

5584a

Ministers:

Rev. J. Cashore  
Rev. M. J. V. Shaver  
Ms. Linda Ervin

FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
320 East Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B. C. V6A 1P4

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1982

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship  
EASTER!

ORGAN PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
HYMN NO. 468 "The Strife is O'er"  
INVOCATION  
CONFESSION  
ABSOLUTION  
CANTATE DOMINO No. 726 Blue Hymnary  
SCRIPTURE LESSONS  
Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 25: 6 - 9  
Epistle I Peter 1: 3 - 9  
MINISTRY OF MUSIC  
Gospel Mark 16: 1 - 8  
EXCEPT YOU COME AS CHILDREN  
PRESENTATION OF DAFFODILS  
HYMN NO. 460 "Were You There?"  
SERMON "THE GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH IS TESTED BY FIRE" Spiritual  
Rev. Jack Shaver  
OFFERING Prayer, Offertory, Doxology  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
HYMN NO. 471 "This Joyful Eastertide" Eastertide  
BENEDICTION  
ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

The Official Board meets Thursday, April 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Next Sunday - April 18, 1982

10:30 A.M. Mr. Stuart Lyster

7:00 P.M. Rev. Jack Shaver

(Heard

ORGAN PRELUDE  
INTROIT  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
HYMN NO. 465  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
ABSOLUTION  
CHORAL INTRODUCTION  
HEBREW LESSON  
CHORAL RESPONSE  
GOSPEL LESSON  
ANTHEM "Walk So  
SERMON

ANTHEM  
PRAYERS OF THANKS  
LORD'S PRAYER  
HYMN NO. 471

OFFERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
HYMN NO. 468  
BENEDICTION  
ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*\*\*\*\*

The music this evening  
Chorale under the

We welcome all who  
you to an informal

10:30 AM.

The Communion of Your Faith is tested by Fire.

According to the New Testament writers the earliest Preaching made out that the Resurrection was God's idea.

The Drift went something like this —  
This Jesus - whom you crucified,  
and all the intimate messengers  
and abandoned.

God Raised up. —

This Stone the Builders rejected

God made the head-stone of the Corner.

This Resurrection was Nobody Else's Idea

Tone — The resurrection is seen as the fulfillment  
of an age-old expectation.

But that this answered one ~~is~~ the fulfillment of that  
expectation — that was a surprise to all  
that was the world's doing  
and wonderous in all eyes.

The Epistle reading affirms the same theme.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, — By his great Mercy he has begotten us  
again to a living hope through the Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ from the Dead, and to an inheritance  
which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you . . . who by God's power  
are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to  
be revealed at the last time.

Rev.:

His Great things - we have been brought  
in God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>with a hope</sup> (Nash)

Subject of that work → ~~any more~~ <sup>any more</sup>

God. Brought us again  
into a living hope.

any more

Resurrection Hope - God's work.

How can I bring myself to trust? That there is a

\* Rising → Dying & Rising bet.  
Dread. Risks - living & having a life

\* Pain of having a broken world } is the  
having in a broken world } glory of God

\* ~~Like~~ Assuring ~~the world~~

Broader of the Sin of the World is where God is

\* Divisions which split us } are Reconciled to God  
so painful

\* We get answers <sup>of God</sup> ~~which~~ God calls us  
Friends.

I can't

I'm not expected to.

That is God's work.

That's how safe that hope is

} imperishable  
} undefiled  
} unfading

Belief in the Resurrection is <sup>the</sup> one should that's off my back  
and what's more, it says here, it's a certainty

That's something to Rejoice in

— no one is going to quarrel with that.

Did you notice further how the apostle began part 2 ---

— In this you rejoice - I laugh now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials -

-- so that the genuineness of your faith --- may redound to ~~praise~~ & glory and honour at the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Booth - (was passing them good which though provable is better & fine)

The Gleanings and ups and downs you have with this resurrection faith → is for testing its genuineness.

I don't think that is telling us that all the trials we suffer are good for us. That all depressions we ~~have~~ enter are for the purpose of establishing the genuineness of our faith.

But I think it is telling us that the presence of such in our lives does not destroy the Power of the resurrection faith nor unhinge its certainty.

Little Faith is the way you get to Big Faith.

Gospel lesson : - always been a Puzzle for the Church

just don't know — do know — some must have  
~~begeth & recovers~~ ~~become understand to~~ recover it with the others  
 - reconciling with the others

- Stone <sup>blocking the entrance</sup> moved.
- Tomb empty
- young man go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee

→  
 And they went out & rolled from the Tomb  
 for trembling and astonishment had come upon them  
 and they were afraid.

Does that sound to you like someone  
 who has been forgotten ~~and~~ to a living hope  
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Do you recognize the state, 1st Mark  
 describes →

→ Would it be Good News to you  
 if that turned out to be an accurate description  
 of one who has been forgotten ~~and~~ to a  
 living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

and that its power & certainty rested in God  
 & not in us.