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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1981

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Prelude: "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" J. Walther
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 44 (112) "Rejoice the Lord is King" Darwall
Invocation
Prayer of Confession
Absolution
Ministry of Music "Adagio" A. Vivaldi
Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 23: 7 - 13
Romans 5: 12 - 15
Hymn No. 355 (199) "We Love the Place O God" Quam Dilecta
Gospel Reading Matthew 10: 26 - 33
Sermon "THE FREE GIFT IS NOT LIKE THE TRESPASS"
Rev. Jack Shaver
Hymn No. 452 (94) "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Chorale
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
Announcements
Hymn No. 303 (380) "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
Benediction
Postlude: "Prelude in C" J. S. Bach

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today and invite
you to an informal coffee hour following both services.

Next Sunday

10:30 A.M. Mr. Keith Fraser

7:00 P.M. Chapel

8:00 P.M. Broadcast - Rev. Jack Shaver

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Sun. 6:30 p.m. July
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MUNITIES". Dr. Pau
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Thursday, July 16 --
p.m. "CREATIVE USES
LIFE". Dr. Robert
Union Theological S

SUNDAY, DOWNTOWN SE
Anglican Cathedral
ICANS". Dr. Robert
Ethics at Pacific S
8:00 p.m.

Hazel Noyes, Camp F
camps are now full
accepted. The first
time is being had by
Staff are again inv
camps.

Call to Worship

You and I made some kind of effort to be together in this place. God was part of that effort. God gathers us and gives us to each other in order that we might become presentably unto God without spot or wrinkle or any such thing - It is God who is calling us to this meeting.

Hymn 44. Rejoice The LORD IS KING

Invocations:

almighty God - It would be good to know who's at your right hand. It would be good to know what your right hand is like. It would be good to know what you're like.

That's what we say

That's what we think we mean

If you have already sent Moses and the prophets and even someone from the dead - your witnesses are all around us. Open our eyes to them - open our hearts to each other. That you might be manifest.

10:30 AM:The Free Gift is, not like The Trespass

For a large part of my preaching career
a good-sized portion of the group listening to me at
any one time - got a delayed reaction too - as if
they wanted to say to their neighbors - "What's he
saying?"

It could very well be that that started to
happen about the same time the Apostle Paul
came to have a big influence on my understanding
of Christianity. His style of thinking and speaking
has had its impact.

Whatever that was. I know this, that at times
get the desire to turn to my neighbors to ask "What's
he saying" - when I read Paul's writings.

Thomas substituted from Romans for today's
epistle lesson one just such a passage. He has got
a set of parallel sentences going about the significance
of Adam and the significance of Christ; - runs like a
fuge - intricate turns & reversals - I am sure
he loses track of the pattern - I know I do.

But the piece of music itself captures me
even if I can't follow the intricate pattern.

FREE GIFT IS NOT LIKE THE TRESPASS

Amey- Grace is not like sin

to be reconciled is not like being estranged

to be straightened out is not like being all crossed up

to love the world is not like wanting it to stop so

you can get off.

to embrace life is not like rejecting it and choosing death.

to please God is not like precipitating God's displeasure

there's music in anyone of those remarks

there's big recognition in anyone of those remarks

But Paul's Fugate presents an additional theme.

1. if many died through one man's trespass

MUCH MORE has gift of grace abundant for many

2. Not like in effect.

judgment following one trespass brought condemnation
Free gift following many trespasses brought justification

3. ~ if Death reigned ~ Trespass

MUCH MORE - those who receive the abundance

of grace and the free gift of righteousness

reign in lifeONCE

justification instead of CONDEMNATION

TWICE- MUCH MORE - { Free gift abundant for many
reign in life

Free Gift - More Abundant

- More Sure

That's kind of a whopper.

— I think:

most of us are inclined to think -

Free Gift & rare
& frail

Sin Death Trespas cross ways curse
blatant
& scene

Some one

Write and sing on Outbans:

We could use it -

Constant reminder.

But our other Readings make a counterbalance to the
- them as well.

Jeremiah 20 : -

More striking chapters in all the New Scriptures

Prophet of God accusing God of seducing him

that is the meaning and use of the Hebrew word.

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- next verses comes day 6 was born.

Math Reading : - several Sundays now

Chapter 10 of Math -

Author : - Put together several collections of sayings

teaching of Jesus - Orientation of 12

before they embark on preaching & healing

mission - It all looks like the

kind of material the churches for whom

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Matthew is writing the Gospel need to bear right at the time.

— Most of it has to do with how tough it is going to be —

Whatever this { much more
and abounding to many
justification
abundance of Grace.

include tough going.

You can just hear God saying to Jeremiah

I never promised you a rose garden.

Certain Jesus is reported as preparing the 12 for opposition, betrayal, persecution. expects them to be afraid.

Perhaps that's why we think the Free Gift is raw & foil. —

We identify it with a rose garden.

as if → { having the world
Embodied life.
Reconciled to God } could ever be a rose garden

Is it our

fear & Dread which keeps us from knowing
How sure and abundant is the Free Gift?

Matthew records some of Jesus words of address to the 12 as he speaks to their fear —

⇒ understanding will come - hidden will become clear

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- observe how caring is the natural order.

- if you are going to fear.

fear him who can ~~destroy~~ ^{destroy} both soul & Body.

Everything we dread : pretty overwhelming.

How do you embrace what you dread?

It would be soul-destroying not to.

Because the things we so often dread
are where God abundantly ~~is~~