The Majesty of the Recurring Theme

Introduction
- A basic, primary theme in a great symphony.
- The latter part of Isaiah in this theme.
- Comes from Exile and Captivity, humiliation and suffering.
- The Majesty and Glory of God!
  "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns!"

Life's Great Lessons

1. God can be taken for granted as we breathe.
   - You do not debate the existence of a man who
comes crying "fire!" Neither God.
   - This is inner, intuitive knowledge
   like love.

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2. God is the basis of Nature
   - Its order and beauty.
   - Not from Nature to God, but from God to Nature.

3. God is seen in the history of men
   - Babylonian - Cyprian and for Jeremiah;
     Like wise today
     - Utopia of Pesthman
     - Colonization or the Atom Bomb.
Helen Kelley

- Neither seeing nor hearing!
- Yet a Berry was Grew on her
- Did she know them?

"Of course — only not his name!"

Alcoholic friend.

Pascal

"Thou wouldst not now be seeking me, werest thou not already found me!"
2. We Have Been Losing His Sense of God.

1. We Have Assumed God on Superficial Grounds
   - Our Salute each Sunday morning
   - Our use of God's Name frequently.
     - In Public Wags, or on Money or in Salute.

2. And We Have Said Aside His Deep Confidence
   - In the Amazing Goodness of Man. Our Scientific Finding.
   - Our Double Standard of Morals.
     - Russia and America.
   - Our Attempts to Use Him
     - To Take Care of Our Little Affairs.
     - To Help Gain Our Big Things.
     - Doing us Success.
     - Keep Me in to Sleep at Night.

He, God Laughs At Foreign Nations 44:9-20

1. In the Clash of Nations, the Foreign Traders
   Have Failed.

2. Therefore, a Ruthless Satire, Hearing What is Made
   Worse by Tidying together.
The Great Description of the Living God

"I am the Lord, that is My Name; and My glory will I not give to another. Neither will I bear my praise to graven images."

3. God is Like The Majesty of A Great Mountain over A Village
   (1) The Village is life in the shadow of greatness.
   (2) This is them unforgettingly in His Life Of Jesus.
      - "Wise ye not that I must be alone
         "My Father's business?"
      - The Father ran of birds and fishes.
      - Coming to Jerusalem.
      - Finally on the Cross: Today Thou
        shalt be with Me in Paradise."

The Great Reality of The Recurring Theme
   (1) This God offers himself to men!
      - God is the the center of being
        - Not to forecast the future 666.
        - Not to help us with our aches and
          pains.
        - Not a glorified psychiatrist
          - Insecurity
          - Quiet complexes
          - Anxiety
- Not the Main Chance
- We have tried to find ourselves at the center of things.
- We tried it
- We always try to find man at the center.
- Our schemes!
  Good Samanthan a Golden Rule
- We cannot bend God to our will.

- The End of It All is God.
- See Christ lifting us up to face Christ God.
- See lovely, adequate answer of all Scripture.

Get all death.
(2) This Is A God Beyond Us.
- Not At The End Of Our Little Arguments
- If we get up on our tip toes.
- Man was a little bugger.
- He cannot be crammed into our minds.
- We cannot burn down to our notions.
- He is invisible, distant, and we can govern Him from

(3) This God Calls For Our Obedience In Action
- We ask God to do little tasks, breakdown.
- Take care of our headaches and our
- Asking Him to do household chores.
- Like Our Midget
  - Criticism and Small Talk
  - Put no great obedience or sacrifice.
- This Is A Cross In Our Obedience
  - Jesus and His Work
  - She here in our Nation

"This God Came to Us At Christmas."
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Tonight at 7:30 the Senior High Choir will present the cantata “Childe Jesus” by Joseph Clokey and Hazel Kirk. A series of tableaus will be shown in connection with this presentation. The program is under the leadership of Mr. Harold Wortman and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Paulsen. We cordially invite you to be present for this experience of worship in drama and music.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 5:00 p.m.—Roger Williams Fellowship
5:30 p.m.—SYADS
6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case BYF (Junior High)
6:00 p.m.—Keystone BYF (Senior High) Fellowship Committee—“Go Tell It On The Mountain”
6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Six—“What Our Church Expects of Its Members”
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.—Prayer Service and Annual Meeting
8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m.—Leader’s Learning Hour
8:15 p.m.—Integration Committee

THURSDAY, Women’s Mission Society Group Meetings
Group I—Mrs. George Schuer, 1608 S. Park
Group II—Mrs. Wm. O. Knight, 628 Wiswall Place
Group III—Mrs. Maurice Cooper, 2013 S. Holly
Group IV—Church Parlor
Group V—Mrs. Delbert Greenlee, 2021 W. 20th
Group VI—Mrs. Don Imler, 1009 Pam Road
Group VII—Mrs. Harold Wortman, 833 S. Hawthorne
Group VIII—Mrs. Gordon Stewart, 21 Riverview Heights
Group IX—Mrs. Wayne Stuck, 2024 S. 1st
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH STAFF

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

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Miss Winifred Jones ..........Financial
Miss Margaret Clark ..........Pastor’s Assistant
Mrs. Clarence Anderson ..........Church Hostess

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
Mrs. Hilda Bockelman
First Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
December 11, 1960
Nine-thirty and Eleven O’Clock

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND
Prelude—“Preludio” (IIrrd Sonata) Guilmant
“Come, Redeemer of our Race” Bach
Choral Call to Worship—**“We Come Before Thy Presence”
**“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Processional Hymn—“As With Gladness Men of Old” 196
The Lighting of the Candle
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria
Dedication of Parents and Children

THEY WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH
The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Isaiah 40: 1-11, 27-31
Choral Call to Prayer—**“Prayer Is The Soul’s Sincere Desire”
**“Take Time to Be Holy”
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response—**“Hear Me, O God”
**“Lord, Give Ear to My Prayer”
Anthem—**“The First Nowell” Clokey
**“And The Glory of The Lord” Handel
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

ARISE SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“A Rose Breaks into Bloom” Brahms
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES
Vocal Solo—**“Gesu Bambino” Pietro A. Yon
Harriet Martin, soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—
“The Majesty of the Recurring Theme”

I WILL MAKE WITH YOU AN EVERLASTING COVENANT
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—“Great is Thy Faithfulness” 165
Benediction
Choral Response and Postlude

*First Service Only
**Second Service Only

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Rev. Babcock at the side door and Rev. Rowe at the main door.
The broadcast of the service over KELO beginning at 11:10 is sponsored in memory of Dr. Harry C. Park, Sr., by his family.
The flowers today are from Sioux Falls College and are given in memory of Mr. W. F. Blatherwick, for many years a trustee of the college.
1. Greetings
   - Wednesday Supper - Dello Freych

2. Evening Service
   - Dramatic Service, Music & Tableaux

3. Lighting of the Candle
   9:30 Nancy Nady
   11:00 Joan Giebink representing Children's Dept.

4. Anyone wishing to register a protest against racing should contact Don Lennon, Vermillion, S.D.

5. State Racing Commission

6. Tell your rights to Alwine
The makers of idols are empty:
The worthless little dears,
Their devotees are too blind and dull to
To feel any shame.
It's a fool who would fashion a god!
He turns out only an image:
The Lot of them are human,
Trembling when they try to stand,
All ashamed in a lump.
The smith takes a chisel
And works with some coals;
He hammers and moulds
Until he's hungry and strength goes!
The graver in wood draws a line,
Then marks it with lead,
Scrapes it with planes,
Rounds it with a compass,
And makes it a man
To sit in a shrine.
You take an oak
That God has planted
And the rain watered;
You could as well build a fire with it
And bake some bread:
And you turn it into a god,
And you bow down;
Or maybe you burn half of it
And cook some meat
And warm yourself
And say Fine! I feel the glow!
Then shape the rest into an idol
And bump your forehead on the ground
And say, Save me, O my God!

Ignorant, senseless!
Eyes bedaubed, unable to see
Nor mind enough left to say
Half of it I burned in the fire
And baked me my bread
And roasted my meat:
Why should I make the half that remains
An abomination?
Shall I worship the trunk of a tree?
You should feed on ashes
And make them your fare—

Else pull yourself up with a jolt and declare
I'M a fool! It's a lie in my hand.
This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant, bringing you a word of greeting and a warm welcome from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. It is a joy to have you with us this morning. Today marks another milestone on our journey to Bethlehem. As the wisemen of old sought the young king so we too seek him somehow sensing that in his presence we will know forgiveness for our sins; strength for our weakness; hope for our despair and companionship for our loneliness. It is our hope that in this hour you will know that presence and that in a very real sense life will begin anew because of this experience.

The Candle of Joy was lighted today by [signature] as a representative of the children's department.

The choir has just sung AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD from the MESSIAH by Handel. The solo GESU BAMBINO will be sung by Harriet Martin, soprano.

Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic THE MAJESTY OF THE RECURRING THEME the second in a series on the prophecy of Isaiah.

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Before we return to the sanctuary may I say once again how good it is to have you with us. We hope that this service will be a source of blessing to you. Should you be in need of spiritual guidance or counsel please 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 this is God's House and it is in His spirit that we seek to minister to you.