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CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN 31

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

HYMN 219

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 45: 4-15

READING IN UNISON 702

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Corinthians 4:1-10

CHILDREN'S STORY

HYMN 596

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS, THE OFFERTORY

SOLO "Come Thou, O Come" Healey Willan

SERMON "When the Bible Doesn't Tell us Much"

HYMN 170

BENEDICTION

We welcome
J. V. Shaver
Our minister
in Nanaimo

Grateful
from local
Thanksgiving
need for work
the coming
received from
United Church
Church Office

We are
Fellowship
week, in the

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

NEXT SUNDAY
people in
meet at the
and an exchange
For reservation

CROSS to
pulpit here

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Behold . the Tabernacle of God is with men and he will
Dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and
God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Invocation:

Pentecost: - XVII

When the Bible doesn't tell us Much;

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I think we have to admit the facts

+ we don't make much use of the Bible

People today - Bible is a Problem - rather than a Help

Today - suggest ~~one~~ basic reason. For this.

The Bible cannot have much to say to people

who are asking it the wrong questions

To you:

ask it questions - don't matter to you It isn't dealing with.

The Bible won't have much to do with you

will never mean what it can mean to you.

- until you see it as wrestling with a question

that you are asking with terrible Seriousness

so many places I go

so many conversations I have

} everyman most.

Seriously asking the question
of who God is.

1. Senior:- should it be debarred —
not.

ie. → (he could take with
Ultimate seriousness)

2. Alcoholic → sober! - victory -

Lay there - pin-pointing daily routine.
- now if it was worth living for.

This did not justify his existence.

(3) Berkeley Studies - Radio Programme "When a child asks"
one of Hans Edwards stories on this programme

Powell's wedding Anniversary.

for the first time - Myrtles many & threat

realizing was a time when he was not.

Shawyer raised question - who Am I?

Then are other variations.

Wherein does life get its valid & lasting meaning.
What is truly & finally real.

All are variations of the question of who God is

The Bible won't mean much to you - until you know
you are a person on a completely serious quest
to know God.

Quest to know God.

satisfied with information :-

Know a new neighbor until you have more than
the information :-

∴ Meet

you don't know your neighbor until you have met
him 'if he has chosen not to reveal himself
in the meetings.

Revealed

Claim the Church Makes for the Bible.

God reveals Himself There.

He who is verily God. Meet you there.

This is where the Bible will set early & useful -

By your Quest for God

Quest :- ambiguous - / Know God - find out truly real
Hide from Him - won't for what that might
be.

5549e) Quest + Flight.
Quest + Hiding.

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∴ from where we are - Hidden God.
(sun sets - earth springs)

When ~~you~~ ^{you} realize, that this is who you are!
the Quest for the Hidden God. -

Bible can have things to say to you.

Once you know that your existence is unreal
in the dark with its hidden meaning.
Both seeking God & hiding from him.

It can be immeasurably important to you to also
discover that you don't have to begin from
scratch.

The Historic Community of Israel has been on just
such a ~~pilgrimage~~ search and running away

The Bible is a record of 1,000 years of
that pilgrimage.

TRAGEDY.

So many these days: who take the Religious quest
seriously

Find the Bible no help.

When we come to the Bible:

for something it will tell us.

instead of some one it will make known to us

Distortions - God has made arbitrary rules - no Blood Transfusions

Unnatural - is God true - or false.

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Analogy:- At a window instead of Through it.

Bible is a window. Through which God's Reality - confronted.

Israel's record of her history with the Hidden Mean of Her History.

Was it with Him who's hand God:-

God's hand - judgment & Love.

Crises. conquest.

conquest.

Good & Evil of the Kingdoms

But again

Restoration

God of Israel - True God? real.

One God - all the earth - Made us - not we Him.
can't be "fired"

Holy:- }
God:- } Lord of events.

Godliness = Love:-

- Suffering Love ->

↑ Suffer at the hands of Sinners.

Love which we were enemies owed for us.

is - sovereign - Being - ?
- real omnipotence ?

Has Israel's pilgrimage been with the True God of all the earth.

Come to the Bible - knowing it matters, kindly to you, who God is
Search the story of Israel & see of her as a window

This is the Promise - ~~through which~~ ^{that} God reveal Himself
who is reveal God - make his reality known.