"A Good and Faithful Servant"

The Scriptural Setting
- Jesus Interpretation of the End of the Age.
- Then the three stories on Being Prepared
  - The Woolen and the Oil, The Talents, Judgment
  - The Story of Talents (1,000)
  - Comes out of Commercial Life.
  - Deals with the Word Conception of Investing and Getting Return.
  - Account of our responsibility to God.

God's Investment In Us

1. Everyone Has Been Given Some Capacity.
   - Not just music or leadership or teaching.
   - Capacity for love, for faith, for joy.
   - Each one has something.
   - We are the only one who can release these capacities, God's Vicereat Minister.

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2. There Is A Rich Diversity Throughout Life
   - The Car Manufacturers in Detroit
   - Engineering and Assembly.
- Do there is a rich diversity among us.
- Main doing honestly work.
- Praise cover all table.
- "I can write my name on that table."

Mary: "Isn't that wonderful? That's more than I can do. It just goes to show what an education will do for you."

3. Hein J. you gift to us.
   - He can ask for it at any time.
1. The Use of God's Investment

   (1) Just as a Banker Gets Money to Lend To Him
       No Life Can Be Invested.
       - Madame Curie
       - Thomas Edison
       - Albert Schweitzer

   (2) Great Team Work of Our Modern World
       - Building a Highway
       - Vast Industry
       - Meat Packing Plants in Our Community

   (3) New Personal Investment
       - In Farm, School or Clinic
       - Great Veterans

   (4) Every Day Offers Its Staggering Possibilities
       - To See Need and To Invest
         Ourselves.
3.

Niggling One Talent in the Ground

1. The place of need and then do nothing about it is to be a traitor.
   - We become hardened to need.

2. To substitute our capacities.
   - To squander them foolishly is far worse than throwing away a fortune.

3. To misunderstand the nature of God.
   - To keep this little possession will mean that it rots and is finally lost.
   - Some people always playing it safe.
Then comes A Day of Reckoning.

1. The Faithfulness in Handling What God Has Given Us.
   - With our hand, "Well done, Good and Faithful Servant."
   - His is True and Righteous.
   - We all come to face up to our companions, the facing up to our
     "And the unrighteous shall be cast into outer darkness."

This Afternoon
- A letter coming to discuss our 1961 program.
- This can be a spiritual experience.
- This week think about your financial investment.
  - Not selfishly or competitively.
  - "Marco Polo and his stone, "I never told the truth of it."
You have been given the opportunity to interpret our church program for 1961 through a friendly visitation of our congregation. Do you commit yourself to doing this as thoroughly as possible remembering that this can be a spiritual ministry.

We so commit ourselves.

Inexpressible

Remembering the inexplicable gift of God's great love toward us and the claim of Christ on our lives, we do commit ourselves to careful and thoughtful consideration of what our part in Christ's work through our church will be. We will receive the visitors who come from our church gladly and prepare ourselves spiritually for Loyalty Sunday, November 13.

We do so commit ourselves.
"The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?"

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION
Prelude—"O God of Bethel by Whose Hand" .................................................. Curry
"Prelude" ............................................................................................................. Franck
Choral Call to Worship—**"We Come Before Thy Presence"
**"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Processional Hymn—"O, Zion Haste" .................................................................. 521
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria

SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Matthew 25: 14-30
Choral Call to Prayer—"Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire"
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response— *"Hear Me, O God"
**"Bow Down Thine Ear"
Anthem— **"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake" ................................................. Farrant

WITH HIS OWN BLOOD HE BOUGHT HER
Christian Greetings
Statement by Mr. Norman Wilson, Chairman of the Church Loyalty Program
Receiving our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Largo" ..................................................................................... Marsh
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

FROM HEAVEN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER
Vocal Solo—"My Task" ....................................................................................... Ashford
Mrs. Firman Early, soprano

TO ONE GREAT HOPE SHE PRESSES
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Rise Up, O Men of God" .......................... 374

Benediction
Choral Response and Postlude
*First Service Only
**Second Service Only

This morning Dr. Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door, Rev. Babcock at the main door and Rev. Rowe at the balcony door.
The broadcast of the service this morning over Radio Station KELO beginning at 11:10 a.m. is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Graham.
EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Period of Hymn Singing
Scripture—I Kings 19: 4-13a
Prayer
Special Music by Youth Choir
Greetings and Invitation to the Lord’s Supper
Hymn
Offering
Special Music

Communion Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson—"In A Still, Small Voice"

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Church Loyalty Visitation
5:00 p.m.—RWF
5:45 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults)
5:00 p.m.—Keystone BYF (Senior High)—Pow Wow Supper—Citizenship Committee
6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case BYF (Junior High) in Youth Room
6:00 p.m.—Membership Class in the Church Parlor
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi
MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Explorers
7:30 p.m.—Junior High Leaders meet with Margaret Clark, 1200 S. Summit
TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—XYZ
7:30 p.m.—Committee on Youth Work
WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m.—Spiritual Integration Committee
8:15 p.m.—Leader’s Learning Hour
THURSDAY, 12:00 noon—Trustees at YMCA
1:15 p.m.—Junior Philathea Class meeting in the Church Parlor
1:15 p.m.—Philathea Class meeting
7:00 p.m.—Scouts
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.—Men’s Fellowship

CHURCH STAFF

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Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson..............Pastor
Rev. Albert H. Babcock..............Christian Education
Rev. James E. Rowe.................New Life

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Dr. Maynard Berk..............Organist
Mr. Harold Wortman............Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko........Children

Sextons:
Mr. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Warren Dolan
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
November 6, 1960

On this lovely day which God has given us, we welcome you to our Services. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We are glad that you have joined us today. In this age of tension and crisis, it is fitting that we turn to this quiet place to seek God's answers to our inner restlessness. Because you cannot be with us in the Sanctuary for one reason or another, we bring this service to you in the realization that God is not bounded by time or place or circumstance but is present wherever hearts are open to receive him.

This morning the Sanctuary Choir has sung PRAISE THE LORD, O JERUSALEM BY Maunder. The solo, MY TASK, by Ashford will be sung this morning by Mrs. Firman Early, soprano.

Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic THE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.

We invite you to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:30. The service will be under the leadership of Pastor Fredrikson who will be speaking on the life and message of Elijah in a meditation entitled IN A STILL, SMALL VOICE. This service which will be climaxed with the Lord's Supper is to prepare us for the musical worship experience which will be ours on the morning of November 20 when the Sanctuary Choir will present Mendelssohn's Oratorio ELIJAH.

Before we return to the Sanctuary let me say once again how happy we are that you are with us today. It is our hope that you will sense here the presence of God and in that Presence come to know His strength, his forgiveness and his peace. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. The doors of this church are always open to those who desire to meet God and walk with him. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that it is God's House to which we welcome you and it is in His Spirit that we seek to minister to you.
"A Still, Small Voice"

The Prophetic Tradition

1. Deep sense of "His earth the Lord"
2. Solely Men - Radical and Strange.
3. Men of Conscience
   - Faces Evil
   - Great Methodists.
   - Stripped bare the utter mask.
5. God Involved in the Affairs of the Day.

The Life of Elijah

- Knew God's love and resources - Water, Feeding Amin
- Meditated, Breath and the Mediated Rain
(1) Intimate, Tender Experience with Widow of Zarephath

- Because she cared for him with milk and bread, her oil and meal did not fail.

- The apparent death of the son.

- Eliphelet stretching himself out on the boy.

- He visited Rabbi Meir of Erez in connection with our children.

"Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord on your mouth is truth."

(2) The Confrontation at Mount Carmel

- Zechariah and Obadiah, the prophet's challenge.

- Halting between two opinions.

- His罹难.

- The tremble and the water.
The Prayer of Elizah

"O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant and that I have done all these things at thy word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me that these people may know that thou art O Lord, and God, and that thou haste turned their hearts back."
(3) Confronting Ahab at the Vineyard of Naboth
Dealing with His Murder

- The curse pronounced. I Kings 21:26-24

(1) The Entry of Elijah into Heaven

- Elijah, Uzziah
- His leaving in the chariot of fire

(5) The Vision at the Cave

- "I am all alone"
- The strong wind
- Earthquakes
- The fire

Then a still small voice

- The discovery of the presence of God

Those who have not bowed their knees to death.