

WEST POINT GREY UNITED CHURCH

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Church Office: Monday - Friday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 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 following worship.

At the time of communion, you will be invited to walk forward to receive the bread and cup. Please take the time you need to make this a time of communion with God and with others. Go to the server with the bread who will say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and to the server with the wine who will say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation". To each you reply, "Amen". Then, sent forth in "Peace", return to your seat in the congregation.

The host at our Table is Jesus of Nazareth: all who seek to be in communion with him and his people are welcome to share fully in the sacrament.

Our guest preacher this morning is Jack Shaver.

Communion Servers this morning are:

Elizabeth Job Phyllis Bernez
Linette Smith Jack Shaver
John Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Silent Prayer

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

HORN OF AFRICA

Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, are all countries that receive help through the United Church's Horn of Africa Fund. A sustaining and rebuilding program is carried out by local churches and Councils of Churches which we support. West Point Grey's Horn of Africa appeal is aimed at the first two Sundays in May. There are envelopes in the pew for your donations.

Board Members - Please pick up your copy of the Board Minutes from the box in the narthex.

Men's Study Group - Beginning Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. Sessions will be held May 5, 12, 19 & 26. Copies of the book "Fire in the Belly" by Sam Keen are available in the office. The group will meet in Dr. Bacon's Study (upstairs, C. E. Building). Contact John Smith, 228-9867 for more information.

First United Church needs disposable razors. Please leave donations in the Church Office.

Urgently needed - Sponsor(s) for a Kurdish Refugee family. For information, contact Margaret Fulton, Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery, 733-4690.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th,

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group meets in the Fellowship Room.

THURSDAY, May 6th,

7:30 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary.

8:00 p.m. Set up tables for the Thrift Sale.

Men are needed to help with this task.

FRIDAY, May 7th

9:00 a.m. Sort and fill tables for the sale.

Bring your sale items to the church during the week. House and garden plants should be brought on Friday morning. Donations for the bake table should be brought on Saturday morning. All baking is to be covered in plastic wrap (health regulation).

SATURDAY, MAY 8th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. THRIFT SALE.

Invite all your friends to come for this annual fund-raising event. For more information, please call the church office or Kaari Fraser, 224-9134.

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PRAYER OF CONCECRATION

Almighty God, we thank you for creation. Big bang or whatever, once there was nothing then there was something. This is your doing and wondrous in our eyes.

Holy God, we thank you for life. Who can comprehend how one small planet got to be the right distance from its sun, 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 nations and empires, down the centuries, this stubborn stiff-necked people were found by you and came to a knowledge of you that blessed all the people of the earth.

Loving God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, the stone of stumbling that became the head cornered stone. Jesus who kept company with the outcasts, Jesus Christ, in whose face we behold the glory of God. We give thanks for the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Praise be to God.

We do this in remembrance of Jesus, who, on the night of his final feast with his disciples who abandoned him before morning, took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and said "this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same was 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. All of you drink of it."

Gracious God, we bring this bread and wine, the work of our hands and the service of our lives and offer them to you. Receive this offering of our souls and bodies and work your will with us so that we may indeed feed upon the body and blood of Christ and be nourished unto eternal life and filled with your love of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now as our savior has taught us we say.

(Hold us the host) The body of our lord Jesus Christ broken for us.

(Pour out the wine) The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ poured out for us.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL.

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Prayer of consecration

God we give you thanks and praise for our creation. What mind can comprehend the mystery of our being? All is in order, from the vast distances of the universe to the tiniest sub-particle. Still more mysterious is the gift of life to our planet earth.

THX

God, we give you thanks for the people of Israel, who, as people, priest and prophet revealed with the meaning of their tortured history, brought to the rest of the world the gift of their knowledge of you.

THX

God, chiefly we give you thanks for your Word made flesh. Bless you for using flesh to provide us with your truth and confront us with your salvation. Bless you for the glory we behold in the face of Jesus Christ. No other Glory can reach us in the darkness of our souls. No other Glory has the power to give us to each other and restore in us a love of the world.

JACK

We do this in remembrance of Him

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After the same manner, he took the cup saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission on the sins of the many, drink you all of it.

THX

Receive, O God this memorial which Jesus asked us to make. Receive the offering of bread and wine the symbols of our life together. Receive our offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice. May we indeed show the Lord's death 'till he come.

Gather all that we offer up into your greater mercy and Grace this feast with your real presence so that in our eating and drinking we may partake of your holy communion

And now as our savior has taught us we pray..

Lord's prayer sung.

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God we give you thanks for the people of Israel, who brought to the rest of the world the wondrous light of their knowledge of you as people, priest, and prophet wrestled with the meaning of their troubled history.

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Lord' s prayer sung.

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PRAYER OF CONCECRATION.

J Holy God, our joyful noise doesn't ring quite true as long as others are suffering. Our delight in life does not see quite worthy as long as there are others whose lives are miserable.

P Therefore we chiefly give you thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, whose death and resurrection opens for us a glimpse of your undying love of the world.

J And therefore we proclaim Christ's death and set forth this memorial which he asked us to make.

J Who while banqueting with his disciples on the night before his arrest and execution, took bread, and after ~~he~~ had given thanks he broke it and said "This is my body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me" In the same way he took the cup saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of the sins of the many, all of you drink of it."

P Gracious God, we bring this bread and wine, the work of our hands and the service of our lives and offer them to you. Receive this offering of our souls and bodies and by the miracle of your great mercy transform them into a fit sacrifice. So work your will in us that we indeed may feed on the body and blood of Christ, and be nourished unto eternal life and built up in your love of the world.

And Now as our savior has taught us we pray (Lord's prayer sung)

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J (Pour out the wine) The blood of Christ shed for us.

J The Peace of Christ be with you.