

Hebrews 12:1-2

And what of ourselves? With all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud, we must throw off every encumbrance, every sin to which we cling, and run with resolution the race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish: Jesus who, for the sake of the joy that lay ahead of him, endured the cross, making light of its disgrace, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

II Corinthians 12:1-10

I am obliged to boast. It does no good; but I shall go on to tell of visions and revelations granted by the Lord. I know a Christian man who fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of it, I do not know--God knows) was caught up into paradise, and heard words so secret that human lips may not repeat them. About such a man as that I am ready to boast; but I will not boast on my own account, except of my weaknesses.

If I should choose to boast, it would not be the boast of a fool, for I should be speaking the truth. But I refrain, because I should not like anyone to form an estimate of me which goes beyond the evidence of his own eyes and ears. And so, to keep me from being unduly elated by the magnificence of such revelations, I was given a sharp physical pain which came as Satan's messenger to bruise me; this was to save me from being unduly elated.

Three times I begged the Lord to rid me of it, but his answer was: 'My grace is all you need; power comes to its full strength in weakness.' I shall therefore prefer to find my joy and pride in the very things that are my weakness; and then the power of Christ will come and rest upon me. Hence I am well content, for Christ's sake, with weakness, contempt, persecution, hardship, and frustration; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Understanding of Suffering

- ① Our faith does not avoid suffering
excepts it and says some of
our greatest lessons are learned
this way.
- ② Jesus and his Cross
- In the sake of the Jews - Gildred
the Cross.
- ③ We are driven through our pain
- Have faith in vision
- And his weakness
- Then "The Grace is Sufficient" ⁴

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(4.) So There Is A Stewardship
Along Every Experience.

"We Know There Is Every Thing
God Wants For Good."

August 1, 1971

Right Hand of Fellowship

Pamela Donnelly

Laurie Hall

Denis Wik

Verlyne Bartlett (Ver - leen')

Myrtle Halpin

① Welcome

Antique for the Music of
Susan Balle and Joan DeWitt.

Jerry Wassenaar & Lee Bell

② Wednesday Night
7:30.

③ The Four Angles.

Matthew 6:26-34

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are worth more than the birds! Is there a man of you who by anxious thought can add a foot to his height? And why be anxious about clothes? Consider how the lilies grow in the fields; they do not work, they do not spin; and yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendour was not attired like one of these.

But if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today, and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, will he not all the more clothe you? How little faith you have!

No, do not ask anxiously, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear?" All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself. Each day has troubles enough of its own.

Matthew 13:4-9

He said: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the footpath; and the birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil, and it sprouted quickly because it had no depth of earth; but when the sun rose the young corn was scorched, and as it had no root it withered away. Some seed fell among thistles; and the thistles shot up, and choked the corn. And some of the seed fell into good soil, where it bore fruit, yielding a hundredfold or, it might be, sixtyfold or thirtyfold. If you have ears, then hear.'

II Corinthians 5:16-21

With us therefore worldly standards have ceased to count in our estimate of any man; even if once they counted in our understanding of Christ, they do so now no longer. When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world; the old order has gone, and a new order has already begun.

From first to last this has been the work of God. He has reconciled us men to himself through Christ, and he has enlisted us in this service of reconciliation. What I mean is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, no longer holding men's misdeeds against them, and that he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. We come therefore as Christ's ambassadors. It is as if God were appealing to you through us: in Christ's name, we implore you, be reconciled to God! Christ was innocent of sin, and yet for our sake God made him one with the sinfulness of men, so that in him we might be made one with the goodness of God himself.

"What Happens In Your Mind?"

The Mind of Andrew Wyeth

① The Day at the Whitney Museum in N.Y.C. February 1967

- A Chain and a Chain Bed Box

Formidable

Four Notes.

Appeal -

Buffalo, N.Y.

1st million -
one of a half million.

- The Wind Blowing a Curtain In
After starting under ten months
for a wind exactly like it.

Wine From Sea

- A Place Where Artwork In a Chain

Design and Nature

"Just Gentleman"

- The Woman On The Ground

- The Neighbors Always

- Christina Had Volio - Housekeeper

for her brother. Crawled to Parked a Chair.

"William Morris" - Her family burial ground

"Christina's Mind"

The Life of Wyatt

- Measures His Time between Chadds Ford, Pa 350 and Cushing, Me, 479.
- Acts and Talks with the People - watches and waits. Almost kneels before when he paints.

① The Napth

"I haven't yet plumbed the depths of what's around me. So why shouldn't I stay in one place and dig a little deeper?"

② Something suggestive about all the Acts.

- Not just a man - but a life time of experiences.
- The time the man has a healing experience.

③ Freemason Adication

- President Kennedy: Inauguration -

- Turned down the invitation -

Has just started a Journal.

The Amazing Work of Jesus

- Never traveled over 60-80 miles
- An uneducated, native. A simple Country preacher.

① Said Words of the Center of Life. Talked about the Kingdom of God. Used simple, everyday language. Learned from his home

- Leaven in Dough
- Sewing Hatches on Garments
- The Lost Coin.

② A Closer With Nature

- The Birds and the Flowers
- The Sun and the Rain
- The Rhythm of Nature

④ As he heard of it - A Just

③ his Love of People - Children - Woman in Adultery

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- The brother

- The Mother with Christmas
on his

- The one who wants

- The one who brings with
corner

The Meaning of My Word

(1) What do I take into it?

- What voices - music - goes to I
take in?

- Who is my authority?

→ David Smith at Green Lake.

(2) What is the central purpose or theme of
My word?

- Is it cluttered or barren?

- Is it full of links - known and
antique?

→ David and Hannah Anderson
The Women for the Free House Mission

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③ How Big is Man Used?

- Is it Abandoning?

- Concerning getting smaller & smaller -

- Or is it getting more wide and
Open all the time?

④ Who Shows His Love With Me?

- Who do I feel in?

- Who do I Trust?

⑤ What Possibilities and Hopes do I
See?

All Things Is Possible "If I am Near the End, I
be a New Creation... All Things Have
Passed Away. All Things Have Become New."

August 1, 1971

Call to Worship

O God,

in the grace and strength that You daily grant,
Your servants find reason for celebration.
You have truly fulfilled our innermost longings.
You have responded to our deepest needs.

We raise our voices in praise, O God,
because no one can separate us from You.
Your great power is sufficient to set us free.

Call to Prayer

Let us consider carefully the security
of a loving relationship to God.
Let us mouth His praises
and demonstrate in our lives
the eternal joy
of knowing and relating to Him.
We need not depend on this world's wealth
nor the accolades of men.
We need not fear the end of our days
upon this earth.
God is forever --
and so the souls of those
who are committed to Him.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

August 1, 1971

Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

Organ Prelude—"Morning Hymn" Flor Peeters

"In the Cathedral" Gabriel Pierne

The Chimes

The Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn—"We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing" 117

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**Service of Baptism

A Word of Christian Greeting

*Hymn of Worship—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" 371

LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Cantilene in E-Flat Major" Gabriel Pierne

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Humbly do we lay our gifts before Thee, O God, who has given unto us the priceless gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May these offerings be accompanied by the consecration of our wills and by an increased desire to see Thy kingdom come. Amen.

Solo—"The Lord Is My Light" Oley Speaks
Becky Knipping, soprano

PEACE AND BLESSING HE HAS GIVEN

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Matthew 13:1-9, II Corinthians 5:16-21

The Gloria

The Sermon—"What Happens In Your World?" Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

TOILING PILGRIMS RAISE THE SONG

The Call to Prayer

Pastor: Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

People: **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

Our Prayer for the Family of God

The Organ Response

ALL UNTO OUR GOD BELONG

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Lord, as to Thy Dear

Cross We Flee" 326

What Happens In Your World

August 1, 1971

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

Sitting upright in a chair, straight, straight like a ramrod and underneath he calls that one "this gentleman" their all right out of life. And then in Minneapolis and I suppose this is why I kind of got off on this, part of the reason, in Minneapolis the ministers ^{council} ~~council~~ did a marvelous thing for Ruth and I, ^{kinda} ~~kinda~~ ^{They} ~~and~~ gave her a painting, a copy of a painting called "Christina World" now to some of you this is old stuff, to me its all new, this is ^{Wyeth} ~~Mr. Wyatt~~ neighbor she has had polio she lives with her brother who is a truck gardener and he gave up fishing to spend more time with his sister Christina the pictures called Christina's world now people have made more of this than they should actually she is picking berries resting abit, near the family burial ground the ohly way she can move is if she pushes a chair or crawls on all four. Now you ask yourself, what kind ~~a~~ of a man is this?

~~Waxes more in the~~

You see more in the pictures than a girl on the ground and an old weather beaten house. You know ~~and~~ to your amazement you discover that he's lived in one place all his life. He's never been outside the continental U.S.A. And the place where he lives is Chadsford Pennsylvania, and it has three hundred fifty souls in the town and the only other place he goes to with his family he has a marvelous family life, he has painted some tremendous things of his family, is to the place called Cushing, Maine. And that is a big town and it is daid there are 470 souls in that town so he moves back and forth he sits in Chadford and listens to the old people talk when there are people who would love to have him come to their ~~town~~ town.

And some of you like Christopherson and Gorsuch will know what I mean when I say something snaps, hits him and then he must paint and he stays with it. He has incredible integrity and this is the reason many people say Wyeth has caught us. Until the painting is done two or three a year that is all now. And believe it or not Kennedy the president, invited Mr. Wyeth to a very very "in" dinner for celebrities early in 1961 just after his inauguration and Mr. Wyeth was going to go except that two days before he was to go he started on a painting and he sent his regrets to the President and said, "I'm sorry but I can't come."

And amazingly Wyeth saw Mr. Kennedy awhile later and Mr. Kennedy said you know I'm not angry or upset because you stayed by it and a good thing came, I like what you did. And somehow people all over have tried to drag this man out to do the kind of thing they wanted him to do. And he sits and moves in his world of people and the essence of life and puts on canvas just what he sees and there is something suggestive about the pictures for example, you see a barn and it's not just a barn you see you remember how it is done, you remember when you ~~xxx~~ used to play in a hay mow and you catch the smell of the fresh hay and you can hear the cattle and if you are sick and see that painting it becomes a healing reality because it is so suggestive and the amazing thing people say and ~~xxxx~~ ^{who have} gotten to know this man a little bit, I'm going to move on to something else so hang on, I think I could stay here for the half hour. There is something about people that if they want to create something they manipulate it. See I paint you and arrange you and then I say it's not that lovely. Like we take pictures and stand like this you know with out end. But it is said that Mr. Wyeth almost paints on his knees

He waits to catch what is there. And he says when people say leave come on over here, we will pay you a lot of money to paint this he says, I haven't ~~year~~ yet plumbed the depths of what is year around me so why shouldn't I stay in one place and dig a little deeper . And that's why he knows Christina and Tom and the others Now what I've been thinking about is my world. Sometimes mixed up sometimes confused, sometimes closed up, sometimes all cluttered up. And I start to ask myself, what gets into my world. What sounds do I hear? When I see the old ~~man~~ man on the street, what sounds get through when I see the waitress in the cafe, or someone in a rest home or the banker or the merchant or the college prof or student what gets through? I ask myself is it simple this world or is it cluttered up? What is the great driving force in it? What becomes the simple line? The major theme of the symphony is there a symphony? The other morning at Green Lake I got up to go see Ruth at the hospital and it was 6 o'clock and I had gotten in at 4:20 a.m. I crawled in as quietly as I could and while I was dressing there was a knock on the door and I went to the door not thinking, with my shirt and shorts on and when I opened the door there was a woman, Mrs. Harriet Smith, I said excuse me. And she said that's alright I've come for just a minute. Now on Sunday we put Luther's ashes in the ground and it was just a beautiful service in Green Lake. Ronnie Well's gave one of the most moving tributes I've ever heard. And part of his life was in it. She said I saw you come in late this morning I said Harriet whatever were you doing at that time of the morning She said I always get up at that time I said it was 4:20 She said I get up then to hear the birds. And to pray. It was a casual offhanded statement.

What do you take in? The things that bombard us, that clutter us, that tear at us, but make this world that I live in a kind of messed up place. Who lives in this world with you? Have you got any Tom ~~XXXX~~ Clark's or Christina Olson's? Who really lives in there with you? Does anybody? How big is your world?

I've not asking you how far you have traveled anywhere. Anybody can go to Moscow and send a card home. How big is that world, that world in which you live? Do you see possibilities? As you look out of your world around you. Can there be change? Newness, something happening beyond the monotony and the boring. Do I see a barn and it's more than a barn, do I see a bird and it is more than a bird. What do I hear? What do I touch somebody else. What's life world of Roger Fredrikson or Tom Idema like? And when I start to think about this, that's when I get pushed over toward Jesus. Or maybe he pulls me over. You know Jesus never traveled more than 60 or 80 miles from where he lived. And the only words he ever wrote was when he bent to scribble some words in the dirt and the wind quickly blew that away. And yet the incredible thing was that the opening up of this world was done by Christ Jesus. Someone has said, T.R. Glover has said, that when you start to hear Jesus tell his stories he is taking the stuff of life around, like Christina Olson, saying like on canvas this is what the kingdom of God is like. this is what you can be if you see, it hear it, and move with it. So he says if you take some leaven and put in a loaf of dough the whole lump will be affected by the leaven. Where do you get that? He saw his mother baking bread. That was his world, but he left that world and let eternity come into it and said that is what the kingdom of God is like.

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or he saw his mother trying to patch clothes They were poor people over and over again sewing the patches on and he said I'm going beyond all this we have a new thing going here, I'm going but he ~~he~~ used the analogy, ~~she~~ used the symbol he left the life he picked up out of his home of his mother trying to put the clothes together Man when I hear this story I think of how my mother used to patch up our clothes or how Ruth has tried to patch up our youngsters things over the years. And he said the kingdom of God is not like sewing patches on a garment it is the wonder of a whole new world opening up before you. Or he said if a woman loses a coin and women would wear pieces of coin around her neck on pieces of string or leather or what ever they could find, ten of them with knots between them and when the string would get worn it would break and the coin would go rolling off to a corner in the dimly lit house and the woman looks, and looks and looks. How many times they wandered around in Jesus house to see if they had anything to buy bread with today? And he said when the woman finds the coin she just goes dancing around the neighborhood and says man we found it!! And Jesus said incredibly it's like this when a sinner comes home. So he took the stuff of life in a great sense he went way beyond Palestine and puts his arms around and said this is what it is like and life can become if you can only see it. That's why I read the scripture If he who has ears let him hear. Let him hear beyond the TV show of last night. And that of course, can too have eternity in it. What to do you hear beyond the superficiality of life? We neither have the capacity for great sorrow or great joy. It seems, you know that we get down just ~~xxxx~~ below the surface soil. and it is hard down there and nothing can break in. So that we do not catch the eternal meaning and the nuances that life is putting at us through the grace of our Lord.

If only we will hear and understand that. I have discovered this again and again. In a place I never expected it. Not in a religious conference, in room 300 in a hospital . And when I come home I am filled with joy and look at people . It's amazing how a strange new tenderness comes to you . It's funny yet not a little boy 2 or 3 years old walks down the street and carries his left arm and all of a sudden you see him and you are overwhelmed the boys the sons of Willis who are seven and nine sitting at the funeral home and suddenly you want the world to be bigger than you let it be. Not geographic traveling not bigness, in a sense we measure everything. But in that magnificent thing Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is within in you. And when Jesus moves beyond the stone of his home and he starts to talk about nature you get something else another aspect of this world/ You know how we have prostituted, and torn up and gouged at it and said it is ours. Man you stand on the shores of Lake Michigan as we did up at the place called Point Betsy and there is a lighthouse and they say that if Lake Michigan keeps going the way it is , big steamers are coming in with iron ore from over the seas. Liberian liners and all the rest they say if it keeps going its going to be a big, vast, stagnant lake . A putrid thing. ~~XXXX~~ Jesus never operated that way. And in all of his life he saw in a flower and a bird the rhythm of life. Saw and caught the meaning of the eternal and leaned on it. Say you can trust it it's God's , my father's , his hand is in it. Don't you understand the rain comes on the just and the unjust. The sunshines on the good and evil this is what my father is doing . This is a life you can trust. What a world.

The world of Jesus. When you get to people man that's where it really comes through. This world of God trying to break into the world of man trying to form and transfiguring it so that part of me sits and cries and says God have mercy on me. And he hears them everybody else rushes by, the children the old people. Zachary you know building a big house and going up on a big hill and somehow putting a big front of provocation and like so many of us do religiously, secularly and every other way. And then Zachary somehow sense the yearning cry of the heart. and reaches out to him and says Zachary just the name mentioned and the lights start going on. Yesterday Monsignor MacEneaney and Pastor Ed Novak and I discussed loneliness because a note had been left on the steps of St. Joseph's Cathedral and would you believe I had three calls, two of which were long distance of people saying can you help me with my loneliness? And you think dear people [of a congregation] of a big strong congregation like ours and you ask yourself how do we see the others? How do we understand what's the world of people like for us? And you hope and pray that the sensitivity that Paul speaks of when he says "We are called to be agents of reconciliation because we broke into a new world the old order passed away and a new thing came." And that's why you can see barns, the sun and the moon, and people and life itself in a new perspective because you are now in the stream of the spirit. You are in the heart of the eternal you move in the meaning of the everlasting. I am doing a new thing. So I started with Andrew Wyeth and his world and I thought about mine. And I asked God to make it clean not in a self centered way but lines that understand the commitment so that if the President calls a man is free to say I have a job started and I can't leave it now.

I've heard a higher calling. Humble enough so that it can stop by an old person or somebody who has lost his way. That will hear a note on steps of St. Joesph's . He who has ears to hear let him hear. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

It was there from the beginning; we have heard it; we have seen it with our own eyes; we looked upon it, and felt it with our own hands; and it is of this we tell. Our theme is the word of life. This life was made visible; we have seen it and bear our testimony; we here declare to you the eternal life which dwelt with the Father and was made visible to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you and we together may share in a common life, that life which we share with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. And we write this in order that the joy of us all may be complete.

Here is the message we heard from him and pass on to you: that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to be sharing in his life while we walk in the dark, our words and our lives are a lie; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, then we share together a common life, and we are being cleansed from every sin by the blood of Jesus his Son.

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, he is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong; but if we say we have committed no sin, we make him out to be a liar, and then his word has no place in us.

The Und of Life

Our Need to Grow Together

- Great Concern for a Master for his people.
- Growing Careless and Indifferent.
- Confused about the Truth.

The Great Personal Journey

The Reality There from the Beginning.

- Always There.
- We Dependent on Whims and Fancies and Fads.

The Personal

① Heard It.

② Seen It with Our Own Eyes

③ Looked Upon It. - Long, Searching

④ Felt It. - This I Am Talking About.

The Longest
Yesterday.

Jesus' Reality To Christ

① Jesus from the Beginning - Always
- Like the Mountain or the Sea.

② Came into our World
- Truly, Personally, Actually.

③ Jesus Action Makes Life Possible
- Come to share the Essence of God.

We Receive Him - We Unite Him

① Jesus We May Have a Common Life
- Life with the Father and the Son!

② Jesus the Joy of us All Men the
Complete.

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Just God is Light! No darkness. This is what we know of Him
- This is His Essence. His Nature.
- Live the Sun!

① Go! - Moses on the Mountain.
Ascend and the Transfiguration

② Self-Revealing - Shows himself

③ Truth and Holiness

④ Guidance.

- If we learn to be shining in True Light - Where we walk in the dark we turn a line.

- Bring the Truth! Moral Intellectual

- One of the walks on the Light as He is in the Light.
- Common life! - Being cleansed!

If we claim to be sinless: we are self-deceived -
strangers to the Truth.

If we confess our sin - he is just -
and May he Trust to forgive our sin
and cleanse us from every kind of
wrong

① O Lord, great Promise

② You can Trust him

③ This is proof of his Being the
Lamb.

August 8, 1971

Call to Worship

Acclaim the Lord, all men on earth,
worship the Lord in gladness;
enter his presence with songs of exultation.
Know that the Lord is God;
he has made us and we are his own,
his people, the flock which he shepherds.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name;
for the Lord is good and his love is everlasting,
his constancy endures to all generations.

August 8, 1971

Dennis Vickerman
Renae

Announcements

1. Greetings and Registration
Happy the Charles Lees are here.
2. Gratitude for the flowers
from the wedding of Stephany Haas
and Timothy Laughlin
3. Rosebud on the piano in honor of
Chantale Renae (Shan - tail)
a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs.
Dennis Vickerman (Londa Aleck)
4. Young people at Camp
Senior Highs left this morning.
We have had Junior, Junior High,
and Senior High young people at
Camp Judson this summer.
5. Evening Worship at 7:30.
6. Annual Report booklets and six-month
Financial Report available from the
ushers as you leave.
7. The letter of acceptance from Victor Balla.

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Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"It was there from the beginning; we have heard it; we have seen it with our own eyes; we looked upon it, and felt it with our own hands; and it is of this we tell." I John 1:1.

OUR THEME IS THE WORD OF LIFE

Organ Prelude—"Preludio" and "Adagio" (Third Organ Sonata)

Alexandre Guilmant

The Chimes

The Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn—"All Creatures of Our God and King"157

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Service of Baptism

A Word of Christian Greeting

*Solo—"O Lord, Our God"Mozart

Paul Wegner, bass

**Hymn of Fellowship—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"527

HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THAT THE FATHER HAS SHOWN

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Canzona"Alexandre Guilmant

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are! I see the reflections of Your beauty and hear the sounds of Your majesty wherever I turn. And I contemplate in utter amazement Your concern for me. You have made me in Your image. You have called me Your son. You have ordained me as Your priest and chosen me to be Your servant. You have assigned to me the fantastic responsibility of carrying on Your creative activity. O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are! Amen.

*Solo—"If We Live in the Spirit"Barker

Paul Wegner, bass

**Solo—"Because of Thy Great Bounty"Leon A. Hoffmeister

Miriam Fredrikson, soprano

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE DECLARE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—I John 1:1-10

The Gloria

The Sermon—"The Word of Life"Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS

The Call to Prayer

Pastor: Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love,

And do what Thou wouldst do.

People: **Breathe on me, Breath of God,**

Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will,

To do and to endure.

The Word of Life

August 8, 1971

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

John does not begin this writing by discussing some whim or fancy of his own. He is utterly convinced that he starts with a great primal reality he says it has always been there I do not know what for you has always been there, regardless of who your are, how you feel or where you've been, or whatever wind is blowing on you today to say it has always been there This is like a man who comes to the sea for the first time I use this now as just a very, very poor analogy . Before I was ever born the sea was there . So I am taken to the sea and someone says there it is. It is a reality that it is outside me so I may say it looks gray or it appears this way speak of it, in kind of a awe and wonder, but, the point of it is before I came it was there. Now we have some kind of a mistaken notion that we invent God. even The best of us doubters at this point that I kind of my own thought processes brought him into existence we are deeply in need of a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{objective} authority . The argument for God's existence is called ontological it is using reason . The fantastic[the fa] cry of my being is to respond to a reality that is already there. So that even without the gospel there is the intimation shadow the light or however you want to put of a reality that is already there. So when John starts to deal with the church he does not start out nit picking with the problems in that way. He starts out by saying, " Reality has been there

starts

He ~~xxxx~~ out by saying the reality has been there" When I say that I must tell you that I say that in faith. But faith has its own way of knowing we somehow have had the wrong idea the reason is the only way of knowing. and we know by reason something that tells me this is the strange part of being human being that the pulpit is here, or I stretch my hand out and I know it is there. We would become almost like a mad house if there were not by some sense that we know by reason But what we have done too often when reason runs out then we'll tack on faith and this has been the wrong way to think about faith Because in its depth faith ~~is~~ has its own way of knowing and against one of the greatest saints the church ever had one of the greatest spokesmen for the first eleven centuries said, " Faith seeks understanding" ~~xxx~~ So what John proclaims we know by reason but in a deeper way we know by faith It has always been there. Now the amazing thing about this is that he said , and this is now deeply personal ~~xxxx~~ this is not something just way out there so to speak, but is something that I am reaching out for trying to get a hold of all the time it is immediate it is near, it is with me- So he says the incredible thing I heard it! I saw it! I looked on it! I handled it! Now we come to the subjective What is true out there Now I discover I bear witness within my self. So that when the simplest person stands up and says it anyway I know it I have handled it , I have tasted it, this becomes a profound personal thrust of reality. In the marvelous thing is that to respond as a christian and to say Yes to what is given to what is a reality to discover in ones own experience to what is their's squares to what is there. And these too as John says elsewhere bear witness one with the other.

Yesterday in the midst of a very lovely wedding service I met again the Charles Lee's who are with us for worship I had the privilege of marrying these dear people ten years ago. Yesterday I met two of their daughters. And after we had remarked about the lovely wedding they said something wonderful has happened a year and one half ago we became christians . And after we had spoken about it we went to the chapel to thank God Like someone else said this week, I can't keep it in, because it's true for me. Now it's just one thing to just sort of within oneself try to dream up or conjure up something but its quite another thing to say that which is from everlasting to everlasting this I have seen, and known and touched and handled. And if it is true as it most ~~assuredly~~ assuredly seems to me that John the beloved[wrote]the man that leaned on Jesus breast at the Last Supper, wrote it then you can almost catch the newuances of this the night that Jesus sat and said to them," One of you will betray me " the business at the tomb, the being with Jesus later on when he say"Touch me and see whether I am real or not" all of that. So the minute ~~that~~ he has spoken of the fact that he has touched, tasted and handled this then he says that reality was Christ that I am speaking of. There are three things that come out in this, passage about Christ. One he is from everlasting to everlasting with the father. ~~XXX~~ You see Christian Theology people it is very important that we understand this, has said basically that Jesus os like no other man. Becuse God was in him uniquely. No this becomes a knid of discontinuity I know which we receive by faith but the fact of the matter is there is not a point at which he became God . God was in him. To such an extent that it has been said, By the church ever since it's birth Christ was with the father. And is with the father now. And in Jesus now we see God wrapped in human form.

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And what John had know and this is why he feels God was manifested in himself to Jesus he said he became simple we read that in the passage today In his becoming visible that which everlasting has come into our world was not as some of the Greek thinker held was stepped down in order to get the God you had to climb up those steps. It was an entry no one has put this in a simple popular fashion better than J. B . Phillips who talks about a visited planet . Man we talk about trips to the moon and we are all in a sense overcome and wondering about all of this and thankful that the young men have come home again but when we talk about a planet that has been visited the reality of God coming to this planet in a unique form out of the everlasting into time becomes the wonder of what Jesus is all about and Jesus has come this way and reveal himself in this way and become visible therefore he has in this action made life available. So he is from everlasting, he has entered our world and in the entering by his action made life available. Now when John has said this we declare to you and this I share and want to say to you for two reasons one is that you may know the common life together . Now this friends is a beautiful phrase we talk about it here many many times here in the church and yet I wonder if we understand what ~~it~~ it is we have a life in common it is a rich deep thing in our whole christian background. That we have a koinonia, a community we belong to each other ~~we~~. Belonging is not based let me say it again, on the fact that I find that some one else has only an eighth grade education like me or somebody that has about as much money that I've got so that I feel comfortable with him or so that I can live in his part of town so we feel comfortable with each other. You see this becomes the danger of our human grouping today.

The common life of which he speaks is the life that we have found in this life. Which is shared so that Christ is come and broken open the life of God, shared it with us and entered in to that. We find each other in a koininía that is unbreakable. And we sense something deep in this. That is why when yesterday someone says to me I am a christian or somebody says we have become christians immediately we are brothers and sisters. There is a koininía and a common life about this and John is saying I have written this, I am speaking like this to you so that you may know this with the father. The incredible thing folks about this worship today is that we do not just sit here like a service club and I am a member of the service club we do not sit here simply as a human grouping there is a divine presence and that divine presence if he is real, breaks down the barrier so that we do not feel removed from you. I feel at one with you, I discover that we belong together in our hopes, and the possibilities of life and the wonder and the glory and joy of it. And if there is anything that is needed today it is that kind of a community. That reaches out., out of the spirit of love. And shares this kind of love. and life. But he says more than this I am writing this he says that your joy may be full one of the banner we had hanging on the wall for a while said The gigantic secret of a christian is joy! Joy is not rooted in things yet it grows out of relationships. It is when I know you I find joy. And in a vastly deeper sense it is when I come to know Christ and share in his life the by product of this relationship between us becomes a kind of a joy that has an authenticity about it. So he says I am saying to you, That Christ has entered our world the one who has been from everlasting to everlasting has shared his life with us in such a way that I want you to know we can be a community.

We can know common life together , we can be going on the way
 toward joy being fulfilled. Our coming together today
 is a celebration! Of all of this. Now he goes to say something
 else and on this I want to hang perhaps the main theses of today
 It is the God is light. It is the essence of God to be light
 How as a human choose to speak about my maker unless my maker
 has chosen to reveal himself. So today with John we say we know that
 God is light because shining in the face of Jesus we have seen
 that light. And together we are in it. There is that marvelous
 thing the D.M.Bailey says, That once upon a time when we were
 a strange and lonely looking out into the darkness and the
 fire was behind us in the circle but we ~~xxx~~ are all looking away
 from the fire and then we turn buy some wonder of the spirit and
 we turn toward the fire we saw the light and we saw each other.
 This is what has gone on with us as far as God is concerned.
 We have discovered that he is light. Now this has a tremendous
 meaning in it. It has revelation, truth and holiness in it
 it has guidance in it . It has the opening up of darkness
 light comes there and the way is there to know God is to know that
 Now he says if we say we are in the light with him but walk in darkness
 then we don't know the light and we are liars . And part of the
 difficulty ~~folks~~ with the christian community these days is that
 it says it knows the light but walks in darkness.
 Instead of walking by truth we walk by half truths instead of
 walking in a sense by guidance or holiness we walk by our own strength
 To say I know the light is to say I want to do the light
 I want to walk in it. It becomes a kind of ethical, moral
 and an intellectual kind of light the kind of openness we
 live.

To be a christian to put it another way, John put it is to be God-like. To let the light of God be in me.

And if I know this light and I walk in this light then I am being forgiven . It is a beautiful phrase. You notice it says here If we walk in the light then he himself is in the light this is in the second paragraph then we share together a common life . The last phrase in the paragraph says we are being cleansed from every sin by the blood of Jesus his son. And to be a people who are being cleansed is to live a kind of free life. I have the feeling that really our deepest sickness is more then loneliness and meaninglessness is guilt. Much of our restlessness and our uprootness the conflict comes because we are guilty. Then is it possible that guilt can be taken from me. Do I need to drag the old stuff with me all the time. The wonder of what John says is that if we walk in the light we are on our way to being forgiven. So then he passes on out of this to say the last thing For he says that if we try to say that we are sinless we are really saying a lie because this is an impossibility to say that I'm sinless like God, I'm on my way but not sinless what happens then if I do commit sin this is a question the people keep asking all the time. He says in this last paragraph we confess our sins it is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins. And cleanse us from every kind of wrong. So the christian who is not perfect in fact one of the deep rich things that we have found from people like Keith Miller is that we are most together when we know and accept each others weaknesses. That I do not need to prove to you anything at all you see if I did then I wear myself out all the time trying to be something that I am not.

But if I can come to you guilty with hang ups and all the rest
 and say to you this is how it is with me and you say to me
 you know thats the way it is with me and in that light
 we begin to rejoice because we start to accept God's forgiveness
 and live in it . Then we really have cause for celebration
 So you say how many times you that's Peter's question
 if I do it 7 can I get 7 times and he says to him you just keep
 coming will you say will that means that I go out and sin to
 morrow do any ole thing I want to completely irresponsible
 because I can get washed clean at night. That is not what
 he is saying. All this is prefaced by the fact that he can
 walk in the light on the basis of a man, woman wanting to be
 in the ~~lgk~~ light to be with god. To be god-like He says
 will you forgive me. And when he says this grace is already
 there and forgiveness is already given me. And I know it
 and I am free again Because this has been taken care of.
 There's a vast reality here but beyond his vastness is his
 presense a Lord who has entered our world the world of the
 time and space One who says you can walk in the light
 will and if you walk in the light you will know forgiveness
 and you will want to be forgiven So the christian life just the
 become form the passage we read belonging to a community
 common life, where forgiveness is an everyday reality.
 Now is he forgives us then how ought we be with each other
 There I say to you I forgive you Yes, if, if I know his forgiveness
 Forgiven people always love much and people who love much
 always know forgiveness. This is the word of life. Which is
 declared to us today. In the name of the father, the son and the
 Holy spirit. Amen

FRIDAY, August 13—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, Smitty's Pancake House

① Quality of fellowship and life ...
Notes in the Ministry Union of God.

If we confess our sins ... he may
be trusted to forgive our sins.

Accurate I John 2:1-17 (New English Bible)

My children, in writing thus to you my purpose is that you should not commit sin. But should anyone commit a sin, we have one to plead our cause with the Father, Jesus Christ, and he is just. He is himself the remedy for the defilement of our sins, not our sins only but the sins of all the world.

He helps us.

The illustration
of fellowship

Here is the test by which we can make sure that ^①we know him; do we keep his commands? The man who says, 'I know him', while he disobeys his commands, is a liar and a stranger to the truth; but in the man who is obedient to his word, the divine love has indeed come to its perfection.

Here is the test by which we can make sure that ^②we are in him: whoever claims to be dwelling in him, binds himself to live as Christ himself lived. Dear friends, I give you no new command. It is the old command which you always had before you; the old command is the message which you heard at the beginning. And yet again it is a new command that I am giving you - new in the sense that Christ has made this true, and it is true in your own experience.

A man may say, 'I am in the light', but if he hates his brother, he is still in the dark. Only the man who loves his brother dwells in light: there is nothing to make him stumble. But one who hates his brother is in darkness; he walks in the dark and has no idea where he is going, because the darkness has made him blind.

I write to you, my children, because your sins have been forgiven for his sake.

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is and has been from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you have mastered the evil one.

To you, children, I have written because you know the Father.

To you, fathers, I have written because you know him who is and has been from the beginning.

To you, young men, I have written because you are strong; God's word remains in you, and you have mastered the evil one.

Do not set your hearts on the godless world or anything in it. Anyone who loves the world is a stranger to the Father's love. Everything the world affords, all that panders to the appetites or entices the eyes, all the glamour of its life, springs not from the Father but from the godless world. And that world is passing away with all its allurements, but he who does God's will stands for evermore.

The Father loves - The Creation loves - God's loves.

The Cosmos - A world apart from God - organized - with its own values.

The Tension - In the end of

Obedience

to think
Christ
himself
lived

① Love of God

our eyes.

② Hatred
of the world

① Love of God

② New love
in Christ.

The world

The world

① forgiveness

② increasing knowledge of God

③ victorious strength.

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Announcements

1. Greetings

2. Gratitude for the flowers

Communion Table--given by Sioux Falls
College (from Summer Commencement)

Baptistry--from the wedding of Robin
Haas and Douglas Brandhagen

Chapel--from the wedding of Rona Carlson
and David Patterson

3. Evening Service at 7:30

4. Leaders' Meeting - Fellowship Hall -
Thursday, August 19, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

5. Urgent message from CARE about
Pakistan ✓

6. Few words about camp.

7. Witness by Tom Forseth

Donald + Angela Cory
Gylmar, Calif.

Christopher Bruce

Grandparents - Harold Cory

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Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and might;
ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name,
bring a gift and come into his courts.
Bow down to the Lord in the splendour of
holiness,
and dance in his honour, all men on earth.

"HERE IS THE TEST"

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Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

We not get through all this in fact I am almost certain we will not so next Sunday we will pick up where we left off this Sunday so that we will not get hung up or frustrated about it.

The great thing that religion concerns itself about is how to get God and man together. This is why people run through hot coals, sacrifice babies, or try to live by the golden mean or any one of a hundred things. Now what the gospel insists on and John brings it out is that we can only have fellowship with God through Christ, that is full fellowship the way he talks about it here, through Christ who has come to us. The difference between our religion the christian religion and others is that other religions you have to go through so many steps to get to god to make you fitting or whrthwhile or else the way won't be open you've got to buy your way in, the christian gospel says the amazing thing about god's grace, and this is the reason that God's greace is talked about so much is that God comes to us, he came to us in Christ. And that life was made manifest. Now when I say picking up chapter one which we took up last week, that I want to walk in the light as he is in the light and God hears me and says yes you come on and walk with me this does not mean I become perfect and anyone who tells you that watch out for. There is nothing worse than religious egotism and it is not apart and partial of the christian gospel. So he says at the end of the chapter one that if we confess when we get into trouble if we confess he is eager and he is more than able to forgive and this is what he'll do. And even the desire forsinning for doing wrong for falling back in the old way is taken away neither is the drag which I do not get out of my fleshly existence which gets me back into the old egotistic ways.

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For sin in it's essence is disobedience it is saying instead of my turning my life Godward I am turning it inward on myself and build my world and say this is it. And God is left out and I think I can organize life without God. So I to use one of the great negative words of the scripture, I become disobedient. Now when I allow the life of Christ ^{to} ~~to~~ come into me, this doesn't ^{mean} ~~mean~~ that I become sinless. So what John says at the start of this chapter it begins in ^{this} ~~the~~ section is when we say your sins can be forgiven this does not mean you can go on sinning willy-nilly, there is a yearning to be like God just a gift of the spirit but the marvelous thing is should we, someone commit a sin in this first paragraph it says this in the second sentence Should anyone commit a sin we have won to plead our cause with the father. /Now there is a great word used for the Holy Spirit and that is advocate. I got so to speak a friend in court and you say why is that necessary because the nature of God is not to look on sin and if a man therefore is sinful or how's he has committed wrong is going to get out of it. Unless there is one who says I stand here in Fredriksons ~~behalf~~ ^{behalf}. And the marvelous thing folks is that I can always count in this new life on his forgiveness. For he is the way for which I find my self coming home again, Now how do I say I know this is true. I know it is true because, and the New English bible ^{is} ~~is~~ fresh has a translation of this in the Older ~~translation~~ ^{translation} which is difficult for us moderns to pick up. This translation in the last sentence says of the paragraph it himself the remedy of the defilement of our sins. Now the amazing thing about grace is, it does not say to you now you keep out of trouble old boy and maybe someday if you grit your teeth hard enough you'll just keep trying you'll make it. Because all that does is shove us more deeply into the pit.

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Because guilt deepens Amazing thing is that God not only says I want to receive(I want) he steps over on our side and says I am with you. This is the amazing part of the Godhead

Another place it says we don't even know how to pray. But the spirit helps us in our weakness. So that we do know who and how to pray. I sat one night at vespers at Camp Judson and a young fellow from this church stood up in the choir to pray

one of the most moving prayers it could not have been prayed by human wisdom and we are foolish when we think up clever enough words thinking God will hear me because my prayer is so clever.

This is why the man who stood in the corner said, God be merciful to me was heard and the man with all his words said I am not like the guy over here and so forth and was not heard. So the prayer that rises out of the interior of life the cry to be restored again the marvel is that God has done in Christ what is necessary so that when I can again avail myself of his great forgiving power. That means that before the service started I could stand out side or be here and say Lord you know how I goof things up and when I am my best self I can pray this way and you take me over and over again and this is that I am asking you to do. And the one whose made remedy for all my sins not only mine but the whole world. Is the one to whom I go. to the father's house again. Now he give us this back he says here is the test. by which way we can make sure that we know him There are test one is to know him and the other is to be in him. Now John wrote the greek world and the greeks have two great ways of knowing one was intellectual and the other was emotional. But if you think straight you will know and if you feel right you'll know . Many of us who assume we are christians assume ~~xxx~~ that is the way we know God. If you can work you emotions up enough you will know him.

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Where as if you read enough books ~~an~~ theology you will know
if you know enough verses of scripture you will know him
Keith Miller has a fantastic satire on this. He called it
the Parable of the Ladders, But it isn't that way. We know
by obeying That's a new dimension. Now there may be intellect
involved in obeying and there is surely emotion ~~envolved~~ in
obeying. but you cannot substitute either reason. or emotion for
obedience. How do I learn about my own parents all of here have
been children and when I was told by my parents to do this and
I did it I would request and a good father never asks his
children to do bad things and it was a good request and I did
it and my father commended me for it. He said you did well
son I learn about the character of my father. Which is putting
it very very simply. But what really happens is when I am
urged ~~xxxxx~~ nudged, called, told to do this I a man can know what
he is supposed to do. In fact that is one of the ~~xxxxx~~ difficulties
about the bible is that we know perfectly well what we are
supposed to be doing but we don't do it. Now as Tom said the
other night, I just want to use this, and I'm not embarrassing
Tom I hope. Tom said we had a play night and it turned out to
be ~~xxx~~ kind of a wild and wooly affair and that was the night
we started out trying to be a family. The reverend, and the counselors
and the kids, you know were trying to find their own shoes in
a pile of shoes and my dear wife Ruth keeps telling me Roger
you keep forgetting you 50 years old you know I want to be
15 again. And then you know there is going to be a kind of water
business it starts out with cups and the pans and ends up with
pails and the counselors are cleaning up the cabins., in good faith.
but in the midst of it all of a sudden a young man you've seen him
around the church and this is what happened between me and so
many of the kids.

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This is the kind of thing that agonizes you in a congregation like this. I want to know every one in this way. All of a sudden one of the young men you've seen around and you think he's just a typical flip kind of a kid says to you I want to say something and you walk away and for two years I have thought about this and this is what Tom said , I have thought about this thing , it's been on my back and I said if that's the case Tom maybe Go'd talking to you. So then he says thats what's happening and you just don't have things for public show this is for the christian community There is a difference between have ing a show and you dont have this take place just between you and one other you have a communal affair. Of the people in the lodge or in the lounge and in a real sense you find your self affirmed in what you say and you say Tom it would be marvelous if our own church could hear something of this, and you do not plan it this way. It speaks for lots of others ~~wy~~ who have made or are making lots of d~~ec~~isions. Three of our young people were baptized in a stream on Thursday night so he says it scares me to death but I'll do it. Now when you say I'll do it in obedience ~~to~~ not to Fredrikson but to a higher voice you learn oh God.You learn not about God you learn to know God. And part of our difficulty and the reason we get all cramped yp and choked up inside we seem to get free and is not because hanging banners around the wall or anything is not necessarily what we get is obedience. So that one of the red lines all through the scripture in the face of tr~~aff~~ic odds men and women say I do what I've been told to do and this is what I am going to do. Somebody comes in and is going to pull a book off the library shelf and why don't you read Wilfred Grenfeld, he said I guess I will and he pulged it out and one of the kids working in the camp.

Because Grenfeld's life is a story of obedience from Abraham to Jesus and we learn God we learn not about God we learn God and he says here's the test. To know him by obeying him So I've asked myself this morning the question, Do we keep his commands? Now the next paragraph moves on into being in God says here is the test and which by the way in the preceding paragraph it says something about Love is made perfect in obedience in other words that when love breaks though is when we are obedient Here is the test by which we can make sure that we are in him whoever claims to be dwelling in him binds himself to live as Christ as himself lived That is a beautiful phrase. The New English Bible has some beautiful phrases that just kind of light the whole thing up and it's like saying here's the answer like he's the remedy of the defilement of our sins and that it says a beautiful thing that he lives as Christ himself lived if anybody starts out on his way like Christ and says what am I supposed to do as a Christian I'd say read the four gospels! Man you get only to the fifth chapter in Matthew of Jesus baptism and his struggle in the wilderness and bang he's saying blessed are the poor in spirit ~~for~~ and you've got to say that you are going to be obedient to that one single binding in Christ you've got to say how poor in spirit am I? And if I am running around with a kind of arrogant attitude trying to put people down ~~xxxxxxx~~ right there is where I've got to start. mourning, hungering and thirsting after righteousness and place after place you know where it seemed wrong for us to do something, he did what he saw, bind yourself to that. We sing this hymn once in a while it says I bind my heart this time to the Galilean side. Yesterday in three lovely weddings we saw a man and a woman and there was deep seriousness in every case.

lokk into each other's eyes and say I take you till I die
 come hell or high water that's how I take you that's binding
 Beofre God and in the face of these witnesses to be bound to Christ
 is to learn what it's like to be in God. And as long as I stay on
 the peripheral on the edge as long as I never get near the
 fire I will not know what it is to be in God. One of the young
 men at camp I could just get off on this but I'm going to stay
 real close to the lesson, I just want to illustrate the kind of
 young person that doesn't not normally get up and say much
 of anything now one of the joyful noise makers stood up the last
 evening I was there at Campfire and said I think John Stone
 is a pretty good guy. And it was an affirmation of love that
 brought him closer to the fire it's a little bit like thatm
 when you draw near to Christ and say things and are things
 you would never be.as long as you stayed back there.
 Now it's six minutes of 12 let me just say a few words
 and we will pass these sheets out next week but in this
 paragraph I have to say this paragraph three will you please
 look at it again the seonnd sentence Dear friends I give you
 no new gommand it is an old command which you always had before
 you the old command is the message I gave you in the beginning
 and yet it is a new command which I am giwing you New in a
 sense that christ has made it and true and it is true in your
 own experience. This is a tremendous thing when I am
 om God I live in this commandment and what is the commandment
 The night the Jesus was with his 12 back in the 14 or 15
 chapter of John ~~xxxxxx~~ I give you a new commandment that you
 love one another now it starts way back in the Old Testament
 where the people of Isreal are told to love their neighbors
 but when Jesus comes that gets fulfilled. He didn't love
 tit for tat.

And we all know this is part of living part of binding ourselves to Christ he didn't just love back the ones that loved him he fulfilled love, drained it poured it out so that when he was dying he could say Father forgive them for they know not what they do. And the old love thy neighbor became Love the Loveless and the guy that is out on the edge and doesn't know if he wants to face the fire love him to. The old becomes the new its when I bind myself to Christ that I find myself loving that way Strange ins't it that we stand up in the service today and say Pakistan is half a world away will you share something? Somebody at the close of the first service said I want to someting about this and wrote out a check for two hundred dollars. Strange isn't it . Some people call it ridiculous but anyone whose bound to Christ knows both the old and the new commandment which is love your neighbor but also love those who despitefully use you Pray for those who turn against you for in doing that said Jesus you fulfill the whole law and all the commandments I've asked John Stone to lead us in our Pastoral Prayer today he's been like a co-pastor so let us prepare our hearts for prayer . In the name of the father, soun and Holy Spirit. Amen

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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Eight-thirty and Eleven o'clock

"Here is the test by which we can make sure that we know him: do we keep his commands? . . . Here is the test by which we can make sure that we are in him: whoever claims to be dwelling in him, binds himself to live as Christ himself lived." I John 2:3, 6.

OUR THEME IS THE WORD OF LIFE

Organ Prelude—"Fantasy in a minor" Johann Sebastian Bach
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chimes

The Call to Worship

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn—"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 98

A Word of Christian Greeting

Hymn of Fellowship—"Come, We That Love the Lord" 119

HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THAT THE FATHER HAS SHOWN

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Beautiful Savior" David N. Johnson

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Let not thy Word, O Lord, become a judgment upon us, that we hear
it and do it not, that we know it and love it not, that we believe it and
obey it not. Grant that our common life and work may help to bring in
thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Solo—"You've Got a Friend" Carole King

Miriam Fredrikson, soprano

Joel Fredrikson, guitar

**Solo—"An Evening Prayer" Charles H. Gabriel

Joe Lusk, baritone

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE DECLARE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—I John 2:1-17

The Gloria

The Sermon—"Here Is the Test" Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS

The Call to Prayer

Pastor: Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love,

And do what Thou wouldst do.

People: Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will,

To do and to endure.

Our Prayer for the Family of God
The Organ Response

GOD HIMSELF DWELLS IN US

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Saviour, Teach Me, Day by Day"389
Benediction and Response
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Organ Postlude

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of **Rona Carlson** and **David Patterson**.

The radio broadcast this morning over KELO is sponsored by **Davis Tailors**.

THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE

7:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements
DuetRoxanne Lee and Jane Selland
Service of Baptism
Receiving the Offering
Reading the Scripture
The Evening Prayer
DuetRoxanne Lee and Jane Selland
The Sermon—"Three Dollars Worth of God"Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
Hymn of Invitation
The Benediction
Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
The Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 15—4:00 p.m.—Church Council, Parlor

MONDAY, August 16—6:30 p.m.—Senior Girl Scouts, Room 122

TUESDAY, August 17—12:00 noon—Men's Bible Study, YMCA
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—WMS Circle Literature Chairmen, Library

WEDNESDAY, August 18—6:45 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, YMCA
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service, Parlor

FRIDAY, August 20—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, Smitty's Pancake House