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PORT GARRY UNITED CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 12, 1959

11.00 a.m.

OPENING HYMN 14 "Praise To the Holiest
In the Night"

INVOCATION

SILENT PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

UNISON READING 735

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4: 1-16
Luke 10: 25-37

WORD TO BOYS AND GIRLS

BOYS AND GIRLS HYMN 600 "Wise Men Seeking Jesus"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON

"The Ministry of Helpfulness"

HYMN

375 "Jesus Thou Divine Companion"

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

During AUGUST the Service will be held at the regular
11.00 a.m. hour. Rev. William Dixon, will be the
Supply Minister.

Fort Garry Day Camp: July 27 to August 7.

Director: Rev. E.W. Scott

Assistant: Miss E.M. Hives.

Fees: \$6.00 for one camper

10.00 for 2 from the same family

14.00 for 3 or more from the same family.

Registration forms (available from Church office) should
be sent to: St. Jud'e Church

Home Street and Wellington Ave.,

NOT LATER than July 22nd.

News Letter:

"The Moderator's Visits... The Moderator, the Rt.
Rev. Angus J. MacQueen, has just concluded official
visits to six of the annual Conferences, and will spend
his summer in Nova Scotia. In September he will meet
with his Advisory Committee to set up itineraries for
the fall and winter. In 1960 he will visit mission field
in Africa.

Laymon's Sunday
Xn Church any other
Sunday →
Minists ex - engage
Baker

inclined to say — This is all that X3 is after all.
 amidst of helplessness : —
 keeps it free — O3 — Doctrines — Dogma

what does it all have to do with.

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{ God
Faith
Salvation By Grace

Unless it has a great deal to do with these - it isn't genuine helpfulness.

Unless ~~off our~~ ministry of helpfulness is ~~not~~ grounded on Faith in God.
it won't be helpful.

Self our ministry grows out of our attempts at self-justification
it won't be truly helpful.

(4) ^{it is} ~~Everyone~~ is so right ~~to~~ to insert that the fundamental
mind of a Christian has is the ministry of simple active helpfulness
no one is too good for the meanest service
or too busy

if you think you are - you are taking yourself
& your vocation much too seriously.

But we are truly helpful - only when we are prepared to do
this at a time and in a way ^{we aren't expecting}
that prove inconvenient

when they are thrust upon us - { in God's time } not ours
{ in God's way }

How busy Christians are - at their own good works!
never being interrupted by God!

Tells insight in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Priest - Levite - who have no time in
pursuing most important pious work,
needing the Bible probably.

I can be truly helpful - only when I accept a life
that is crossed and balked

when I resent and resist these interruptions I
betray that I am more interested in self-justification
than in helpfulness

(2) Life is crossed - not only the events that I ~~didn't~~ ^{don't} plan
 But also by people - who are who they are
 and are not who I wish them to be.

It can be truly helpful only when I bear my brother's freedom
 and not when I attempt to stamp my image upon him.

The world is full of helpful intentions gone sour - because people
 didn't appreciate the help offered.

We get very put out - when people measure or reject our helpfulness

But the fact is that no helpfulness is genuine that carries with
 it an attack on the other person's freedom -

this is not real helpfulness - to help him the way I have
 decided is best for him - this is aggression not helpfulness

this makes him an excuse for my self justification
 it does not recognize him a person in his own right
 under God.

True helpfulness is possible only when I bear my brother's freedom

Bible means - Forbearance one another in love.

accepts his nature - endowments weaknesses - oddities
 all about him that is truly he / crosses me & tries my
 patience.

Becomes involved with the created reality of the other person

accepting & offering it. Bears it.

until we take joy in this

until we behold God always in him.

Helpfulness is everyone's ministry.

Begins in bearing with my Brother's freedom

This can be done only in the faith that God loves
 between you and your brother.

(3) Because all of us abuse our Freedom.

5506e Bearing our Brother's freedom finally means Bearing his sin

This is the only ground of True helpfulness.

} Here is the test for true helpfulness - does it balk at helping sinners. How much it is to help the worthy.

} and can I show true helpfulness to my sinful brother which I withhold to him?

all the outward acting can be present.

and it contains no simple ~~left~~ helpfulness.

as long as I stand against my brother's freedom in aggression or above him in judgement.

only while I bear his sin - can I do him a kind ^{act} kind

and this can be done only in the Faith that Christ stands between me and my brother

only as I know myself a sinner - Born + Received by Church.

This is every Christian's message - to Bear his Brother's sin. Most wondrous & gracious of all

most untrained } all it requires is that you yourself }
most educated } him } the forgiveness of Christ.

Then it is inevitable!

when does sin ever appear in the community but a Christian examining himself and repent his part and contribution - his failures & his brother as of the community.

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as Martin Luther puts it.

"Behold - you bear them all - and all of them
bear you and all things are in common both
the Good & the Bad"

and he who is bearing others / knows that he himself
is being born - and in this struggle can be so in
bearing.

self justification can never be the ground or source
of helpfulness.

justification by Grace - and serving others.
one indivisible