

God Speaks: Listen & Respond

The Meaning of Our Convention

① The Contribution of A Black Presence

- Tom Kilgore's Healing Clergy in Los Angeles
- His Own Healing, Loving Ministry.
- Yet a Prophetic Voice.
- His Vision Coming.

② The Divergence of Our Lives

- Many Strands - All Becoming More
 & Precise.
- Opinions on the Great Issues
 - The Revolution and Theology
- An Open Fellowship - In Which
 We Can Come For Many People.

③ The Seriousness of Theology

- Three Men Discussing Three Words
 Revolution, Reconciliation, Release

④ Letting Him Become More and More a Lay Convention

- Our own Six Weeks
- The Laos of God.

The Meaning of The Presidency

³⁹ The note from Messrs. McAnaney
"Circumstances are God's Dearest Orders"

① My entry into the A. B. C.

- More full college than before
- The experience here
- Later the better presidency
- Many, many opportunities

Particularly with our Bd of Education

- This has been providential

② Now the Presidency

- The Confirmation of His Within Myself
 - From you and His Community
 - From the Women and Our Fellow Workers
- The little line in the newspaper
saw "Humm, Humm"

③ A Speaker man for all the People

- The Possibility and Excitement
of the Love Church.
 - Year of Celebration - Hope - the Spring
- "How God is about to do his
greatest thing."

④ We are in His Together

- The Involvement of A Church.

4. The Same
Term - Term

Go to Grace to Antis Elenes

① Given was A had day

② Given a Side of Love and Wager

- The People at River Valley

Business
Office

Manus Gerdal - The Pentecostal Pastor

Days

- The Personal Ministry of Manus Gerdal

- Most of all - You hear people.

③ A Strong and Wonderful Women

The Word

① You to Sweden

- In the Name down and building up.

May 24, 1970

This is a day of celebration

Call to Worship

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

I have said this to you, that in me you may
have peace. In the world you have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world

Call to Prayer

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

(Choir sing last two stanzas)

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

May 24, 1970

Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"Thou Holy Ghost, Thou makest alive, bless also this our gathering, the speaker and the hearer; fresh from the heart it shall come, by Thine aid, do Thou let it also go to the heart." (Kierkegaard)

THIS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Organ Prelude—"Prelude in B Flat"W. A. Bach
"Chaconne"Louis Couperin

The Chimes

The Choral Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Processional Hymn—"Rise, Crowned With Light, Imperial
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A Word of Christian Greeting

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THE BIRDS THEIR CAROLS RAISE

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Andante Religioso"Mortimer Wilson

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

To your Table, Lord, we bring money, and with these material signs we bring ourselves. Consecrate the money to your service in this place and throughout the world. Take us and make of us a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Anthem—"I Looked to God"Paul Quinlan
Senior High Choir

**Anthem—"O Savior, Hear Me"Christoph Von Gluck
Sanctuary Choir

O Savior hear me, I implore Thee, In Thee alone can peace be found.
Thou canst sustain and Thou restore me Whatere the care that
hover round. When cares of earth to me seem heavy, Heartsore I
seek of Thee relief. Thy holy grace remaineth ever To give me
strength and soothe my grief. Hear my supplication, Turn on me Thy
loving eyes, O turn on me Thy loving eyes, Lord, I long for Thy sal-
vation, And would fain attain the prize.

HE SHINES IN ALL THAT'S FAIR

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THE BATTLE IS NOT DONE

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love"

Benediction and Choral Response

Moment of Silence

The Chimes

Organ Postlude

First Service Only **Second Service Only *Ushers May Seat Latecomers*

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by **Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Connor** as a tribute to the young people.

The radio broadcast this morning over KELO is sponsored by **S. E. Gustafson Construction Company.**

Congratulations to the Graduates of Our Church

High School

Greg Beckman
Connie Buskohl
Rona Carlson
Michael Chapin
Steve Cook
Mary Cooper
Nancy Farrand
Randy Flaskey
Joel Fredrikson
Steve Gardner
Stephany Haas
John Hanson
Mark Herreid
James Heyl
Steve Hurd
Jennifer Immel
James Iosty
Todd Jones

Linda Jorgenson

David Kvien

Mark Larsen

Connie Medema

Lynda Merrill

Mike O'Connor

Amara Oines

John Olson

Alice Palmer

Pam Palmer

Cynthia Parker

Ed Peters

Mike Plooster

Jim Plucker

Mike Pockrandt

Lyndon Ruyter

Sandra Timm

Mary Trenerry

Richard Westensee

Sandra Yager

Debbie Young

Sioux Falls College

Jack Brophy

Michael Carlson

Stephen Fish

Pamela Haugard

Steve Mellegard

James Palmer

Loretta Trenerry

Susan Walker

Other Colleges

Janice Bates

Bradd Clark

Charlotte Heyl

David Nuss

Connie Smith

These are the graduates of whom we are aware. If there are others, please let us know so their names can be listed in the "Times."

In addition, there are a number of Sioux Falls College students who, while not full members of our fellowship, have been very active in our life and work. We are grateful for their contribution.

Reception for the Fredriksons

All our members and friends are invited to a reception on the church lawn this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 for **Dr. and Mrs. Roger Fredrikson** in honor of this being elected **President** of the **American Baptist Convention.**

We have invited the **American Baptist** churches of **Sioux Falls** and **Southeastern Association** to join with us for this time of greeting and fellowship.

High School Baccalaureate

The **Baccalaureate Service** for **Sioux Falls High Schools** will be held this evening at **8:00** at the **Sioux Falls Arena.** There will be no evening worship here at the church.

May 24, 1970

"God Speaks - Listen and Respond

The very nature of the circumstances of the last few days forced me in a way to make this a rather personal message and I trust you will understand this. I must say to you first of all I am ~~not~~ the same person that went away to Cincinatti, do not let what you read always fool you. I am a very ordinary person, you know that and while we may celebrate for a day or two you will soon be treating me as always and that will make me much more comfortable. In the midst of all this going on - when we first got home - we had as you know a wonderfully raucous gathering. When we got off the plane I thought well how are they going to get all of them on that other plane and then all of a sudden I saw a sign go up which read "He's Ours" and then it dawned on me what was taking place. But in the midst of all of this I thought I really needed to do the ordinary thing of cutting the yard and this is not because I wanted to put on a show or something to the neighbors and I must say that Joel who stayed home did a good job, put on the screens mowed the yard and the house was clean. But as I was mowing the front lawn, it didn't hurt because the neighbors could see that I could do this. Some of the children were on their way to school and one of our little neighbors- you know just put me right down where I belong- she said, "Hi Dumb, dumb". And I thought we are right back where we started and isn't it wonderful. A little child shall lead them and a whole lot of other things went through my mind - except you become as a little child etc. But that is the way it is, there are no wings. I keep trying to cut the horns off and all that and then of course we ran into our experience of this last week and I am very happy I can talk to you with peace. I am not going to linger on it except to express gratitude, as Dave has already for the power of love and of prayer. Now Mr. Renner told me I was not to hit the pulpit even though I was the president so I will not do that any more Harold. But you know we had a black Friday and it was a Friday and then in the midst of it all a very wonderful- and I do not know why we get into these things- you know we all ask why- while we were in Cincinatti, Dr. Olson got word that his nephew- the son Bill of his brother John, coming off duty in Viet nam, his last letter saying he hoped to be home

in November, was killed, shot in the back. And he has to be- he is there today with his family, his mother has cancer, broke her hip on the way to the bathroom, his younger brother has cancer, he doesn't say a lot about this. I don't know why, I stand with you on this. I have told you at other times that I do understand the cry of Jesus, My god My God why have you forsaken me" because there are times and it would be foolish to hold that cry in if you felt it. But then the wonder of this grace and love and community the moving of the Spirit began to come in. I hope that every person here in this room or within the sound of my voice at sometime or another has known this. There is a difference between life and death it seems to me is that the person who lives tasted of this kind of community- not necessarily in this particular way, but he has drunk of the life that comes when Gods people surround him, whoever they are with the love the Spirit brings when he is with us. You know the most amazing things take place- a lady in the business office at Sioux Valley Hospital says I want you to know that we are praying for you. A catholic priest calls up and says we are saying special masses. The town just has the most marvelous grapevine. You know if we could keep it working this way instead of some other ways it gets used wouldn't that be wonderful. And then a Pentacostal minister who happens to be the pastor of our custodian and his wife, the Nelson, called and said my wife and I are calling our people. The most marvelous thing and I have just come to know in the past couple of days Jean, Howard's wife, and the kind of woman of faith that she is. I went out for a cup of coffee and here sitting in Kirks' West three of Joel's buddies, marvelous thing, you highschool young people, came by and they stopped to try to converse a little bit, to talk about this and that, the kind of things that high school kids talk about, at least with ministers, you have to be rather guarded in your conversation don't you Joel, and others, but the last boy, Mark Paisley lingered a moment and then said - Mr. Fredrikson- and it isn't easy for senior high boys to talk this way, I am praying for you. And you say you wonder about all of this garbage that gets dumped on the young. I know we have got some bad eggs but I am going to bet on the good ones all the way home. Our dear friend, Marcus Gravadahl, how can I speak of him or Dave or the women that - you know you come home and you think- you know I hope nobody sees how the house looks - after all you know- you throw the papers around- you say

eventually I will clean the place up - and here you find some people have come in, dear ladies, they have gathered the stuff up- and you think what they saw in there- and you try to find your own papers after they have cleaned up - you can't find anything. Now let me just say this about it, in the midst of it all, God does a wonderful new thing. I know this. We find he has drawn us into something new and all of you who believe that can now say amen. And what I am thinking about now are the ones who get hurt, who get ill and no one knows their name and they do not taste of this kind of joy and love. So I am constrained to call on you to ask you to be more loving to the one who is unknown, toward the one who gets ill, lonely in a room, aged, never has been named in the paper that somehow they should know our love too in a very, very, powerful deep way. I have some things that I want to say to you about Cincinnati and I do not pass these onto to you in a kind of propaganda way. Reports about conventions can get to be very dreary things but I do want to speak of just a few things, one is the contribution of Tom Kilgore the first black president that we have ever had. Now Tom Kilgore was not elected just because he was black. I know that this is part of it, Tom Kilgore was elected because he is the pastor of a great church in Los Angeles, the second Baptist Church. This church runs a great downtown day school nursery. It has a tremendous program of teaching with school drop outs. It is involved in the nitty gritty of the heart of the - You know I just have to say before going on to this- I would be amiss if I did not say to you that Ruth said thank our people and I do. Now let me get back to Tom. You know once about a time I never would have done that. But Tom came to the presidency and he ~~is-a-man-of-love---In-Cincinnati~~ is a man I came to love in Cincinnati because he and these people were doing something for God. And many of our Baptist have reservations about this, they wondered how it would go. Wherever Tom went- Thomas- great name- he was the one who cried out- My God- you know in the gospel of John. Wherever he went he left this trail of love and healing and people that had never had a black man in their church had this man of God come and he did for them what probably no one else could have done. He is a combination of a pastor and prophet, the radical business about Tom Kilgore is the face that he loves in a radical way. A wonderful thing happened Hawking Knutson who is-

I will say this somewhat feeciously a booking agent for the American Baptist convention, with whom I have had many dealings during the last few days, was out there- actually he is chairman of the division of field activities - better start learning a few of these things. And he was out there for a morning service and the choir - seventy strong- with some beautiful music, lifting music and when Hawkins got up to speak he said- Tom we have just got to have that choir in Cincinnati if we can- Tom said I called a meeting of the choir- now its a long way of from Los Angeles to Cincinnati and I said would you like to go. Put down \$20 by such and such a date- 61 of the 75 put down the \$20. The people raised just like the young people are having projects here for their project- this church raised fourteen and a half thousand dollars to get the choir from Los Angeles to Cincinnati without touching the local budget. So when they came in and you got this feeling of Tom and that choir it was the point at which and I think the Bonackers and Johnsons and all of the rest of you would agree- it was the point at which we started to become a convention- I felt. The last song that they sang- Wonderful Jesus- some very classical musci- this wonderful black song about Wonderful Jesus just grabbed the convention and I think we got off the ground at this point. We are let me say a heterogenous family. I am amazed at how we stay together. We not only have 750 black churches now in our convention, we have scores of Spanish speaking churches, we have Indian churches, we have Alaskan Eskimoes in our convention, we have Puerto Ricans, Hatians from the island of Hayti, we have young and old, we have men and women and after I was elected I had to go make my peace with the women- I won't go into that here- who are wondering about things and rightfully so but how we stay together at no point was better illustrated than at the morning theological lectures where a man named Carl Henry who represents the traditional point of view, once editor of Christianity today and Harvey Cox, Secular City, Feast for Fools writer who represents another form of theology. These two men, with Dr. Evans distinguished professor from a negro school debated with each other and you might say in a sense and I do not use this politically now, theologically the right and the left were represented in this so at the beginning people would clap ~~and-Ex-and-60x-would~~ when cox said something and Cox said now be quiet- don't take my time and then people would clap when Henry made his points but at the end something was happening and Cox stood up and spoke of his love for Carl

Henry and I noticed afterward how these two men greeted each other. I say this because we are the only- now if you are not Baptist please understand this- we are the only Baptist group in America that has this kind of divergence and we are going to be by the grace of God the home, a place for many kinds of people. Let me say thirdly, I have the feeling that the convention ought to be given back to the people. And I believe that it is beginning to happen. Our six lay people and this takes nothing away from the others who were there, the clergy, our six lay people got into the life of the convention in a remarkable way, at the point of resolutions, point of discussions and involved and I was thrilled that these people who could have gone shopping doing lots of other things like a lot of others spend their time doing at these conventions- there on the nose of the session took part. I have a deep feeling that if we understand what the layie~~ty~~ means, not in the negative sense but in the positive sense not in the clergy sense but in the bibilical sense, the lay-ous are the people of God and in that sense we need to become again a movement of the people which we have always been in our greatest hours. Now in the midst of all of this I found myself taking on this new dangerous and- how shall I put it- costly responsibility. I must say I have great peace about this. I know that this is right, Ruth knows it is right and the amazing thing is that you have said that you feel it is right. This puts our congregation on the line and I must be un-equivocal at this point, we are now involved as we have not been with~~out~~ our own Baptist family. We have been involved but this means a new deeper involvement. There will be lay people called on to do things that you have never done before, there will be a kind of praying concern for each other which I know God wants to lead us into. Now let me put this quite personally- I never thought as a boy anything about any Baptist group except the General Conference - that was my soil, that was my father's home. When he first came to this country as a young boy from Sweden and settling up by Norbeck he was called to the ministry while he was on a thrash crew in a tent, he went to Morgan Park Seminary, theological school in Chicago, I grew up knowing nothing but the Swedish Baptist tradition. When it came time to go to college I sent my application into Bethel- I am going to tell you the whole horrifying truth here, but I did not have enoug~~ht~~ solids- solids are subjects like history-math and I was not exactly a great scholar in high

school - such things as typing and even a course in shorthand where there were thirteen girls and me -were my subjects. So when I was not accepted my Dad said well there is a school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 55 miles away, we will drive down there. We went down Summitt, past Sioux Falls College and ended up at Augustana. I was half way through the enrollment line before I realized I had come to the wrong college. So then we went to Sioux Falls College and for three years, I will never forget. I don't know if Gladys Olson is here today, but Elmer Olson her husband was the business manager, taking the \$75 I had to give him and saying we are going to see-Roger- that you get through. Scared eighteen year old kid. And I got a job downtown which was at the Frisco lunch etc. etc. etc. And for three years my horizons broadened. Had it not been for the difficult days that Sioux Falls College went through- it was a rough time back there- many of you folks know about this- I would have graduated from here. People like Dr. Markeen and Harold Jorgan, they were my deep friends. So I found myself journeying south to a place I had never heard about, involved in the Kansas BYF as it was called in that time and ended up being the President, ended up being the National President and then on into the Youth work of the denomination. This is where I got to know about the American Baptist Convention. When I encountered Luther Wesley Smith, Reuben Nelson, I gave my heart to these men they were men of God. Reuben's background is exactly like my own. I honor and revere these men. I found myself in a situation that I had never dreamt that I would be in- my father and mother- I say this to you with some pain, my Dad died praying this way, that I would come home to this group which he felt that I had left. So sometimes when I talked to you about moving into new country etc. I have talked to you with some pain about this because this has been my own experience. Sometimes what God does is call you out into a greater, a broader, a deeper a more profound responsibility and it is frightening, it has dangers in it and you want to go back to what it used to be, but you can't you see because now you have set your face toward this country and now in the midst of all of this you have come to this point of bearing this responsibility. When I made my response at the convention and Ruth was not very well- I found myself saying with great ease - I was surprised frankly- two things- one let us make this a year of hope, the Spirit, the Family - excitement because God is alive and second let us make this a year when we

focus on the church, the local church, the pastor, the man who is trying to be the general practitioner so to speak with that group of people we call the local church because this can be the most exciting place that a man can put his roots down. And I had all kinds of people come up on the platform afterwards and shake my hand, they write letters, they telephone. Its an amazing thing the response to this kind of thing. I sat down in a press conference- imagine- me having press conferences- I almost wanted to laugh and it was a religious press conference - we talked some about- of course they always get into the matter of the local church and Halfway House and Firehouse etc. I can tell you that I told about my meeting Joe McAuley and being made an honorary member of Alcoholics Anonymous. So the other day in the paper there was a story about a honorary member of Alcoholics Anonymous being the present president of the American Baptist Convention. But one of the men asked a question- he said have you ever had a crisis in your life- I said I think every week- he said a specific one- so I told him about a year ago last February when I passed through what for me was terrible weeks- I fought every Sunday to stand up here- to find some strenght to get through and the last Sunday - you know this- I just looked at Dave and said lets have a hymn and a prayer and go home and then I saw one of our newer members Gene Christopherson and he had his head down and I knew he was praying and so I told you the way it was. I don't know if you understand this, it was a major new point in my ministry because instead of your rejecting me when I told you of my need you affirmed me. Ever since then I have been telling ministers to get real with your people. When I had finished telling this to the press people - one man said to me "Could I see you a minutes" After the others had gone and they had closed the door he said - and the tears started to run down his cheeks- he said I am now in the dark night of the soul- before we got through and this is one of our denominational writers he and I were holding hands and praying that God would deliver and release him. All of a sudden I began to think, all over this country there are these lost scared mixed up people, because they have the denominational label or they are the pastor of some big church and they have LLD or PH D. or this business does not alter the fact that they can be lonely and scared. Believe me god this is the ministry you are going to give me. These people- to help them find deliverance and release. Now it is this ministry that we are

in. We are going to have visitors this year, they are going to come here and I am going to call some of you and say will you keep somebody in your home. they want to come here and see things. There will be new things that God will ask us to do- I know it will unfold in this way. At this point we are in this together. if I did not feel that I could never speak as I have nor could I have said Yes I think this is Gods will. This week Monsenior McAlneny - from St. Josephs Cathedral sent me this letter and in the letter was a little piece of paper with these words on it "Circumstances are God's sealed orders"- think of that- and as I walked in the hospital this week I said you know God I know what this is all about- its like an envelope that I have got in my hand and I am about to tear it open and see what your orders are. It changed the whole thing and peace came to my life for which I thank God. So the circumstance s we find ourselves in become the envelope that has the sealed orders. This God who speaks both by word down within, the event, the act who breaks down and who builds up and of whome Mike has wisely read today, he gives us our seasons this God says I come to you in word, I come to you in need, I come to you in joy. I come to you in pain. In the midst of this my child do you hear my voice and will you respond. If you respond you will find in that both death and life, you will find Good Friday but you will find Easter, you find a tearing down but you will find the building up, you will find what it is like to go through the shadow of death to discover the wonder of life. God speaks - Listen and respond.

The fourth Man

3:1
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13-15-18

① The Situation In Babylon

25

- The Jews Uprooted from home
- The Minors In the Majority
- More and more our Situation
- Where will we go?
 - Capitulante
 - Hide
 - Creatively

Take Our Stand

2.

① The End - 180 4 18

- Test the Loyalty -
- This Always Comes in some way
- The fiery furnace

② The Nineteen Who Refuse to Know

- They know where they are

③ Then the Fattlers

- Yellow or Neely ones

3.

④ They Have Made Their Commitment
- and we know we can count
on him.

⑤ So the Fourth Man is There
- How Open It is His
Way.

⑥ The Side is Turned

A Portion On Everyone

"I will pour Out Upon Everyone a Portion of My Spirit."

① The Call of the Spirit

- We are in something new.
- In the midst of all kinds of strange troubles.
- I have experienced the Power and Joy of this Annew.
- The great Possibility of this coming on all flesh.

② His Is A Present Living Quality

- We a Mostly, Old happening Way
Back Here.

- Cannot be figured in simple, nice
Categories

- Only in the Expression of Life.

✓ - When we see free to be where
They were supposed to be.

✓ - Wishes them with Love

- Bringing them together

- Give them an incredible
Love for the Underdog.

- Comedian and later

- Announcer and Soul

3.

▷ Respite Wishes Probe One

- Prison Doors were Opened
- The Doors were Keen
- Opposition has Overcome
- The Group Showed Up in the Most
Amazing Places

The Possibility of all this is Here Again

① The film "The Cross and the Switchblade"

② The System and the Cross Used

③ The Group Have been Come together
on Thursday Respite.

4.

Now I Get Into Him?

- Not the Fall or Rise
- Not the Ice of Morning Out -
Evening - Believing.
- Too Long We Have Tried To Do
Everything In Our Own Strength.

Acts 2:14-21 (N.E.B.)

But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: 'Fellow Jews, and all you who live in Jerusalem, mark this and give me a hearing. These men are not drunk, as you imagine; for it is only nine in the morning. No, this is what the prophet spoke of: "God says, 'This will happen in the last days: I will pour out upon everyone a portion of my spirit; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Yes, I will endue even my slaves, both men and women, with a portion of my spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the sky above, and signs on the earth below-- blood and fire and drifting smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before that great, resplendent day, the day of the Lord, shall come. And then, everyone who invokes the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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Call to Prayer

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Conclusion of Scripture

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Words of Welcome

May 31, 1970

Announcements

1. Welcome

These two institutions

~~Many~~ Special Days of Meaning

- Welcome to all Angelenos

2. Gratitude for the flowers
given by the Jack Brophy Family in joy
and gratitude for their life with the
Family of God in this place.

3. Rosebud on the piano in honor of
Douglas Grey, Jr., a son born to Mr.
and Mrs. Douglas Barstow

4. SFC Baccalaureate at 11:00
SFC Commencement at 2:30 in the Coliseum

5. Evening Worship at 7:30

Friday Night

Go Long! Angelenos!

9:30

Belmont

10:30

First Baptist Church

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Eight-thirty o'clock

"Thou Holy Ghost, Thou makest alive, bless also this our gathering, the speaker and the hearer; fresh from the heart it shall come, by Thine aid, do Thou let it also go to the heart." (Kierkegaard)

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Anthem—"For We Are One" Judy O'Sheil
Senior High Choir

For we are one in the love of Christ. If we die with him, we will rise up to life. If in your life love abounds, Seek no further; for God is found. Oh, when your brother cries out tears, Share with him his hopes and fears. Oh, when great joy fills your heart, Open up; a smile will start. Share all your goods with your fellow man; Walk together hand in hand. His Body we eat; his Blood we drink; Of the Bread of Love we eat heartily.

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THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

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Fellowship Singing Led by Joe Noble

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The Evening Prayer

Solo Joe Noble, Tenor

Evening Meditation—"The Fourth Man" Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

Hymn of Invitation

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Moment of Silence

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 31—4:30 p.m.—Senior High Choir

5:15 p.m.—Junior High Choir

MONDAY, June 1—7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, June 2—9:15 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Room 122

10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor

12:00 noon—Men's Bible Study, YMCA

7:00 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, June 3—6:45 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, YMCA

7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Parlor

THURSDAY, June 4—7:30 p.m.—WMS Executive Board, Parlor

8:00 p.m.—Women's Mission Society, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, June 5—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, Smitty's Pancake House

May 31, 1970

"A Portion of My Spirit"

Roger L. Fredrikson

I am aware that on Pentacoast Sunday Pastor Dave gave a powerful and moving sermon from all reports on the meaning of the Spirit, and I in no sense want to try to redo what he did on that day. I must tell you that I have been made so profoundly aware in the last two or three weeks of the Spirit that I was driven as I read the book of Acts again to this passage which is so familiar that perhaps we can dismiss it lightly but this passage which speaks about God pouring his flesh out on all Spirit. Now if I understand anything about the nature of the times we are really living in a paradoxical situation, on the one hand there is a fantastic awareness of the problems of modern man that run all the way from Vietnam and Cambodia to our own back yards. There is almost an overwhelming, what shall we say, fatigue, to capitulate and give in to all these problems. On the other hand in the midst of this, here and there, one hears in a remarkable way the voice of hope because men believe that God is alive. And this God of whom the people speak is not one little isolated kind of thing off in the corner, but a great moving reality in the midst of life, not only personal life but the life of the world. May I say that these voices, these groups, these people who speak this way are not confined to one denomination. We sometimes have said over and over again that the only people that speak at all about the spirit are the Pentacostals. This is a day that now is long far gone. The fact of the matter is that all manner of groups are asking once again what is it that God should live among his people intimately in his Spirit. And this is why I was gripped when I saw again that Peter on the day of Pentacoast answered to the criticism of the day says - reminding them of the great old prophecies "I will pour out my Spirit upon everyone" and the other translations has it "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh". I can remember Bruce Larson saying so well in our clergy conferences "Some people are saying that we are coming to the end, I should like to say that we have come to a new beginning. And I have this deep feeling that many old things are dying there are many new things that are emerging and what really is emerging in the depth and reality of the situation

is that God through his Spirit is beginning to form a new kind of community, a community of faith that understand radically the love of Jesus and will move in obedience on the impulse of the Spirit that is within. Now let me just say personally I have been utterly overwhelmed this last week, I would not venture to tell you how many letters have come, they have come from every segment of our Baptist family. There have been wires and phone calls and I speak of this now with almost a sense of embarrassment and yet with a sense of gratitude. And what these letters and phone calls in essence have expressed is a longing for reality, a desire that somehow we can not any longer play games and be arguing about all the wrong stuff, but the church ought to get on with the big business of coming a redemptive, healing fellowship once again in this world of ours. I have the feeling and I think you understand this that we are not going to be able to say what we do not do ourselves. I cannot ask you to take someone into your home that is unknown to you if I am not willing to do the same thing. We cannot talk to the world about how they are going to love each other and get along which we are always doing with long fingers unless we can love each other here in the house of God. The places in the epistle say that judgement must begin in the house of God, that is exactly right. What we say must grow out of a kind of demonstration that the spirit is here, we have know and tasted his reality and it is out of this that we share the witness that we have to make. Now if this is to happen then there must be a profound openness to what the Spirit wants to do and be. And of this I am convinced most of us are afraid. Let me put it in its most intimate way. The Spirit really in one way is God living within human beings. In his resurrection power. When Henry Pitt Van Dusen wrote the great book on the Spirit he said "Our theology has been all wrong because we have started from God and tried to argue down to man". So we start with vast realities that we cannot get ahold of and somehow try to get back to us. He said we should start with God in us, with us, the Spirit, move on to the Son and arrive at the Father. I am convinced that this is the new theology for when we talk about the Holy Spirit, what are we saying- that God has stooped so low that he has gotten beyond his transcendence, his eternal reality and has come in to time not just to live in the day of Jesus but to live in my day and my life if I will let him. And the wonder of this is all kinds of incredible possibilities. Pentacost was not the ending of something, it was the

beginning of something. I used to sit in Sunday School class and hear over and over again people say the Spirit was given for an apostolic age, it had to be back there to give a demonstration, but that ended when the apostles died. I don't believe it any more at all. I think what we have got in the book of Acts, let me say again are a few case studies of what happens when people dare get serious about the reality of God, and dare believe that he can live among us, common and lowly. Never forget for a minute that what the prophecy said is that his spirit given among all men on every one is not just for a few chosen, kind of essertic, theologically inclined people it is for slaves as well as for the mighty. One of the most powerful witness in the tweniety century is a man named Ralston Young in Grand Central Station, a black man, who carried peoples bags, who discovered that this was his mission field, full of the Spirit that in some ways lite up Grand Central Station. You cannot say that he belongs here or there when the great God says that he is for everyone. Now what do we discover when we start moving through this book as to what the Spirit does. He set man free to be what God intended them to be. I have the feeling that many of us, you know we are all kind of stuck down, we can't quite let go and I am not talking about something that becomes wild eyed and all of this, I am speaking about the kind of freedom to be the kind of human being that God intended us to be , to drink of life, to rejoice as Jesus did, let it be a party is you will. We all now that on this day there are infinite possibilities because God is in it and by his Spirit I can see these possibilities and move into them. That is why you have got people all the way through the book of Acts, the Peters and the Sauls and the Stephens and all these people what happened to them. They were freed on the inside, and when they got free then Peter could stand up and say we ought to obey God rather than man and these fellows that were trying to judge them they got all shook up and had their conferences to see what are we going to do now, because free men were facing men that were all structured and scared. So what the Spirit does then and does now is to set me free and you and I can become in some wonderous way what God meant me to be. Now I cannot tell you what you are supposed to be, that in a wonderful sense is what God will unfold in your life if you allow him. A second thing that I am struck by all through this book is that they were filled with a incredible kind of love. Now our great problem and I have said this many times, is that we write about love, we write books

about love , the psychiatrist are saying from beginning to end the age is crying for love. And everybody theorizes about it and then once in awhile you stumble on some who dare to love. I have traveled for these weeks with Bill Milliken, Bill Milliken's hair hangs long, just like Gary Bentleys, he has love in him, he has written a book about "Tough Love" and it does not come out of something that he got out of a classroom - it is forced, out, beat out on the streets of New York in these last eight years. And he will talk gamely about his failures, but you are with a man like this but on the other end is Lloyd Oggelby, sophisticated pastor of a suburban church in the middle of the steel industry in Bethlehem, Pa. Both men are filled with the same love. It isn't because I grit my teeth and say I am going to love you come hell or high water. It is because God in his Spirit gives to a man what is the greatest of his gifts, now abideth, faith, hope, love and the greatest of these is love. That somehow these men and we today have the possibility of not only loving each other but loving the unloved. Great miracles that have taken place within our own fellowship in the last few months have been the miracles of people who dare to love someone that was unlovely. We sat here in church one Sunday night and to our utter amazement saw a daughter and mother forgive each other and pray for each other/ It would not have been possible without the Spirit and what happened in this one simple case is the thing that God wants to do all over across all the battle lines and the divisions and the brokenness of our world. Or take this, there mighty works that broke out all over the place, you see it is one thing to say I am going to do these things and another thing to say I am open to the Spirit and if he wants to do whatever he wants to do in my little life then I would like to let him do that. It is almost with amazement that Peter and John early in the book find themselves standing by this man at the ~~age~~ gate the beautiful gate at the temple and saying to him, we haven't got anything to give you but in the name of Jesus get up and walk. And you can almost hear this gasp themselves that God does this business there. This is the way it is all the way through the book. We have sensed, let me tell you, a mighty work, Ruth and I and our children, just in the fact that you loved us just the way we were. And what we have felt I long for every family in this congregation to feel, that somehow the great work of God is when we reach out in the Spirit of Jesus to each other and let that love perform the things that God wants us to do. If this can happen lights will go on all over the

place and miracles will begin to happen. Here is a man crippled and he walks, here is a man who is blind and his eyes are opened. All kinds of strange things and we look at them and we dismiss them and we say this is ridiculous. Yet God keeps saying my Spirit is still alive and still around. And then you know what happened, the gospel didn't get hung up in one little place, stay in Jerseulem, and people went around and had a tea party over it. It got flung out all over the place and this is always been the creating power of the story of the Christian life. I stood on the platform in Cincinatti on the last night of our convention, now we are in bad shape folks, we are not sending out any new missionaries this year, we do not have the money we say. We sit around and play tittle-winks and worry and get all hung up about the stock market, of course we have got concerns about things like that, we clutch our dollars, our steaks, many of us drive our cars and yet we have got the people that come walking down that thin line of missionaries and yet the miracle is that with as little faith as we have had that God has done as much. The report for the first quarter of this year indicates our giving as a convention is \$214,000 behind the giving of last year. A country that is throwing stuff in garbage cans and just spending a lot of its substance on frankly foolishness and until we get serious at this point about God's claim on us he will never bless a lot of our talk. How does the gospel get out to the places. Except for the fact that it filled men and they moved out men and women and they were faithful and the stories in this church that amount to something are where people said beyond the ordinary kind of thing here is the thing that God has asked me to do and I am going to do it. This is the age of the Spirit. The division of the house dear friends is going to come between the people that dare believe in it and the ones who say Well- I don't know. While we were in Cincinatti, some of our people saw the film, Ruth and I did not get to see it unfortunately, but I have asked our local commercial theater people to bring it here as soon as they can, The Cross and the Switchblade. I am frankly heartened by the fact that we set up a line of credit of a hundred thousand dollars to get this film made. When I heard that Pat Boone was in it I thought well it will be kind of a nice little song and dance thing, but the struggle of Pat Boone to find himself is found in the film, he plays the part of Dave Wilkerson and according to all that we have heard it is done in good taste and is done with a kind of restraint that really has

inspiration in it. What is the story about? It is a story about an unlettered man who moved almost you might say up against the gates of Hell in the Spirit and look what happened. There were some Catholic sisters who visited in Sioux Falls, they went out to the Half Way House on a Monday night and sat and had a discussion with the men there. One of these is a sister from the Twin Cities that is working with a group of people that is cutting through all of the fuzzy theorizing about dope and doing this in the Twin Cities with kids who are hung up on this dope as Wilkerson is doing in New York. Fantastic things, in one case a Pentacostal and in another case a Roman Catholic. This is exactly what I mean by the fact that God is going to let his Spirit come if people dare believe. Some of the kids in our community -we can sit around until we are blue in the face and talk about the kids running the streets in Sioux Falls, but nobody seems concerned about and three or four young people in this community, a college boy and a couple of high schools kids said lets do something about it and for five or six Thursday nights a group have gotten together in homes meeting to discuss about Jesus Christ and pray. You will say well what difference does that make, lets those of us who theorize and find it so terribly easy to theorize and analyze do something before we get on that kind of bench of hypocrisy. I want us to understand this morning with all that is in us that the Spirit is alive and drawing and breaking through and bringing new life and love and by the grace of God he calls us into this kind of a life. I sense in you a deep yearning, I sense in others of you a great joy, let me say any one of us can live in this life if we dare believe and dare move out after waiting as they did into a style of life for which I am convinced the 20th Century yearns and I trust we can become more and more this kind of company of people.

The Word Is Here

We Have Taken A Need of Here

① We Here About the Spherical and Crossing

- The Weather

- Health

- Income

② What We Deep, Fundamental, Basic
Issues of Life

- Matter

- Joy

- Meaning

- Forgiveness

"Once be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!"

① What God has done

② What he is doing!

③ What he will do!

Joe and Smith McCullen

Herman and Ruth Van Cinsdale

Day of Joy and Celebration

- Gratitude in the Supper

Group With Us

- "So Loved" Angels
- Group Who Got Forgotten a Year Ago
And Now on a Tour.
- Lee Korman Van Arsdale

June 7, 1970

Announcements

1. Welcome
2. Gratitude for the flowers
Platform, from the wedding of Stephen Nord and Carol Grinde in memory of Stephen's mother, Nan Coon Nord

Baptistry, from the wedding of Donald Paulson and Linda Grocott
3. Rosebud on the piano in honor of Dionne Michelle, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Poppinga
4. Evening Worship at 7:30
The So-Loved Singers from Fort Scott, Kansas
5. Second Anniversary Open House
at The Glory House
2:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. today
6. Vacation Church School
June 9-12 and 16-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Jerry and Sonja Adrian

Ray and Bernetta Cronk

Clive and Leola Egan

Jan and Linda Miller and daughter Lisa

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

June 7, 1970

Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"Remind me, Jesu, yet again Of all Thine anguish and distress, Remind me of Thy soul's deep pain." (from a Danish hymn)

HERE AT THY TABLE, LORD, THIS SACRED HOUR

Organ Prelude—"When in the Hour of Deepest Need" Alfred Sittard

The Chimes

The Procession of the Banner

The Choral Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Processional Hymn—"In Christ There Is No East or West" 480

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O LET US FEEL THEE NEAR, IN LOVING POWER

The Call to Celebration

The Greeting of New Members

The Renewal of Our Covenant

A Greeting from Joe McAuley on the Occasion of the Second Anniversary of the Halfway House

SIT AT THE FEAST, DEAR LORD, BREAK THOU THE BREAD

The Eating of the Bread

Music by the "So Loved Singers" of Fort Scott, Kansas

The Drinking of the Cup

Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CALL ALL OUR THOUGHTS AWAY FROM SELF AND SIN

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music by the "So Loved Singers"

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Most merciful Father, take our hands which have held holy things and work through them; Take our lips which have tasted the signs of the body and blood of our Lord and speak through them; Take our bodies which have received the bread and wine and make them fit temples of thy spirit; Take our minds and think through them; Take our hearts and fill them with thy love that we may truly serve thee in the world. Amen.

COME THEN, O HOLY CHRIST, FEED US WE PRAY

The Sermon—"The Word Is Hope" Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

TOUCH WITH THY PIERCED HAND EACH COMMON DAY

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Saviour, Like a Shepherd

Lead Us"401

Receiving the Fellowship Offering

Benediction and Choral Response

Moment of Silence

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FRIDAY, June 12—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, Smitty's Pancake House

June 7, 1970

"The Word is Hope"

Roger L. Fredrikson

My dear friends as we have moved through this service we have had a marvelous sense of Hope which is almost a lost word in our world. It is the tough little word that holds faith and love together in Pauls great words "And now abideth faith, hope, love" and while he says the greatest of these is love, the fact is that love gives birth to hope. I do not know when we have lived in as paradoxical a time as we do now. The darkness for those who live in it is full of despair. Life for those who live in it is like a shining, glorious thing and in one days time you can walk from darkness into the light. I just have to tell you that on Friday night when these wonderful young people and our young people who have been housing them and helping feed them with Floyd Farrands help and some others. When they sang at the Firehouse there were literally kids that went out on the street and brought others in and we just had a packed place. One girl stood at the door and said "Well I just came to look in" afterwhile with a boyfriend went right across the room and sat down at the table on the other side of the room. And one of the young men before the evening was over a young man that plays the guitar, Frank, said "I am going to say - and I am not a speaker - I am going to say something that I have never said before - that on this trip I have become a Christian, I have met Jesus," As a matter of fact it happened on Friday in Sioux Falls, So we felt hope just moving through the place, but it isn't only there, I was called on the phone (I have some of the most interesting telephone conversations- if you only knew)- I talked this morning - thats another one- to a church in California who asked that I bring greetings to the congregations in the morning service - they call it a tele-mission- and for about three minutes I talked to a congregation way out there just before the service. But a man called up and he is the head of the state Commission on Alcoholism, he had heard about the half-Way House and the great work and were greatly interested in it. We have been very jealous of the place because we want to kind of run it our way- wedon't want to be filling out all kinds of forms and checking in with somebody, we want to do that among ourselves don't we Harold and Joe. He said we are thrilled with what is going on - that a bunch of people would tackle something like this and we want to send you a gift,

He said the check will be in the mail- I thought well \$50 we can always use that. A check for \$500 is on the way. Some of us had just gone to the bank for the second time to get through the summer. Two of us who signed had no money but the third one does so- that will about take care of half it. Over the phone I said to this man and I don't think I have ever met him- his first name is Martin- I said I don't know whether you are a believe or not but I would just like to give thanks over the phone- he said I am a believe- you give thanks. So over the phone I thanked God. I tell you this because you see there is hope. What we have celebrated here today is what God has done it will never be undone. He bared his arm and as these young people sang- nobody understood him- they marred him, they threw him out and in the end in the weakness of Jesus God did his mighty thing. He did it, but it isn't just back there it is now, it is today, it is what he is doing now in this moment. Some of us came into this service heavy of heart and we were discouraged, its been a rough old week and we have run into a lot of things, but as the service has gone along God has just been picking us up because he is doing his thing in our lives. We came kind of scattered, you know lots of things divide us, we don't understand each other some of the time but what does he do, miracle of his Grace he breaks down the walls, he draws us together and we discover over and over that we are again a congregation - that is what God is doing now. And those of us who have the greatest time living are the ones that know that today may be the greatest thing I have ever seen done. The whole book of acts is full of it and somebody prayed the other night "Lord, we are standing on tip toe to see what you are going to do". And it isn't only what he is doing now, it is what he is going to do tomorrow. Dear people Vietnam is not the last word, the horror and wretchedness of the great cities is not the last word, it is what God is going to do - a new heaven and a new earth. Now I just felt deep within me that right out of our congregation we ought to have affirmation of this kind of hope. You know that today we are celebrating the second anniversary of the Half Way House. I don't want to make over things like this and put them over against the ongoing stuff because there is just as much thrill in this and there is in anything. This wild crazy thing of having a home so that people could come and find love and maybe some hope and maybe a new beginning. You know we wondered time after time if it would pass beyond the first month or two. Joe and Edith McAuley left with their three daughters to come up here and live 24 hours a day with men who in many cases

are angry, four and five and six time losers who come in and open the ice box and taken what they want and sometimes they are obnoxious but they are God's people. Somebody has to break the vicious circle and here we have this place, this kind of old house of seven gables, I hope we never change it to any other color , but there it is, you can hardly walk in without feeling the hope. So I said, Joe, on this communion Sunday and by all means on this anniversary sunday I think it would be a good thing if you and Edith could stand before the congregation and in your own language which I hope the people will understand Joe- because you make up your own English as you go along - that you would be able to say just a word about what you see God doing.

Well you know Herman and Ruth Van Arsdal were our neighbors at Dell Rapids and we came to love them very very much , they served us there and the people loved them. Would you believe that Van started the United Fund for Dell Rapids. He got carried away with golf and got going with a golf course up there and then they felt called to Fort Scott which is where they went, but they have reached out through the church and have touched young people like these and others and you will remember that about a year or year and a half ago we got word that the ~~the~~ daughter of the Van Arsdals was very sick and eventually died after a very short illness. We sustained them at that time with what prayers we could give. To see them come back and just be a part of us again is a joy and Van and Ruth I wonder if you would come and just share a word of hope with us at this communion table today.

God With Us

Neane Hermanson

① God Coming Near With His Grace
3:30.

② Great Companion Ship: Snow
5:21-24

③ The Power of Creativity, Minutes 6:1-8
- Birthfulness, Radical Obedience

The Word We Cannot Avoid

The Power of Dissentance

① The Word Is Repentance

- The Negative - A Great Positive Word
- Jonathan Goforth in China
- The Great Awakening - Jonathan Edwards
- In Arm Haine - My Father
- In our own Congregation

② Turning from My Wandering

- Disobedience and Rebellion -
But Now Coming Home
- Total Turning

③ We Are Ultimately Responsible

→ The Paul Harvey Tape

- Since of it Confused Abml.
- Only one thing I'm worried

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The Cry of the Prophets

① Jeremiah

- We are Anguish with the Sinner at the bar.
- Suffering - often called a Father

② The Great Sin

- Their Foreign Policy Had Gone to Hell Because They Thought They Could Handle Their Own Affairs
- Unbelief Against God.
 - Wandering After Other Gods.
- The Sin of Cheating and Double-Talk
- Violating Their Oathmen.
- Men Called friends, Crooked Wre

③ The Will of God for This Country

- Violence - Cheap Money - Careless Legislation

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The Cry of John the Baptist

- ① Turn - Repent - Something Better is coming
 - A Baptism with fire
 - One whose Name I Am Not
Worthy to Die.
- ② The Sin Became Specific
 - Cheating one another
 - Living Herod with his false wife.

The Cry of Jesus

- ① Repent and Believe
 - Turn from Sin
 - Turn to Faith
 - These are Gifts.
- ② Cannot have faith without Repentance
 - Zacchaeus - Mary -

The Early Christian Era

① The Thrust of the Gospel

- With its powerful Affirmation of Jesus.

② Then the Cry: What Must We do?

- Repent and be Baptized

③ The Early Church

- Lives by Repentance
- Ananias and Sapphira

Our Own Lives

① Where About God?

- His Sense of Life and Time

② Our Relations With Our Fellowmen

- The Charities Things We Do

③ Fact of Love and Pardon of Heart

- An Copy Black
- The letter

Jeremiah 5:1-4, 7-9, 20-24

Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem
and see for yourselves;

search her wide squares:

can you find any man who acts justly,
who seeks the truth,

that I may forgive that city?

Men may swear by the life of the Lord,
but they only purjure themselves.

O Lord, are thine eyes not set upon the truth?

Thou didst strike them down,

but they refused to learn.

They set their faces harder than flint
and refused to come back.

I said, 'After all, these are the poor,
these are stupid folk,

who do not know the way of the Lord,
the ordinances of their God.

How can I forgive you for all this?

Your sons have forsaken me and sworn by gods
that are no gods.

I gave them all they needed, yet they preferred
adultery,

and haunted the brothels;

each neighs after another man's wife,

like a well-fed and lusty stallion.

Shall I not punish them for this?

the Lord asks.

Shall I not take vengeance

on such a people?

Tell this to the people of Jacob,
proclaim it in Judah:

Listen, you foolish and senseless people,
who have eyes and see nothing,
ears and hear nothing.

Have you no fear of me? says the Lord;

will you not shiver before me,

before me, who made the shivering sand to
gound the sea,

a barrier it never can pass?

Its waves heave and toss but they are powerless;
roar as they may, they cannot pass.

But this people has a rebellious and defiant heart,

rebels they have been and now they are clean gone. They did not say to themselves,

'Let us fear the Lord our God,
who gives us the rains of autumn
and spring showers in their turn,
who brings us unfailingly
fixed seasons of harvest.'

Matthew 3:1-3

About that time John the Baptist appeared as a preacher in the Judaeian wilderness; his theme was: 'Repent; for the kingdom of Heaven is upon you!' It is of him that the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'A voice crying aloud in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him."'

Acts 2:37-38

When they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the apostles, 'Friends, what are we to do?' 'Repent,' said Peter, 'repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

Jeremiah 33:1-9

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time while he was still imprisoned in the court of the guard-house: These are the words of the Lord who made the earth, who formed it and established it; the Lord is his name: if you call to me I will answer you, and tell you great and mysterious things which you do not understand.

These are the words of the Lord the God of Israel concerning the houses in this city and the royal palace, which are to be razed to the ground, concerning siege-ramp and sword, and attackers who fill the houses with the corpses of those whom he struck down in his furious rage: I hid my face from this city because of their wicked ways, but now I will bring her healing; I will heal and cure Judah and Israel, and will let my people see an age of peace and security. I will restore their fortunes and build them again as once they were.

I will cleanse them of all the wickedness and sin that they have committed; I will forgive all the evil deeds they have done in rebellion against me. This city will win me a name and praise and glory before all the nations on earth, when they hear of all the blessings I bestow on her; and they shall be moved and filled with awe because of the blessings and the peace which I have brought upon her.

June 14, 1970

Announcements

1. Welcome

Pelle and Ingrid Ohleson from Stockholm

2. The flowers on the Communion Table are given by the church to the Fredrikson Family in gratitude for eleven years of ministry among us.

3. Rosebuds on the piano in honor of David Larry, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson

James Jay, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hink

4. Vacation Church School continues this week Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-11:30

5. Need in Peru
(wire attached)

6. Need for a home
Girl from Huron coming June 20.
Will need a home in which to stay while attending college.
Will be working full time at the phone company--will have a car.

7. Last Sunday for Gerald and Claudette Christensen and family

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

June 14, 1970

Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"Whither should we turn, if not to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ? Where might the sufferer find consolation, if not in Thee? Ah, and where the penitent, if not with Thee? Lord Jesus Christ?" (Kierkegaard)

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Organ Prelude—"Expressivo")

"Allegro") from Sonata No. 2.....Thomas Augustine Arne

The Chimes

The Choral Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Processional Hymn—"Turn Back, O Man, Forswear Thy

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Dedication of Parents and Children

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TUNE MY HEART TO SING THY GRACE

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Adagio" from Sonata No. 2Thomas Augustine Arne

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Father in heaven, as we bring these offerings before Thee, we confess Jesus Christ as Savior of men and the light of the world; together we acknowledge his right to command; we commit ourselves anew to bear witness to him among men; we offer ourselves to serve all men in love; we accept afresh our calling to make visible our unity in him; we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for our task. Through thy holy name, hear us. Amen.

*The Solo "The King's Highway"
Jean Blacksmith, alto

**The AnthemSanctuary Choir

JESUS SOUGHT ME WHEN A STRANGER

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Selected Passages from
Jeremiah 5, Matthew 3:1-3, Acts 2:37-38

The Gloria

The Sermon—"The Word We Cannot Avoid"Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

PRAISE THE MOUNT! I'M FIXED UPON IT

The Call to Prayer

Our Prayer for the Family of God

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HERE'S MY HEART, O TAKE AND SEAL IT

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Benediction and Choral Response

Moment of Silence

The Chimes

Organ Postlude

First Service Only **Second Service Only *Ushers May Seat Latecomers*

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The radio broadcast this morning over KELO is sponsored by **Miller Funeral Home**.

THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude

Fellowship Singing

Greetings and Announcements

Singing a Hymn

Receiving the Offering

Reading the Scripture—Selected passages from the early chapters of Genesis

The Evening Prayer

The Solo—

Evening Meditation—"God With His People"Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

Hymn of Invitation

The Benediction

Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Moment of Silence

The Chimes

Organ Postlude

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, June 15—7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, June 16—9:15 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Room 122

10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor

12:00 noon—Men's Bible Study, YMCA

WEDNESDAY, June 17—7:45 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, YMCA

7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Parlor

THURSDAY, June 18—Women's Mission Society Circle Meetings

FRIDAY, June 19—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, Smitty's Pancake House

6:30 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. Class Picnic, Sherman Park

June 14, 1971

"The Word We Cannot Avoid "

Roger L. Fredrikson

My friends the word is repentance and it does not come easily for us. I do not today speak in anger, I do not speak in any attempt to spank you, I speak because of the need that we have to rediscover in the midst of our lives the meaning of repentance. One of the reasons that I was drive to this word was when I picked up a little paper back entitled "By My Spirit". This gives an account of Jonathan Goforth a name that I had not known before a man who around the turn of the century was moved as he moved across China was moved to be used by God. And at point after point it was right close to the box of rebellion in those days. At point after point where people open themselves to God there came a Spirit of repentance. My own life was ouchted frankly and a yearning came into it as I read this. I have know of time like this. As a boy I remember my father serving out here at Sun Prairie, this was a church that had been badly divided, I think you have heard me speak of this, a minister had gotten into trouble and the church was badly split. Seventy of the people had walked out, but one night in a public meeting a strange and wonderful thing happened. The two men who had been the agtagnoists met at the front of the church and put their arms around each other and there was great reconcilation and repentance. And do you know that there was something released in that church that night that had a profound effect on its life. I was asked to come back up when my father had died for the 75th anniversary of that church and the minister then spoke of that experience saving that country church. I picked up again, with this in my mind, an account and perhaps some of you may not know about it or may not look down in a sense, it is the experience of Jonathan Edwards preaching in Endfield Connecticut. Many of us believe that Jonathan Edwards was some kind of a ranter and a raver, a man who ran back and forth on the platform like Billy Sunday. Jonathan Edwards was an intellectual, a Harvard professor named Barry, wiritng on Jonathan Edwards says that probably he was one of the

half dozen most creative minds this country ever had. When Jonathan Edwards got up on that Sunday morning in the 1700s he opened a manuscript, he had glasses, he did not read very well, and he began to read and was moved by the Spirit as he did it, he began to read about sinners in the hands of an angry God. And as he preached the sermon there came over that congregation amazing sense of Gods presence. People stood and asked each other for forgiveness, it seems very strange to us, and for the most part they were good church people, yet it is said that that marked the beginning of what is known in American history as the great awakening, a moment of great repentance. With this in mind I went back and moved through the scriptures, just picking them up point after point, particularly in the Prophets you heard the anguish cry, it is Micha, it is in Isaiah, in Amos, all of them , this cry of repentance. The need for the people of God to be cleansed and renewed. Why is this, because in both the sense of the verticle toward God and the sense of the horizontal toward men, man has become a wanderer. These are Gods people but they have left him, repentance is a calling back, it is a coming home, it is like a child and let us be careful that we give this its full meaning, it is like a child that says I am running away from home, ~~and~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~here~~ ~~any~~ ~~more~~ ~~and~~ ~~he~~ ~~takes~~ I can't stand it here anymore and he takes off. The next thing that we know months have gone by and we don't know where the boy is. One day there is a knock at the door and how the boy is there, changed, he has aged, he is wiser perhaps, but there he stands and he says Dad and Mother, I have come home. Now it was not enough to sit out there wherever it was, or to be out there wherever it was. It was the coming back that is the repentance, it is not saying in myself I will go home or do this, it is the doing of it. The Prophets you see stand often as the lonely characters over against the people and sometimes they many times they started with the public events, the getting mixed up in foreign policy, this mistreatment of the poor, the miscarriage of justice, all of this is

what they started on - they said this is wrong, because of the God whome we are suppose to serve who is calling us back again. This in a sense was turning from a wandering back to a kinship, the fatherhood of the one who had brought them into existance and made his covenant with them. This is a great word. I have heard people say, well repentance means to turn back, and that seems kind of an empty thing until one moves through and starts to catch this. This is no little isolated affair. This says to the whole nation, you are called to repentance, you have done wrong, you have bedded down with the wrong folks, you have hoared after other Gods you have left the true God who brought you into existance, repentance is always a calling back to this. Now this could neve happen if we were not morally responsible. There is something deep within many that makes him a responsible creature. It is not possible for me to live just for myself, I think I may but if I do I die. And it is in this call to come back to life again that the possibility of repentance is. I heard a tape this week, in a most suprising situation in a mans office. It was a newscaster who played the recording that had been found ~~of this tape~~ near the body of a young man who had taken his own life, he was high when he did it, maybe you heard it on the radio, and the tape recording, and the newscaster introduced this by saying, the parents of this young man came to me and said we ought to do something with this for the good of the people, and particularly the parents, so this was played, and at the beginning the newscaster said, this, this is bein g sponsored by so and so and then he played the tape. Much of it was garble, but it was full of agony, and finally after talking about his mother a bit, talked about how he got started, he said I am high right now, I don't know if the words are coming out straight I must say that my greatest fear is the one that I am going to face in just a few minutes. He misquoted the scripture, talked about the death in which he lived, then the tape stops and the newscaster went on to say, this young man shot himself. The point that I want to make, in the depths of Hell,

you and I know we are responsible. That is why repentance is at the heart of starting back. Responsible to the one who gave you life. I am responsible to the situation in which he put me, I cannot- now listen carefully I cannot speak of violence without knowing that in some painful way I am a part of it. I cannot speak of the thing that we do to our brothers, the hatred, the walls, the destruction without knowing that in some sense I am responsible, for I am a part of the wholeness of humanity, so that as one of the great writers said, when one man dies I am the poor too along with everyone else. And if/ I ^{do not} understand this I will continually shrug off moral responsibility, I will say it is none of my business, I will go home and mow my lawn and forget about it and let the rest of the world be damned. The fact of the matter is that the voice comes asking us through the ages, at this moment, where is your brother? And repentance in some sense is all tied up with that, as Jesus put it, you cannot come to the altar and say forgive me father if you are not willing to go and make right what is wrong between you and your brother. Part of the problem that we have been in folks is that we have somehow had the feeling that if I feel right and nice and have been to church and all of these good things are going on, everything is fine. When in some deep terrifying radical sense, the cry of Jerimiah comes to us. We have ears but we do not hear, we have eyes but we do not see and the blood of our brothers is ours. The cry is not only echoed in the old testament, it comes in the new testament, where John the Baptist comes down to announce the coming of Jesus, how does he begin, repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. What he meant in a sense was there is a better deal co-ming, you can't just cling to the old and say I am going to hang on to the old and have a little bit of the new. If this thing is coming which will baptize you and if there is to be one whose shoes I am not even worthy to get down and tie, this one who is going to separate

the wheat from the chaff, then I tell you that you must repent. John the Baptist got very specific, employers you have wronged your employees, employees you have grumbled against your employers, when the King himself came down out of curiosity, old John, who just stood there alone in the wilderness poked his long bony finger at him, and say you Mr. King have done wrong because woman you have got isn't even your own, and in the end it cost him his neck. But repentance is made of that kind of stuff, when a man walks over to someone else and says forgive me because I have wronged you, all of us know that we ought to do that but we haven't the courage to do it, that is why our lives are all cluttered up. I understand after reading the gospel the reason we do not have faith is that we have not repented, when Jesus came he said, repent and believe, that is the great new dimension. What did he mean by this. If you turn from sin then you can know faith, but you cannot cling to sin and have faith also. This is why when he looked at the man by the pool he said to him, if you want to get well, and until that man said I want healing more than I want disease, he could never get up and do anything. When Jesus came to his house the man mixed up in his private and public affairs, and Jesus sat at dinner with him, and when it was all over he said to him, what I have got I will give to the poor, and I will give back four times what I have taken from any dishonestly, he was straightening out in repentance, that is why Jesus could say, today salvation has come to this house. And when the full thrust of the gospel bore in on the day of Pentecost it was a great day. Lets not just romanticize it, here was the proclamation of Jesus of Nazareth, a man who had done mighty deeds among the people. a man that Peter said, you put to death, why there would have been a thousand Jews that could have said I wasn't even there that day of the crucifixion. I am not involved in this, but there is a kind of perpetuity= totality, and 20 centuries later we know that we helped them too. If we don't we don't understand either the gospel of the act of atonement and when Peter got through with the declaration that this one put to death by hands of lawless men, raised from the

dead and now is glorified, then the cry came from these people, what are we going to do. And the answer was, repent, and be baptized. The time is about gone but I want to say what the danger of this morning worship is, it is that you and I should sit here and say, it is the other guy, not me. Look at the poor bum that stumbled in off the street, the most damning thing that I can say in my self righteousness is that. Who among us has loved, has given himself to God the way we should, has been part of the answer instead of part of the problem. Friends I over heard some of you and I have done likewise say terrible things in the heat of prejudice and all you have got to do is blow that a little larger and you have got a nation, because when you get through with Jerimiah he pushes back to the ultimate place of authority and that is a mans life. In the end then, may God write on your heart a new law Jerimiah says. What is it Jesus says, if you have repented, only then can you become an agent of reconciliation in the sense and spirit of which I speak of it. I heard Cercenal Black at the Southern Baptist Convention, a wonderful layman from Great Britian, president of our British Baptist Union, a member of Parliment, stand up and say, that he was proud that his name was on many pieces of legislation in my country, it has been an honor to serve in the British parliment, but Britian he said like America needs newness and it will not come from British parliment. Where do you suppose newness will start if it doesn't start with you? I would say being quite specific that if you were moved to write a letter or make a call or be reconciled to a brother or lay your hand to a task that you have been asked to do a hundred times but didn't do because there are sins not only of culmision, there are sins of omission, some of the excuses that you hear about things just don't carry any water at all, but if somehow you are moved to say yes to these things, it will start small and it will start promptly, it is God's great possibility.

I got a letter this week, and I know this is a very simple thing to say, but the letter was full of joy, because this person writing from the West Coast said, eight years ago you met with my husband and I in your office, I remember dragging myself down for the call, it was eleven o'clock at night, and I didn't much want to go there, we sat and talked, they were leaving the community, the marriage was hanging by a very, very tiny thread. We talked about God and love and newness, that is the last that I ever saw of these people. The letter comes and it says, Pete and I found each other again in January, a new beginning, we confess and forgave. It starts at whatever point God puts the pinch on you, but there will be no joy, no power, unless that little tiny door, which has on it repentance, I am sorry. forgive me , is opened.