago.

Spirit of the place is very much the same & the focus
mainly called for - similar.

- ✓ Hand out food, clothing, housing.
- ✓ Advocacy - inhibited by present state - cross of death
- ✓ Neighborhood Development - isolation - community
holding each other hands - networks
- ✓ Community groups - power to power
- ✓ Systemic Change -

all these nice people doing all these nice things - Deshapp
at once - demands to obey & succeed, where
I undoubtedly called for -

- hand out $\longleftrightarrow$ contact who can volunteer can
no one gives you a way
people in way
crossing -
- Harass - busy overloaded
workers - on behalf of reg. imple. direct
- as much fight as friendship

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Bureaucrats get power - start pushing stuff around
- go for silly stuff.
All the energy - changing the systems just
change the deck chairs on the Titanic?

General - characterized the situation -
Dislike & self doubt is genuine
Called for: - Stay there - Keep Remember
- Mess up - you need to repent.
- an old hymn - How the hocks of the
died had suffering so much
No more soot.

Tell, Burn out, hard on each other.
Goose to the People
Blows to fellow staff.

Years of Government Money
Aufday Summer Staff. -
Bright, read the situation well, quite aware
of all the ambiguity - were markedly
more cheerful than the permanent staff.

I remember being puzzled about it -
- repeated with the kids about it
- short time - didn't see - saw as clear
- cats were away the mixed dog -
Asy come this end responsibility.
After trying many plans - one of them came
out with "GUEST STOPS" -
some one else programme?

Called for Dave There: God's Programme.

for - All of us on the staff - it wasn't our month 2th
- Christ's Ministry:-
Called to It: - That's what keeps love on
EMPOWERMENT instead of a Burden