

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

320 East Hastings Street
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SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1981

Ministers:

Rev. J. J. Cashore

Rev. M. J. V. Shaver

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

Drawing Near to God

Organ Prelude "Adagio"

"Air and Gavotte"

J. S. Bach

S. Wesley

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the time of Pentecost---we are celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

People: There is but one spirit.

Leader: The spirit of God moved into the confusion and uncertainty of the first Christians. The spirit filled them with new power to speak and act the faith that had possessed them.

People: There is but one spirit---then and now.

Leader: God moves again into our confusion and uncertainty ---readying us for fresh commitments.

People: There is but one spirit---then and now---moving in our midst.

Leader: Worship is our time to open ourselves to God's spirit---moving among us and within us.

All: Praise be to God.

Hymn No. 484 "In Thy Pentecostal Splendour"

Prayer of Confession

Response: "We confess that we have resisted your spirit."

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us all speak and hear the good news.

All: God sends the spirit to free us. We are children of God---free to begin again.

Ministry of Music

Scripture Readings

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Corinthians 12: 4 - 13

Ministry of Music

Gospel Reading

Hymn No. 482 (tune 58) "Lord God, the Holy Ghost"

Message

Ms. Bonny Smith

Organists:

A.M. Mr. Peter Janson

P.M. Mrs. Eleanor Bush

7:00 P.M.

Evening Broadcast
(Heard over CKWX at 8:00 P.M.)

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 249 (286) "Dear Lord and Father"

Invocation

Programme Identification

Van. Youth Chorale: "With a Voice of Singing"

Scripture Lessons Acts 2: 1 - 7

Corinthians 12: 4 - 13

John 20: 19 - 23

Ministry of Music - Solo

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (sung)

Van. Youth Chorale: "Bless the Lord O My Soul"

Ippolitof-Ivanov

Sermon HEARING YOUR OWN LANGUAGE

Rev. Jack Shaver

Hymn No. 240 (148) "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

-- off the air --

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Announcements

Hymn No. 245 (143) "Come, Holy Ghost"

Benediction

Veni Creator

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today and in-

vite you to an informal coffee hour following both services.

Next Sunday

10:30 A.M. Mr. Keith Fraser

7:00 P.M. Rev. John Cashore

Hygiene 2019 { Das Hand und Fußhygiene & Desinfektion
- Foyer.

Inventions

This may not be what you have in mind for us. We never quite get over thinking we know before-hand what will be believed & blessed. Our notions of peace stop with our people. In this hour of worship open our ~~hearts~~ ~~mouths~~ as well as our ears to what is called for. Overrule what we ~~are~~ for with what is called for.

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HEARING YOUR OWN LANGUAGE.

When you read The New Testament scriptures -
 it becomes clear that the reason the documents
 that came to make it up were written →
 is that that early Christian movement
 needed to talk to itself and its neighbors
 - about who it was.

How it came to be
 where it was being sent.

Writers - Dug into ~~the~~ roots of the movement
 - contested its meanings -
 - told the story of its significant events

In all that

Role. HOLY SPIRIT ^{was seen to have had} Had in The
 formation of the church & the work
 of Salvation was considerable.

BIG THING with the young church.

Variety of writers place importance
 on it - variety of perspectives.

Pentecost Sunday: Breathing from Outflows
 who did not feel that ~~as a~~ ~~reading~~ ~~thought~~ -

~~was a~~ ~~thing~~ : help > piece of Acts description
 Fear of Pentecost

Paul. Varied gifts of the HS.

- purpose

John. Coming of Spirit upon disciples
 Jesus Breathed in them
~~was~~ of the resurrection
 appearance

What comes of bringing these these readings together?

1 - Among the first things that struck me is that stress now at the close of our Gospel reading: -

"Then sins you forgive will be forgiven the sins you retain will be retained"

Now that this little group has ~~been~~ given the spirit in in in in ?

now that you are truly blessing to do with God and know about the true God.

and one the means whereby people come to know the true God.

... people can be kept from God & you.

Something very solemn about that possibility:-

Truly Humbling -

if not overwhelming - it needs a word.

- can it be avoided -

2 Variety of Gifts - same spirit.

" services - same Lord

" workings - same God unifies the same ^{and one}

To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common Good:-

Gift of the Word Here: - but ^{commonly} - means

Gifts for the good of ~~all~~ | where the Grace of God is denied people

Gifts: - Mine: - what we put down others -

- Others: - allowed to make their

contribution to the common good

3. Book of acts tells the story of the Church
in stylized episodes, Types of events
and ^{typical} preaching matched to ~~the~~ new
Scriptures: —

on the First Fest of Pentecost following
the Resurrection: —

event that matches prophecy in
Isaiah —

“You & Daughters will receive the
spirit & Preach
all men shall hear them ^{God's message}
young men shall see visions.
Manservants & maid servants shall
receive the spirit & shall ~~preach~~ ^{proclaim} ^{perhaps} God's message

~~people~~ ^{people} heard the preaching in ~~their~~ ^{their} own
languages. — some only heard a
bunch of drunks.

As you must know from my title.

That's the line which struck me the
most. —

Conventional ~~scripture~~ — compare the ^{Pentecost} event
with story of ~~the Tower of Babel~~ ^{Tower of Babel}
All humans spoke same language

Coherence & togetherness excited themselves
that interested — entanglement
of many languages — soul chafes
to their inappropriate work.

— Now at Pentecost

reverse event.

Honour → Whatever recognizably went
on because of this spectacular gift
of the Spirit →
not that they all ~~speak~~ a common
language → But that
each heard his / her own.

There is the most remarkable mark of
the Spirit in the Church: -

You don't have to become like me
to hear the word of God.
We don't have to end up all the same.
common language common culture,
This does not mean, ~~no change at all~~.
no change called for.
no radical change ^{in us} ~~wrong~~ all of the
word of God when we hear it.
All of us need continually to be addressed.
Put right. ~~For now, make new~~.

But if we are working with the Spirit,
at being the community in which God's
word is heard — people will hear it
in their own language. It will
address who ~~they are~~ ^{the word of God comes in your} ~~are~~ ^{language} ~~one~~. If we will
recognize it, you ~~don't~~ have to become
something else in order to recognize it.
Yes, just as you are — one addressable,
By one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body — Jews
or Greeks — slave or free — all made to drink of one spirit.