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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 1982

Ministers:

Rev. J. Cashore
M. J. V. Shaver

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Gathering

ORGAN PRELUDE "Petit Suite"

S. Vander Ploeg

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 26 (34) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio
(first line V4: "Creator of Glory, Creator of Light")

ACT OF CONFESSION:

Leader: (petition) We are broken in darkness.

Congregation: Restore us O God, and make thy face shine.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ministry of Music "In the Garden"

C. A. Miles

Marge Eyford

Listening for the Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE II Kings 2: 1 - 12

EPISTLE Corinthians 4: 1 - 6

Ministry of Music "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Gabriel

Marge Eyford

GOSPEL Mark: 9: 2 - 9

SERMON "FIRE, FLASH, FLICKER"

Mr. Bill Bruce

Responding

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

God's PRAYER

Offering: Offertory, Doxology, Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN NO. 283 "Who Would True Valour See"
(V3 "they" for "men")

Monk's Gate

BLESSING: (unison)

"God the Creator bless us and keep us
God the Redeemer save us and direct us
God the Spirit teach us and guide us
This day and evermore. Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Prelude in B-flat"

J. S. Bach

Thanks to Marge Eyford for her Ministry of Music this morning.

Evening

(Heard over CKW)

ORGAN PRELUDE "A"

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CALL TO WORSHIP AND INV

HYMN NO. 13 (6) "Before

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ABSOLUTION

CHORAL INTRODUCTION TO

EPISTLE LESSON

CHORAL RESPONSE

GOSPEL LESSON

QUARTETTE "Brother

SERMON

QUARTETTE "O Prais

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 100 "O Love,

-- off a

OFFERING Prayer,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN NO. 107 "All Pra

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Fu

The music this evening
tette.

Next

10:30

7:00

THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.

I wonder who selected our two readings for tonight. — Transfiguration Sunday
Did they intend to put together.

The story of Transfiguration of Jesus
joined to Hebrews description
Clothy turning brilliant.

Hebrews voices Testifying to him.
along with passage from Corinthian letter.
which recognizes that the Gospel is H.D. from
many, 7?

Probably they did.

It is a constant N.T. Theme.

"Here, in X is the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God
— and people keep missing it."

1. Reason

Missing the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God
Don't realize that it matters to them
what God is like.

Then it occurs they are asking the questions
to which this offers an answer.

Why or when does it matter to us —
to get some light on the knowledge of God
When are we seriously asking the God questions
— as distinct from idly asking the God
questions?

When?

In the hidden depth of our existence we wrestle with such questions.

WHAT WILL JUSTIFY MY EXISTENCE →

What will make it of significance that I ever lived?
- if you think that doesn't matter to you watch what happens when somebody or something threatens that - makes out that you are a nobody. -

WHAT IS IT SAFE TO TRUST FOR EXISTENCE AND MEANING

- if you think that doesn't matter - watch how you react when something goes wrong with the person to you is "threatened".

We can't be anything alone ^{going} in connection with OTHERS

SO WHAT ORDER DO YOU PUT ALL THESE PIECES TOGETHER?

SO THAT IT DOES NOT SELF DESTRUCT

You and I are tugging around that question all the time all societies - as they interact - (we must not be done this in a very responsible way)

MORAL

Fundamentally there are God questions

Who is God around here?

What's at the Centre? What is the order of the Universe?

Now comes an announcement →

The God who said "Let light shine out of Darkness" has shone in our hearts - to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Can you understand why we sometimes miss it there -- in that ONE How it is that all that Transfigured brilliance and heavenly testimony is hidden from so many people

Who is This one in whose face we behold the
Glory of God?

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and announced that the Kingdom was at hand.

Proclaimed - } Itinerant preacher who consistently blew his
popularity until he was despised by all.
unless you Hornballed with outcasts, Gave ~~balcon~~ acceptance
came as to women & children. Seen as a bridge between
someones without person & person, God & person. So lived in
skits, you the world and so accepted the consequences
couldn't enter of his kind of living. That he endured rejection
the kingdom and faced execution.

That some execution came by some to be seen,
not as failure but as a window on the redemptive
activity of God. — The very redemptive activity
of God.

Proclaimed Part of his teaching was remembered and recorded
As easy and it contains some pretty far-out "But I say
to say unto you." — extreme variations on the theme
of love. "This is my Commandment" "A New Commandment
I give unto you" "This is how people will know you
are one of my disciples - if you love one another
you sin and
forgiveness

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upon some so that it was said of him —
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Now what's being said in the message?

The God who send let light shine out of darkness
has shown in our hearts to give the knowledge of
the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus
Christ.

Where's all this white light?

Where's all this heavenly testimony?

Where's the glory of God?

WHEREVER → how is the courage which empowers
your life.

WHEREVER → Forgive your self-earned status

WHEREVER → The real Burden is → who's life-debt is
about life's burdens — wrong ones. →

WHEREVER → BURDEN OF THE WORLD'S SIN. is ASSUMED

WHEREVER → Pain of giving & receiving of forgiveness is experienced

WHEREVER → Least one.

→ can you understand why people might
have trouble seeing what's good news about the gospel
I think I know what it's like to be blinded
by the 'glor' of this world so that I can't see it

I am also grateful that those of us who have
sometimes found the foolish & puzzling cross to
be the power of God - have that treasure in
earthen vessels - so that the transcendent power
remains belongs to God, and not to us.