

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%

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 28, 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 Visitor's Envelope found in the pew, and to remain for a social hour in the Church Hall following worship.

In the Service of the Table this morning, the elements of bread and wine will be served to the congregation in the pews. When you are served, and as you serve the person next to you, repeat the words of the server, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" with the bread, and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" with the wine. Retain the elements until all have been served, we will receive the elements as one body.

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

Communion servers this morning are: Hellen Cove, Elizabeth Lucas, Don Smith, Susan and Denis Russell and Phyllis Bernez.

GATHERING

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

During the weeks of Lent the church enters with her Lord deeper and deeper into the shadows of human sin and sorrow, that she may know the fellowship of his sufferings.

(Book of Common Order, United Church of Canada, 1950)

* Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost" H.B. #245

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

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Come to worship:

Keniter Rubine

O Sacred Heart

Don't Sing
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Opening Prayer

Almighty God - we should gain glory, full & gross
and lastly, in the Word made flesh.

We weren't expecting it, we expected you to reach
us through something spiritual, we'd kind of
given up on the flesh. We'd almost come to see
the flesh as an affliction - or something to escape
from.

How our flesh could benefit from a word
made flesh.

O Holy Spirit, witness within our spirits
to the Word made flesh, Point us to those places
where we meet your Word made flesh.

For our own wear, flesh, and save it with
the glory we behold in the one made sin for us

For it is with our bodies that we serve you
and with our flesh that we love and adore the Word
Through J.C.

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Sunday Feb 28 1993 WPGOC -
1st Sunday in Lent.

Session 1

We could call that statement of need to open the service
an outmoded tradition.

I don't know whose responsibility for saying it is that
early ^{or} service book.

I don't think it appears in any current service books
But I have the feeling it was never much ~~an IN MODERN~~ Tradition

- Doubtless the church entry will be hard,
deeper & deeper into the shadows of human
sin and sorrow!

I'm glad that statement didn't get entirely lost,
How it reminds us shifts meanings around.

means { Cross of Jesus Christ
Person & words of JC,
Communion.

① How is wrong with power structures → champagne
opposed power & privilege → velvet covers.

not quite our mode sin for us -
beneath human sin & sorrow

{ God → punishment for sin → (apocalyptic) world for every
sinner & God

② person & work: → All N.T. with unheard means
- Baptists are unrecognized power of God.
Glorious & F

{ whole lot of sinners
whole enemies!

Look & sinners → enter deeper & deeper
into the shadows of human sin
- sorrow

③ Communion →

Show both, tell how -

What's so important? showing both → Relation God & Sinners
→ Call to worship → shake off our
shadows of sin & sorrow!

Book of Enchiridion - Ben Paulus →

→ Gordon & Russell →
Right Sunday - distinct from - Real conscience - Door not unkind
LOVE & grace. → Would want to sing →

It is right to give God thanks & Praise

God - we do feel right when our hearts are grateful. The earth is transformed when we receive the gift of life with thanksgiving. Therefore we join the rest of creation as all your works sing your praise.

— Holy Holy

almighty God, we thank you for creation. Big Bang or whatever, once there was ~~something~~ nothing — Then there was something. This is your ~~choice~~ ^{necessity in our eyes} & Praise be to God

Holy God we thank you for life. Who can comprehend how one small planet got the right got from its son got to be the right temperature, got to have the right amount of water, so that life could emerge and flourish with such profusion. Praise be to God.

Gracious God. We thank you for the people of Israel out of the turmoil of Empires & Nations down the centuries this stubborn stiff-necked people ~~came to~~ were found by you and came to a knowledge of you that ~~is~~ ^{is} the people of the earth.

Living God we thank you for Jesus Christ. That stone ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~has~~ ^{is} of stumbling that became the head stone of the corner. Jesus who kept company with the rejected ones. ~~That~~ ^{That} Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. ~~That~~ ^{That} Jesus Christ is where ~~from~~ ^{from} we gain the knowledge of the glory of God. Praise be to God

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We do this in Remembrance of their sacrifices

who on the night of his final feast will describe ~~and following~~ what he was abandoned to them, who alone and him before the night was over.

Took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and said, ^{Take eat} ~~Take~~ This is my body ^{which} is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for the remission of the sins of the many. Drinking all of you drink it,

So after giving our thanks we ^{bring} ~~take~~ this bread and ^{bring} ~~take~~ the work and the suffering for lives and offer it to you. Because the offering for souls and bodies & work your will with us that we may indeed find upon the body a Blood of Christ and be nourished into a Love of the world.

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Confession:

~~God is Holy God~~

L: The only way for our confession to work, is for us to come before you.

ALL: Lord, here we come, into the light of your countenance. We want to see ourselves as you see us.

L: The only way we can come before you is for us to be open to one another.

ALL: Lord we open our hearts to one another.

We have seen where we haven't been sent, and are anxious after concerns that work no real benefit.

We have taken flight when we have been sent, we have been afraid to choose life, and we have let the pain of loving harden our hearts.

We are deeply devoted to a righteousness of our own which confounds & frustrates yours.

Most of all we have offered your grace such little worth. Your boundless mercy is so totally liberating and we let it do so little with us.

L: Lord keep Mercy upon us

Amen:

absolution:

It is in our broken hearts that we confess that

~~the only way to God is through Jesus Christ~~

~~that we are sinners and need your forgiveness~~

~~that your forgiveness is needed for us.~~

~~We are who deserve the punishment to come eventually~~

~~of God's angry hand. Because the forgiveness of God~~

Before God and the