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**CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
FIRST UNITED CHURCH**

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**ORGAN PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
TIME FOR PREPARATION**

OUR APPROACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Almighty God, Father and Mother of all with whom all light has to do.

How do we summon you when we have to do with you with every breath of life?

ALL: God give us ears to hear your penetrating word.

One: How are we to call upon you when it is you that have called us?

ALL: God help us to be still enough to hear ourselves called by name.

ONE: How can we come into your presence without joining all those you love?

ALL: God open our hearts to one another and to the world's forgotten ones.
Amen

HYMN: All People That on Earth Do Well (#12 - R)

TIME OF CONFESSION:

One: Let us pause to see ourselves in the light of God's continence. May that vision work in us of good confession.

ALL: O Holy One we mostly compare ourselves with ourselves or measure ourselves against others.
Give us eyes to see ourselves as you see us.

SILENCE

ALL: Oh lover of the world we mostly concern ourselves with our own state and take grudging notice of others claim on us.

Give us heart to know how deeply we have been given to each other, how we all stand or fall together.

SILENCE

ALL: God of truth we know about self disappointment and are good at self disgust, but find no healing in self punishment. Work in us a godly sorrow for godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation. Amen

Words of Reassurance

RESPONSE: "Halle, Hallelujah" (#21 - G)

Halle halle halle-lu-jah, halle halle halle-lu-jah, halle halle halle-lu-jah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:27-34
II Timothy 3:14;4:5
Luke 18:1-8

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN:

We Love The Place, O God (#355-R)

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY HYMN:** "In Loving Partnership" (#102-G)

In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown (#442R) (2nd tune by Wesley)

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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Cheltenham

Parental - 500 years before Jesus

Problems → God has this & that to say
to the Nation

Surprising Things -

Read one of those →

Old saying - not going to be any anymore

* The parents have eaten some grapes
and the children's teeth are set on edge

The parents did wrong

- children are messed up

My parents did wrong - I'm messed up

System - wrong - I'm messed up

Society was - I'm messed up

With God: Your Parents are of your flesh
you are responsible for what
you become & do.

→ Deed = freedom God has in mind for
you

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Prayer

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Dear God, The poor & the hungry, The sick
and the lonely, The despoised and the
downtrodden, The powerless and the
oppressed are not all far away in
romantic places. They are nearby, among
our neighbors. Hear their cry and let
their prayers come unto you

In deed, how can we have our word
with you, unless all the others do too —

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Prayers of People

Dear God

We want a word with you, even though we sense everyone else wants a word with you, even though we wonder how anything can come of everyone having a word with you.

But that's how it is with us. Our lives get to the place where the only thing for it is a word with you. The world around us gets so out of order that the only thing for it is a word with you.

There are concerns on our hearts that we seem to be able to do little about. We lift them up to you.

We have loved ones on our hearts and we cannot always have our own way with them. We bring them before you and place them in your care.

What is all this compared to the numberless people throughout the world who are homeless and hungry, whose countries are devastated by war, whose families are cut off by the rivalries of tribes & nations. We remember these before you, indeed it is when we are before you that we remember them.

Lesson from Hebrew Scriptures - Journal,

of all Prophet/Parables of Israel - Fascinating.

Same Basic Message from God -

Only first want please to God - on other
will have a long time of it - destroy
its health, productivity, & well being -

Blind Boob - Real? Parable } Like them
Idealized Parable }

Good Eggs & Bad Eggs Oban

Then says the Lord - Combining things ->

-> open country, Foreign, Egypt

Egypt

Babylon ->

Cowboys - Dingo - Jerusalem Falls

God hasn't abandoned us.

Self Doubt, comes on anyway

New Book: ^{not for anyone} - rebellion of the
people.

God says New Dream

I will put my laws within them and I
will write it on their hearts, and I will be
their God and they shall be my people.

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O.T. :- These Presiding Prophets brought new ideas
superior gift of 1600 W & modern kind
- once out from - commonness themselves
" " " - had to go on

→ one of them -

no longer shall they be one world
it say to each other "Know the hand"
for they shall all know we from the
heart of them to the greatest,

→ Can you imagine a happier state?

→ Right now there are just so many
opinions of what wrong with the world
and what needs to be put right - every one
is instructing everyone else
across the world

in every little groups - especially
groups of people trying to be good
"to do right,"

in every family.

God State → Do we will have to
withstand anyone!

Time is coming
If Timothy - taking care (how metaphor)
accumulated bothers to visit their own
| desires

not yet in state described to pass on.

- N.T. Church divided & controversial as present day

to be preferred - Claiming so filled with God
- no one needs to trust any one.

What kind of word?

~~I think~~

Go about your disagreement
your instructing one another -
your saying one another to know the Lord

in a very different spirit, →

all the while you recognize that
in God's state it won't be necessary,
in God's state - there won't be
any of it.

Contemplation - our own little groups
~ our own denomination -
~ our own city & country,
~ World is positive scene
~ economic scene
~ world's care for environment

How are we to keep that Spirit -

Contesting
Instructing
Putting right

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Sermon

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Strang Parable — How to pray

Look to persistent widow —

won't let up on an impossible
prayer until he does her wish.

Keep that spirit?

Pray like that persistent widow.
