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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1982

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

First Sunday After Epiphany

Evening

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Organ Prelude: "Adagio"

G. Albinoni

Call to Worship:

Minister: Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens
and stretched them out,

People: Who spread forth the earth and what comes from
it, who gives breath to the people upon it and
spirit to those who walk in it:

Minister: "...Behold, the former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare; before they spring
forth I tell you of them."

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn No. 432 "Brightest and Best of the Sons"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Epistle: Acts 10: 34 - 38

Ministry of Music "Jig"

W. Selby

Gospel: Mark 1: 4 - 11 Read by Harvey Cashore

We come as children: Marianna Harris

Hymn No. 122 (600) "Wise Men Seeking Jesus"

Sermon "ON BEING INCLUDED"

Rev. John Cashore

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Youth Parliament: Comments by Harvey Cashore

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Hymn No. 435 (50) "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Benediction

Organ Postlude "Te Deum"

M. Charpentier

Harvey Cashore attended Youth Parliament as under the sponsor-
ship of First United Church. We look forward to hearing about
his experiences in Victoria between Christmas and New Years.

Organ Prelude: "Ar

"In

Introit "God Be in
Call to Worship and
Hymn No. 430 (60) "

Prayer of Confession
Absolution

Choral Introduction

Scripture Lesson I

Choral Response

Scripture Lesson II

Solo

Sermon

Anthem

Prayer of Thanksgivi

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 283 "Who W

-- off air --

Offering

Announcements

Hymn No. 371 "Befor

Benediction

Organ Postlude "Fu

The music this evening
Chorale under the le

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ONLY A SYMBOL

The Authors of all 4 Gospels in the Christian scriptures mention the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. An early Sermon, recorded in Acts 10 in a typical summary of the Word Sent by God to Israel in Jesus Christ - says it began with the preaching of John's baptism.

^{reference to original}
Biblical Records Show connection between the Followers of ~~John~~ the Baptist and Followers of Jesus; - many of this connection lasted into the time the Gospel records were written. Other references present contain evidence that there was rivalry between the movements which needed clearing up even at the time the records were set in their present form.

Even though it was a matter which required explaining in many places in the early church that some early church could not escape recording that Jesus was Baptized by John.

It is possible of course that Jesus started out as a member of John's movement - But we have no data only speculation of this.

What is clear is that all the Gospel writers have this occasion of Jesus Baptized by John as the occasion of an early heavenly witness to Jesus being God's Chosen one -

Chosen one, anointed one, Messiah, Christ
 My Beloved — itself a very old institution with several
 here it is linked with a specific reference in the
 Prophecy — Isaiah - #2.

"Behold my servant whom I uphold
 My chosen, in whom my soul delights
 I have put my spirit upon him
 he will bring forth justice to the nations
 ---- a bruised reed he will not break
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench
 he will faithfully bring forth justice
 he will not fail or be discouraged
 Till he has established justice in the earth
 And the coast lands wait for his law."

The Early Church - places

at the Centre of the Beginning of this great
 glorious ministry of its Son and Lord —

AN INSTITUTION

which it must exactly pleased with — A Baptism —

B- Jesus Baptism to John
 reached down to a depth — couldn't be overestimated.

I have been asked to "Team Teach" a course offered at VST, upcoming semester. The lecturer is Father Zigmund of the Saint Ignace Parish - University Endowment Lands. The name of the course is something like "Spiritual Life". The Matter it is about is something like How people find God or are found by God or deepen their relationship to God. It seems to be a growing interest right now. The study of how religious people down the centuries went about deepening their relationship with God.

I can understand why people sign up for a course such as this one. Right now I have much less understanding why anyone would agree to team-teach such a ~~course~~.

But what else is our deepest dissatisfaction about? — something is not right — at the heart of things need to be reconciled with the living truth with whom all life has to do. — need to come to trust what is trust worthy — — to be given life by that which doesn't fail — empowered to live a life that does not wreak destruction all about.

All of us continually experience dissatisfaction. Some because we don't get our way, Some because we have been unjustly done by — And some because we become aware that the majority of the world's people are being unjustly done by.

Near or Far.

as we try to intangible minute details of a ^{single} changed life
or our togetherness in community -

as on the Black Complex story of Intermarriage life
Every day of every week something

This week for me it is the Time Cover Story about
Children + war - across the globe

Has anybody any business being cheerful?

while no-one is taking responsibility for all of that -
while anyone is taking responsibility for any of that

For that Distress also.

What else is at the depths of it?

If only we could get shaking down to our foundations
in God, -

We have sinned for all of that
have the world instead of course it
is flee it

over there

Even a time like ours - for people to be as
a search for God?

ever a time → we don't want formality
→ we want the real thing.

Paul Tillich a theologian writer thinker of the
50's profound impact on my off and thinking

It discussing how God connects with humans
he speaks often of symbols and the symbolic -

of these
 Symbols - means of which we were met by God
 — only a Symbol — ~~was~~ NOT God

Very much like fellow theologians, how early
 - grounded on John's matters

Metaphor of Creator — Word of God
 - ~~being~~ ^{being} no Creator — { sign Metaphor has let.
 - not Metaphor

No words — ~~these~~ word of God
 - Guaranteed Good

Very Much : — I said — Name God.
 Holy of Holies emp
 kind of not that force

Watch what you say — say Only a Symbol

— Do without —
 No other way to God } means of some symbol
 God to you }
 All means get in some form & formula.

free you to make use — symbols you have around
 — many may not work:

Gets them off your back — liberated to use
 as a means of God.

Barren
 Sabbath
 Mediator
 Biblical
 corporate
 work
 clouds
 witness

Stray way ^(time) — Big help — — you can't be sure that you
 have made the big removal to God.
 But you can undertake to make diligent use of
 the means of Grace.

Luther: ~~was~~ not to ~~apologize~~
 he saved for the Church - Original Deliverance -
 & Justification by Grace: -

red Man

Students

Tell me again - about justification

trouble

Believers

~~Believers~~ yet Enemies ~~God~~ Reaches us

I was Baptized