

WEST POINT GREY UNITED CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 21, 1993.

Welcome to this living community of faith. Let this time of worship bring you a renewed sense of faith and hope. Visitors are invited to sign the Guest Book in the narthex, to use a Visitors' Envelope found in the pew, and to remain for a social hour in the Church Hall after the service.

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Dr. Jack Shaver.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer (In this time, move from the activity of Getting Here to the gift of simply Being Here in the presence of God and the people of God.)

Call to Worship

One: How will we know whether we are in

God's presence or not?

ALL: WHEN WE KNOW OURSELVES KNOWN.

One: What if God remains hidden?

ALL: IT IS WE WHO ARE HIDING.

One: How can we abide God's presence?

ALL: BECAUSE GOD HAS CHOSEN US. WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME.

* Hymn: "Spirit divine, attend our prayers" . . . H.B. #60

Opening Prayer

Confession

One: Gracious God, we remember before you what we can of the many ways in which we are alienated from one another.

ALL: GOD, HEAR US AS WE NAME THESE BEFORE YOU.

(* = Congregation stands; H.B. = red Hymn Book
S.G.P. = green Songs for a Gospel People)

OUR M & S GIVINGS PROCEDURES

ONCE AGAIN IT APPEARS NECESSARY TO OUTLINE THE UNIFIED BUDGET METHOD WE USE TO DETERMINE OUR GIVINGS TO THE MISSIONS AND SERVICES FUND. FROM DISCUSSIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, IT WAS APPARENT THIS IS STILL NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD.

16% OF ALL UNIFIED BUDGET GIVINGS ARE SENT TO M & S. THIS IS FROM THE TOTAL OF INTENDED, NON-INTENDED, LOOSE, & SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVINGS, LESS GIVINGS FROM THOSE WHO SPECIFY THAT NONE OF THEIR DONATIONS ARE TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, ANY GIVER CAN SPECIFY THAT A LARGER PROPORTION OF THEIR GIVINGS THAN 16% IS TO GO TO M & S. THESE WISHES CAN BE SPECIFIED ON INTENTION FORMS, GIVINGS ENVELOPES, OR WITH CHEQUES RECEIVED. AS AN EXAMPLE, IF YOU FEEL YOU WANT TO GIVE 50% INSTEAD, THIS WILL BE DONE. IN THESE CASES THE PORTION LEFT IN UNIFIED BUDGET WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE 16% ASSESSMENT FOR M & S.

FURTHER, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE THREE ANNUAL SPECIAL APPEALS AT EASTER, THANKSGIVING, AND CHRISTMAS ARE FORWARDED TO M & S, AS WELL AS ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CLARA TELFER UNIT.

EACH YEAR WE ARE ASKED BY PRESBYTERY TO RESPOND TO AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE COMING YEAR. THIS OBJECTIVE IS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL CHURCH, IS APPORTIONED TO THE VARIOUS CONFERENCES, PRESBYTERIES, & CHARGES, AND IS BASED ON PAST PERFORMANCE AS WELL AS ON THE NUMBER OF IDENTIFIABLE GIVERS IN THE PASTORAL CHARGE. FOR 1992, OUR RESPONSE WAS FOR \$40,000., AND THIS WAS SENT. FOR 1993, OUR RESPONSE WAS FOR \$41,000.

IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL CONCERNED THAT WHILE OUR ANNUAL M & S GIVINGS ARE ABOUT 16% OF TOTAL FUNDS RAISED, THE ANNUAL RESULTS FOR OUR PRESBYTERY, OUR CONFERENCE, AND THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE AVERAGE ONLY 10%.

FOR CAWKER Treasurer FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Session - WPGUC Sunday Feb 21 1993 Last Sunday before Lent

20 years ago a group of 10 representatives from
- 5 sponsoring churches - Presbyterian, Lutheran, United
R.C., Anglican
met to develop a programme to -
educate Canadian Public
change attitudes towards developing world
development issues

I recall those as heady days.

- Biggest surge of energy - Social Ministry
Contribution of RC Church
* Conventions rising - disparity - Not working with them
Canadian World Council - Very unequal world

* Developmental growth - "Give them fish
Teach them to fish"

- Conventions
* Developmental growth - regulars - Stand for Conventions

* Corporate: - we didn't do it.

"Our responsibilities to our service for ex.

Send parcels

Take responsibility

Organized cooperation

Operation Systems

Programs

Process

Local & Regional Councils
Committees across the land

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household
- down
- hand work

High Profile Line - 1993 Feb 12-22

Key plank is to plan 10 days for World Development
One little Sunday Service

As though - ~~helpful~~ process + valuable progress
overwhelmed in flood of circumstances

World wide proportion

* Country of 60 countries - was once self sufficient in food production
no longer so, driven to production of exportable goods
same cash in the shiny currency needed to develop itself
which was required to spur development
* Food problems everywhere in world
agriculture - offered way to produce food

(S468e)

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We are still watching the Fat Cats in an unequal world

COMPASSION

OUR INSTITUTIONS

DO OUR SINNING FOR US

not as simple - evil people are doing in innocent victims.

eg (Housing & Power)

→ Glum land lords
→ Land prices

Trouble with word sin

Free Market

TRADE DYNAMICS,
PLANNED ECONOMY
BUREAUCRACY
AGRI-BUSINESS

Operating
Shareline
system.

slings & arrows

GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

confused what to do
clear what to do

EZEKIEL - And I sought for one among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

Very enlightening reflection → God's remedy for what we are doing

Malcolm Cowley's Introduction to ISRAEL leads to our understanding of God's NATURE
MEANING BEING } ORDER FOR HUMAN LIFE + WORK TOGETHER

attempt to put it together again we - DISASTER

~~any~~ a lot of scolding of the perpetrators of injustice
any unjust human situation had better prepare for rage
Given that the situation.

WHAT IS GOD DOING - scolding the evil perpetrators →

not at

looking for someone to get between his rage and the people that have it coming

Take responsibility for the sins our wickedness do for us

get a glimpse of the wonderful love of God

The GOOD NEWS
When we

TODAY'S READINGS - LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
TRADITIONAL - TRANSFIGURATION - you please will
- GLORY POWER MAGESTY SOVEREIGNTY -

CONSISTS OF BEARING THE SIN OF THE WORLD

search for an idea. would to be caused by the guilt of that.

where to BE: under burden of sin

What can change the processes of guilt
into the ever powerful of sin-bearing is the knowledge of G.