

"Our Ministry of Reconciliation"

First Church

- Our opportunity to feel you and sense the life of your presence.
- Only been here a short time, but this Church has a great deal to offer

① The attempt to begin this Church and its future (Reas)

② Then the beginnings.

- Praying Grandmother Lemmon and the Circuit rider Rev. Hilton.
- The organizing of the Church - July 4, 1875 with 11 Charter members.
- Prayer Meetings, crowded into homes to save rent. \$ 2.50 Allen Hall
- Beginnings of Sioux Falls College Classes in Church Basement.
- Mothering the Other Churches.

③ Rev. Reas and the explosion in Church on a Sunday morning. (Reas)

④ The Great Courage of this Church in
keeping up with the demands of the
times.

- 45 Years from 1947 to 1953

the idea of the Church was conceived,
accomplished and the mortgage loaned.

What We Have Found In This Church

- ① Warmth, friendliness and an Open Heart.
- ② Deep, Rich Spiritual Unity.
 - All kinds of people who love each other and who walk together.
- ③ A Church That Wants To Deal With Big Issues
 - Our Faith.
 - The Great Problems of the Day.
 - Challenge of Christian Education, Youth and the Home.
 - C.H.E.C. Program. \$40,000.-
- ④ Church That Wants To Help People Find Christ in A Great Way.
 - Our Prayer Service.
 - Comments and Letters.

We Invite You To Consider Making This Your Spiritual Home.

- ① Not like your Home Church.
- ② We will not baby you or coddle you.
- ③ The Kingdom of God needs toughness & fire.

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The Big Business of the Church

- Not a building on a corner.
- Not just another organization asking for a little time into the cup.
- Not just a debating society.

① With the Great Issues of Life.

② Issue of showing God's love for men and bringing men home to God.

- J. B. Priestley - Twenty - 1950
"Father forgive!"

- Paul called it Reconciliation.

Men Are Away From God and Away From Each Other Chasm or Wall.

① Men have wandered from God

- Misused their freedom in disobedience.
- Set themselves up as little gods.
- The serpent is broken.

② The sermon at the County Jail

- The boy who had stolen the car.

God has acted to Bridge The Chasm

- ① The coming of Jesus Christ is the Great Reconciling Act of God.

- The Cross is the Center of This.

- ② This is Costly, forgiving, sacrificial love.

- Government official being taken back by his wife.

- John Newton's Great Hymn.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!

Once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Church is God's Reconciling Community

- ① We come with joy, thanks & service.

- ② We are agents of reconciliation to individuals

- Howard Dies in Washington

- Mr. Cloch and Vera.

- ③ The Reconciling Agent for Society.

The Gate Is Narrow

The Way of Discipline

- ① Lumber Millen at Washington -
- Stripping off the bark
- ② Colorado River cutting the Grand Canyon.
- ③ The Down of a Dedicated Life - Marie Curie.
- Born in Poland. Father a poor teacher.
- Education at great personal cost.
- Wonderful marriage to Pierre Curie.
- Four years on one pile of pitch blend seeing the radium one night after the children were in bed. No patent!
- Going on after the death of Pierre.

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that?
We must have perseverance and above all
confidence in ourselves. We must believe we
are gifted for something and that this thing
~~can be made~~ must at whatever cost be attained."

Jesus and the Two Loads

① God's Claim on his life

- Vision at Twelve with Doctors.
- Zug of the Twelve Years.
- Struggle to leave home.
- Being Baptized and Tempted.
- Fierce devotion near the end.

② Seeing the easy response of those who wished to follow.

- Crowds after the feeding of the 5000
- Rich Young ruler
- The Excuse Given

③ To be spoke with feeling of the Two loads

The Broad Road Which Leads to Destruction

① The Road of Unbridled Freedom - No Responsibility.

② The Road of Being Distracted by Little Things

- Keeping up with others

- Popularity ^{Man in Ottawa}

③ Putting Our Selves at the Center of Everything

- Our word is no bigger than we are.

- Our appetites - our comforts -

our advancements

Drifts Under the Crowd.

The Narrow Road That Leads to Life

① The Road of Spiritual Authority - One Master

- Live by some commitment

② - Christ is the Central Authority.

- Unknown

② See Road of Singleness of Purpose

- Joining the Army.
- Golf - keeping your eye on the ball.
- Ugism - Communion
- What great purpose in my life

③ See Road of Discipline

- Time of Athletics - Ed Scholten.
- Time of Music -
 - one day - myself, two days - audience,
 - three days - whole world.
- Time of Scholarship -
- Time of Marriage
- Time of the Spiritual Life

Admiral Judson - "Disciplines to Save
Munna."