

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 12

* 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)

The Hebrew Scriptures → Gen 37:1-4 12-23

The Psalm → 105 1-6 16-22 45b

The Epistle → Ro 10:5-15

The Gospel → 14:22-23

* Hymn 245

Sermon

RESPONDING

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 257

* 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.

Lectinary 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.

Lectinary 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.

Call to worship:

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts & intentions of the heart.

Before God, no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of the one with whom we have to do.

~~Hymn 12 All People that on Earth~~

Opening Prayer

God we need a word from you. We are surrounded by a confusion of voices.

You speak

Give us your word

A lot of zealous people are speaking for you

They are saying different things

Give us your word.

We lose everything if we trust in a word that is not reliable,

We can destroy everything if we trust in a word that is not true,

You speak

You have the word

Your word will not fail us

Neither will it set us in dishonouring ways

Give us your word

Give us ears to hear it

Through Jesus our Lord

Hymn 12 All People

Confession

Gracious God -

We make a useless confession when someone else puts words in our mouths.

Using a bad conscience to punish ourselves is not a useful confession either.

However we cannot truly come before you without knowing ourselves known.

We don't dare let that happen unless we can count on your mercy.

We pause now for some genuine self knowledge to come and some knowledge of you to come because unless we believe we can be changed we won't make much of a confession either.

Dear God

We come before you -

With our relationships
our work

our attempts to do good

the things we are devoted to

the matters we are in flight from

the known we do that we know that of

our part in the life of our nation & the world
whose injustice is done & some benefit at
the expense of others.

O Lord & God - That holds away the sun of
the world - have mercy upon us
& grant us your peace.

Absolution

Touch anew what the almighty can do off
with love, God befriend you. Receive the Peace of X,
HYMN 442 - My Song is Love Unknown

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22, 23

HYMN 245 Come Holy GHOST

Sermon

Prayers of the people

Almighty God, there are people in this room
that want a word with you. Indeed, we all want a
word with you. We get let to say, but we're
not sure we should be saying it. Especially when
we remember all those throughout the world who
need a word with you, would thou be so

Remains so - that we all need to be heard and
it's clear that none of us can come unless the others
come too.

So we take this time to lift each other up and
you.

Hear the cry of those who are running low on their
will to live, whose hearts of love are drying up,
whose bodies are growing frail and as feeble flow
who are losing their joy in life.

We lift the prayers of those whom fate has left
a cruel blow, - loss of a loved one, breakdown in
health, loss of income or employment, or income,
frustration of dreams.

We lift up the prayers of those who have grown
weary of well doing, lost a vision that once sustained
them, betrayed by a trusted one.

Hear the cry of the lonely, isolated, tired, forgotten

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God - we pray not only for ourselves but for the world

Hear the cry of the countless women, children, men, victims of famine, disease & the bitter age old conflicts between nations & peoples -

There is so much of it - so merciless - we cannot bear to look and it doesn't look like there is any way to stop it

Dear God explain all and every person's maker. May their truths increase. Keep every one of us a vigilant person maker.

And we left the governing of all creation unto you. All living things on this earth are yours. Work in us a worthy stewardship for our fellow creatures.

Dear God

Our word with you is unexpressed & incomplete until we offer thanks. Face up our grateful hearts. Life is strangely transformed when we receive it with gratefulness.

When we learn again to receive freely we have much to gain. When we behold your glory as revealed to us in Jesus & we discover how precious a gift life can be. Thanks be to God

And Now as our Savior has taught us we say

Amen -

Announcements

Hymn 257 Jesus the bread of life

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Sunday Aug 8 1993

Sermon 1

We haven't much of a story for today, unless, in one way or another, we feel we need saving!

Both the Genesis and the Psalm reading focus on the not so exemplary behavior of Joseph and his brothers - there is not much to choose between them - or for that matter - between them & their father.

The Gospel lesson - contains only 2 verses

all we have for inspiration is the Roman Passage and here the punch line is the last verse - a quote from the prophet Joel.

EVERY ONE WHO CALLS UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.

Maybe I've been overwhelmed by our experience of following the SHUC choir around all over Gt Britain for half of July.

Any of you that are S. regulars will have heard that very same Choral Speech anthems use the Text from the Book of Acts description of Pentecost

Quote the same verse from Joel
EVERY ONE WHO CALLS UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED

CHORAL

SPEECH ANTHEM

ALMOST DOES IT

Unless there is some interest in being saved this isn't much of a message.

Rather than Harangue about our need of salvation Better use of preaching is to dig for the meaning of the message what was Paul getting at - Romans.

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Sermon 2

Expose words, sentences, asides
familiar Bible passages occur to him as he
seeks to convey his meanings.

No one who believes on him - will be put to shame
confounded.
One who trusts - will not panic.

or openly & verse 5
Now Moses writes concerning the Righteousness
that comes from the law -
he who does these things will live by them
confounded about?
is a panic about?

or, One believes with the heart & so
is justified - what's that?
done word Righteousness.
Righteousness Not gives life?

AA. Type -> you can't tell me that justifies my
existence.
Meaning
Purpose
Prove from: somebody.

justifies - Points: not wanted - area of concern?
Righteousness - how can I come out even?
- martyr -
- now word process -
Put Right

Economy + Market place
Health care system.
Foreign Policy.
Energy use
Educational system

VAST DEEP AREA OF CONCERN: Quickly see Problematic

Everything that purports to justify or assert.
- said set in a panic about our justification
ways we prove that we count - put us to shame
confound

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Simon (3)

Not just ours

But ~~the~~ human attempt to put the world right.

much

→ ends up confounding Mother's

What's more frightening about our world situation today than the many & fierce conflicts between rival righteousnesses,

We could see some insight into what's to be trusted.

Righteousness doesn't confound.

Justification doesn't set at each other - divide us into who & they.

Beliefs in Chap 6 or 10

"Being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God - seeking to establish their own."

Refers - ~~unaware~~ in Chapter 3.

Now the Righteousness of God has been manifested

- They are justified by his grace as a Gift

AA soberly as a gift, justification - gift.

Behold God's Righteousness

in the form of ~~peace~~ peace

God loves Sinners.

God is named for sin - be it.

God's righteousness fulfilled - people are reconciled.

God's path is right - shows us our out.

Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ is

Trust such a one as God
but such a one be God.

Trusting a sure foundation.

Moses

No Defiance
~~no~~

Confronted or not
confounded - not

justified - peric about it

Reconciled
→ God's Righteousness → your own deeds

(S476i) Believe or how far Christ.

Too a great physics: - Great news -
how to get to believe it?

What creates a believer?

- Act of will?

- can I will myself into a state of faith,

Proverbs

Have you ever been into a state of faith?

Mediated

God communicates us

through the broken & imperfect witness
of another believer.

Fort Gary Motters: -



witnesses →

Joseph & Brodley & Father

all saved

What an outfit!
People of God?

NOT a display fence →

Through whom come
or most wonderful evidence
of nature of God

Another witness bridge

Jesus need to be alone to pray.

Try is all day - crowds followed,

deserted crowd -

John's story - wanted to make him King -

alone in the desert - deals again with the
temptations at beginning of his ministry -

Bible helps us to meet Jesus:

witness in faith.

all those who call upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved.