

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

September 6, 1959

Eleven O'Clock

Broadcast on Station KELO

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near."

SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Organ Prelude—"A Psalm of David".....Rossi

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past".....Whitford

(Congregation in silent prayer)

Antiphonal Call to Worship—Choir and Minister

Processional Hymn—"God of Our Fathers".....551

(Congregation standing on the singing of the hymn)

Invocation

Lord's Prayer

Gloria

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HO, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—II Chronicles 7: 11-22

Choral Call to Prayer—"Hear Us, Our Father"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Amen—"Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

Anthem—"Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church of God".....Lindeman

Long hast thou stood, O Church of God, Long 'mid the tempests assailing;

Founded secure on timeless rock rises thy light never failing,

Shining that all may understand what has been wrought by God's command,

O'er night and chaos prevailing.

'Let there be light!' and light was there, Clear as the Word that declared it;

Healing and peace to all it gave, Who in humility shar'd it;

Ah, they were faithful, they who heard: Steadfast their trust in

God's great Word; Steadfast the truth that prepar'd it.

'Let there be light!' the Word shines forth!

Lo, where the new morning whitens;

O Church of God, with book unseal'd, How its page beacons and brightens!

Living stones we, each in his place, May we be worthy such a grace,

While truth the wide earth enlightens!

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CALL YE UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR

Christian Greetings

Hymn of Praise—"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies".....550

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy".....Whitford

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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HEAR AND YOUR SOUL SHALL LIVE

Solo—"The Beatitudes".....Malotte

Mrs. Firman Early, Soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"INVITATION TO GREATNESS"

AND I WILL MAKE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH YOU

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"I Need Thee Every Hour".....341

(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite with the church are requested to come forward and state their purpose at this time.)

Benediction

Choral Response—Chimes

Postlude

Ushers Will Seat Latecomers

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This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door and Rev. Babcock at the main door and Mr. Sisson at the balcony door.

The broadcast of the service today over Radio Station KELO, beginning at 11:10 a.m., is sponsored by the Petroleum Carriers, Harvey Thomas.

Hearing-aid receivers may be secured from the usher on request.



EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

7:30 P.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Fellowship Singing

Scripture—Mark 1:14-20

Prayer

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

Offering

Special Music

Evening Message—"FISHERS OF MEN"

Dr. Fredrikson, Pastor

Hymn of Invitation—"Breathe on Me, Breath of God".....116

Benediction

Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Chimes and Postlude



OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Reception for Mrs. Quinton and Judith in Fellowship Hall.

5:30 p.m.—**Senior High BYF** in Youth Room.

6:00 p.m.—**Junior High BYF** in Room 216.

7:00 p.m.—**Youth Choir** rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.

8:45 p.m.—**Hi Fi** at the Wesley Nelsons'

8:45 p.m.—**Afterglow** at the home of Dave Strecker, 1311 S. Prairie.

MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—**Webelos** in Youth Room.

TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—**Explorer Post**.

WEDNESDAY, 4:15 p.m.—**Junior Choir**.

6:30 p.m.—**Fellowship Supper and Prayer Service**.

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—**Junior Philatheas** in Parlor.

7:30 p.m.—**Sanctuary Choir**.

FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.—**Men's Fellowship**.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson Pastor

Rev. Al Babcock Minister of

Christian Education

Dr. Lee Bright Director of Music

Dr. Maynard Berk Organist

Frank Weins, Ross Beaman, Eugene Mashek, Sextons

Miss Winifred Jones Office Manager
and Financial Secretary

Mrs. Clarence Anderson Church Secretary

Duane Sisson Student Assistant

Miss Carolyn Spong Pastor's Assistant

Imitation to Greatness

Our Gratitude for the Strength and Glory of our Country

① Our Natural Resources

- The amazing variety of our country.
- Open Iron Mines of Minnesota
- The Steel Mills of Pittsburgh.
- The Great Lakes and the Wheat fields

② Our People

- Chambers of Commerce or Farmers
- Service Clubs
- High School Young People.
- Crowd at a Ball Game.
 - Grandma field
- Amazing Variety
- Great Spirit.

③ Our History and Our National Shrine

- Statue of Liberty
- Graves of the Unknown Soldier
- Lincoln Monument in Washington.

Yet All To Not Well

Arthur Schlesinger "The Decline of Greatness"

- The need for great creative personalities who dominate history.

① The Breakdown of Human Relations

- The Delinquent - Gang War in New York City.
- The Ailing problem of the American Farmer.
- The Race Issue - Where Demagogues can dominate the situation.

② Our Lack of Basic Integrity

- The dish in the Johnson - Patterson fight.
- The Congressional hearings of Hoffa.
- The little man.
 - Looking for loopholes.
 - Getting on the Greyhound train.

③ Our Worship of Secrecy.

1. We have been a pioneering, gambling people.
 - Our American Revolution.
 - Our Constitution and Documents.
 - Crossing the Mountain and taking America.

2. Now a great pattern of conformity.

- Everyone like everyone else.
- Our fitting and getting seconds for old age.
- Students who become conformists.
 - No uprising for Hungarian
 - but riots over losing football games.
- We trust the Committee

Chemical Company

"No quixotes here — just a bunch of average fellows."

3. The lonely character needs to be recovered.

- Charles Steinmetz.
- Thomas Edison
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln.

The Recovery of Greatness In A Great, Old Bible Story.

① Solomon building the Temple.

- At great cost over many years - A National Project.

② The Dedication of the Temple.

- Gathering of the Nation
- Bringing in All the Things of the Pastor.
 - Ark of the Covenant and Ten Commandments
- Renewal of Vows.
- The Service of Dedication
 - Music and dancing.
 - Offering of 22,000 Oxen and 120,000 ^{sheep}.
 - Solomon Prays a Moving Prayer

"O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heaven or on earth keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart..... If thy people repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity and pray toward their land which thou gavest to their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name, then hear

them from heaven thy dwelling place, their prayer
and their supplications and maintain their cause
and forgive the people who have sinned against
thee. " —

- Then God's presence fills the house.

- There is fire from heaven

- Glory fills the house of God.

- The Lord God accepts this house as
his dwelling place.

③ During the night God comes to Solomon.

"If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, and pray and seek my
face, and turn from their wicked ways, then
I will hear from heaven and will forgive
their sin and heal their land."

God Demands To Greatness

① If My People Who Are Called By My Name,

we call ourselves Christian

- Our Books
- Our Documents
- Our Great Moments

But Are We Christian?

- Adding Under God.
- "In God We Trust"
- Church Attendance.

② We Humble Ourselves

- Our Pride, self-sufficiency and Arrogance.

③ We Pray and Seek My Face.

- A deeper faith than Santa Claus or a Christmas tree.
- Confront the God of the Ages.

④ Turn From Their Wicked Ways

- Our Appetites and Lack of Discipline
- Our Idolatry and Hypocrisy.

God Promises

① We Will Hear From Heaven

- God will become our God.

② Forgive Their Sins

- Deep Inner Cleansing
- Much deeper than Investigating Committee and Court room.

③ Heal Their Sins

- Live in Deep Inner Wholeness
 - families
 - Political and Economic life
 - Our own lives
 - Become one Great family.