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‘How Brightly Shines the Morning Star’ Nicolai

How brightly shines the Morning Star!
What radiance streaming from afar!
God’s glory there is shining.
Clear beam of God, which scatters night,
And guides the wand’ring souls aright,
Who long for truth were pining.
Jesus! God’s word!
Truth revealing, Sorrow healing, life bestowing.
Praise, Oh praise such grace o’erflowing.
My comfort here, my joy above,
Man’s Son, Son of the Father’s love.
Enthroned in heav’n.
With my whole heart Thy praise I sing;
To Thee, our prophet, priest and king
Be honors giv’n.

Savior, to Thee, trusting, clinging
Come I, bringing soul and spirit,
Thee, my portion, to inherit.
Aid me, my God, to sing Thy praise,
Thine ageless love, Thy matchless grace,
In Christ our Lord appearing.
When such a gift God gave for thee,
When such a Brother true is He,
Why still, my soul, be fearing?
Choose Him, know Him, greatest dearest,
Best, and nearest, to befriend thee,
Amen! Amen!
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Amen.

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Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory—*'Penitence’ Nicode
‘Beloved Jesus’ Brahms
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Title: The Gaps in Our Pivots

Introduction

1. Today's Christian Higher Education Sunday,
   - The place of our college.
   - But I want to cast this in a larger perspective.

2. The Great Command
   "Go, make disciples,
   - Teaching them to observe all things,
   - That every man, woman, and child should hear.
   - This is not optional, but an imperative.
   - Like the practice to be a musician.
   - Titus 2:14, if I aim to make a go in business.
His Great Commandment and Our World

- The Missionary Enterprise is a Remarkable Asset.
- The Bible in 200 Languages and Dialecs
- Hospitals and Schools throughout the World
- A World Church - 800 Million Christians.
- 30,000 Men and Women in the latter part of the 19th Century

But there are Gaps in the Body - The Word is Not Reached.

- The Unreached World -
  1/2 the Earth's Population within 1500 of Distant.
- 29% of Human Is Christian, 18% of India,
  1/2 67% of Japan.
- We are not keeping up with the terrific population explosion.
- Forty Ground.
- Four American Baptist Conventions.
3. His Great Movement And Our Own Country

1. The secularization of great areas without God.
   - Dev, work, and leisure organized without God.

2. Vast segments of our population unevangelized
   - The laboring man.
   - The university man.
   - The great cities.
   - Our juveniles.

3. Our Own Churches And Homes
   - Our pitiful lack of understanding and great confusion. The best of students at O.L. U.
   - Our need for committed church school teachers.
   - The practice of Christian virtues and teaching in our homes.
   - The call for strong, well educated Christian men and women.
Our Great Crying Need

0. Leadership
   - Quantitative and Qualitative
   - "He who writes to me becomes a"

1. The Place of the Christian College
   - Development of Christian Leadership
   - Its deep purposes
     - Question to the Faith
     - Call for Commitment
     - Sense of Vocation
     - A deep sense of Christian Community

3. Miss Calls for Support, Prayer, and Understanding
   - Pastor's Conference
     - College Hands
     - Dedication of Young Person
The Plague of the Sower

- Over constant planting, the seed.

- Some live like cattle
  - Always on the go, great rush
  - No chance for freezing or fevering
  - Our lives like asphalt street at 47th and Broadway
  - No harvest.

- Some live like vipers, tending up the seeds
  - Always concerned pushing out any attempt to draw near to God.

  - Every time the Bible read or mending.

  - When will I write the next letter or when about the next meeting.

  - Like a fleck of lime.

- Some live like shallow soil
  - Casual, flippant or superficial.
  - We choose the sensual, the passing and lazy going
THE SECOND EVENT OF OUR 85th ANNIVERSARY

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ROGER L. FREDRIKSON, D.D., Pastor

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"The Gaps in the Ranks"
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

Broadcast Over KELO

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

My dear Friends,

I can not put into words what I feel deep within me after our first Easter together. How grateful we are for the presence of the risen Christ in all the experiences of Easter Sunday!

Now, quite frankly, I hope these weeks following Easter can be a time of deepening advance as our church moves into new areas of service in the spirit of Easter. Jesus’ last command was “Go ye into all the world.” We will continue an 8:30 service until the end of May. This is being done because it affords worship for many who might not otherwise come. Once again, our worship will be in the Chapel.

Let me urge you to take seriously the second event of our 85th year which will highlight our ministry to young people. On Wednesday night, April 27, we will launch our own First Baptist missile—our Anniversary Friendship Tour. Rev. Babcock has written in some detail about what will take place that evening. If you can not come for the supper, please come for the youth presentation and stay for the reception afterwards.

This Sunday we highlight Christian higher education. I hope to see you in church.

In Christian love,
Pastor Fredrikson

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LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE

Attendance:  April 17
Church School ............................................. 661
Morning Worship ........................................ 1501
Chapel Service .......................................... 483
Sanctuary Service ....................................... 705
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Those baptized in the services last Sunday were Linda Rensberger, Bob Stapleton, Terry Satterlee, Mark Leyba, Stephanie Gerlach, Jim Shoemaker, Erwin Kirkvold, Jim Wessman, Cynthia Ingalls, Greg Stout, Dixie and Bob Muller, Connie Smith, Charlotte Heyl, Renee Malm and Harry Wahl. In the name of Christ we bid you welcome to our fellowship.

The rosation last Sunday announced the arrival of Brian Arland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmuck.

Mrs. E. O. Dietrich would like to express her appreciation for the prayers, calls and flowers she received during her recent illness.

In addition to those listed in the bulletin last Sunday, lilies were given by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones, Fred Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster and Rosemary.

The South Dakota Baptist Student Movement will have a Conference in our church this weekend. We hope many of the students from our Roger Williams Fellowship will plan to participate in this Conference.

We would like to urge our women to attend a meeting of the United Church Women on Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church. This will be the May Fellowship Day meeting, and the speaker will be Mrs. Baker, editor of the CHURCH WOMAN.

THE LOVE AND SYMPATHY OF OUR CHURCH

To Mr. J. W. Greenough and family in the death of Mrs. Greenough and to Mr. Iral Kirkvold and family in the death of his father:

All the members of our congregation join in expressing concern and prayers in the passing of your loved one. In the fellowship of the risen Christ we extend our hand of understanding.

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have 85 years of glorious history! This is the fact we are celebrating with five great events this year. The beginning of the second event, the 55th Anniversary Friendship Tour, is here. You are invited to participate in this event on Wednesday, April 27, in the sanctuary.

The event has two parts—the tour which will be taken June 7-16, and the home presentation this Wednesday. The tour will cover more than 1700 miles in a circle of South Dakota, including and through Aberdeen and Timber Lake, spending a day at Pierre and two days in the Black Hills and then coming home through Winner and Mitchell. On the way the group will visit most of the American Baptist Churches in the state.

The tour has three purposes. First, we want to know our cooperative work in South Dakota. First Baptist is the largest church in the largest city and is easily isolated from the needs, problems and opportunities of its sister churches in smaller rural settings. But we should not be—we should sense our unity and feel with our brothers as we seek to spread the gospel message. We want to come back better Baptists, knowing our fellows personally, and understanding our place in the program of our state.

Second, we want to be of service. We are offering to our other churches a program of music, drama and worship which we hope will be inspirational and challenging. We do this, not in a spirit of pride or egotism, but with the real desire to share something of the meaning of the Christ. We expect to be inspired by the dedication and spirit of others and want to do the same for them.

Third, we want to grow spiritually. We know that we will be greatly stimulated by the experience of being together for the ten days. We will study, worship, serve, pray and play together during this time, and we know we will come back new people. We will have something real and vital to share when we return.

It is the home presentation of the tour program that concerns us now. It is important because the youth want to share with you, as well as with the people of the other churches, and because an offering will be received to pay for the cost of the trip. We will need $1,200 or $40.00 per youth who goes. The church has been definite in feeling that this should be raised by free-will gifts. So, on April 27 you will have a chance to share in this project.

Al Babcock

Broadcast Sunday Sponsored by DR. GUY VAN DEMARK in Memory of Dr. Everett P. Quinton
If the church has anything to say to our modern age and to the lives of people with all their needs, this is the day.

Perhaps we can better understand the meaning of what we have come to express here in worship if we understand what Easter is not. The resurrection of Jesus is not something tacked on to make a success story out of what otherwise might have been failure. Easter is central to the Christian message. Nor is this day just the expression of a wistful hope that we will live beyond the grave. Easter is not the creation of our longings for immortality. Nor is Easter just a celebration that spring is coming, that the birds and flowers and green grass will soon be with us. The resurrection is vastly more than our creation of a vague hope or dream.

According to those first witnesses, Easter is God’s greatest miracle. Just as God has spoken in creating this vast universe, so He has broken the bonds of death in this act. This was the central fact of the apostles’ preaching. The cutting edge of Peter’s message at Pentecost, of Stephen’s message before the stoning and Paul’s affirmation of faith in Athens was that Jesus Christ had been raised from the dead. Every page of the New Testament rings with this truth. If we are to be serious Christians, it is unthinkable that we should treat the resurrection as a side issue.

There are great profound meanings in Jesus being raised from the dead that should lay hold on our lives today. First, Christ being raised from the dead means that God’s purposes will be fulfilled. He has the last word—not Caiaphas, not Pilate and not Caesar, but God! In the midst of a troubled generation there is tremendous need for the recovery of this faith. In T. S. Eliot’s “Murder in the Cathedral” the priests urge Thomas, the Archbishop, to keep his would-be assassins outside the church. Then Thomas cries, “Unbar the doors! Throw open the doors! I will not have the house of prayer, the Church of Christ, The sanctuary, turned into a fortress . . . The Church shall be open, even to our enemies,

Open the door!”
Then the priests cry out in amazement,

“You would bar the door
Against the lion, the leopard, the wolf or the boar,
Why not more
Against beasts with the souls of damned men, against men
Who would damn themselves to beasts.
My Lord! My Lord!”

The Thomas cries out in triumph,
“We have fought the beast
And have conquered. . . .
Now is the triumph of the Cross, now
Open the door! I command it.
Open the door!

This is the word of Easter. We can open all the doors, for Christ has conquered.

Secondly, the resurrection says that God’s power has been made available for man’s weakness and that the power of God which raised Jesus from the dead is now available for poor human beings such as us. This is why the Christian knows evil habits can be broken and forgiveness can come like the tide of a mighty sea. And this is why it is a sin for the Christian to allow worry, anxiety and problems to control his life.

Third, the resurrection offers to us the wonder of an unseen companion. A great scholar once visited a friend who had gone into the slums of London to work with the underprivileged. Afterwards he wrote, “There was my friend in that Hell, but Christ was beside him.” Easter offers a deeper relationship with Christ than even the disciples knew when He walked with them.

Fourth, the resurrection has given birth to a new community of love and power. Without Jesus being raised from the dead, there never would have been a Christian church. The headwaters of every congregation in this city is Jesus’ breaking the powers of death. So every time we meet in His name, we come in the strength of the resurrection.

Finally, all this means that death has been conquered. This is our last enemy, and we can approach even this with the confidence of conquerors. So let us rejoice that He is risen.

—An Abstract of the sermon preached by Pastor Fredrikson on April 17, 1960
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Introduction

1. The Tremendous Power and Father Of the Problem of the Prodigal Son.

2. Like A Child Before A Mirror.

Struggle For Freedom

1. The Son is Quite sure that this is his Father’s House, but he longs for freedom.
   - The old man gets on his nerves, yawning the Lease.
   - All these annoying limitations.

2. The Father knows life needs boundaries.
   - This is the Only Way Growth can be Real.

3. There Is A Discussion About All This.
   - Son: “I want Freedom.”
   - Father: “Can you believe you want Freedom.”
   - Son: “Freedom is What I Want.”
   - Father: “Freedom is What You Think You Should Be.”

4. So He Makes Up His Mind To Leave.
   - The Father Lets Him Go. “You Will Be Sorry.”
2.
The Son Has His What What He Wants

- He lives in a great, grand style.
  - Of course this can all come from his father.
  - But this all began to change.
    - Money became the belief of passion.
    - Inheritance made him off.
    - Can't keep skipping the tall ones or watching T.V. all the time.

2. This Is A Biography of Us.
- The Western Areas

- Reason Without The Father
  - Gas Chambers and torture methods.
  - Seeing
    - Captivate energy to substance & filming energy.
    - Art - Which has the rich meaning of
      Thoughts of The Father.
  - Our eye can see, Far Country
    - Using one capacity without the
      Father.
    - False sense, Virtual slipping through our fingers.
Finally, the revenge, slavery
- Bound to commence, as he must assume himself.
- Bound to work to the utmost satisfy them.
- Bound to a grand step and to cannot give it up.
- This in freedom outside the father's house.

1. Finally, he comes under the command of a series of rules.
2. We are always subject to our master.
   - Worry, mammon, sex
3. Our power over little ones, father.
   - Chief of one or slave of the other.

Now he is in a fever to see home.

0. It is the deep call of home that makes him repose.
   "My son, then is our hell that rings above all the tinkling.
   Cymbals."

2. No hope forever she calleth — I have grown up
   I have done atonements for my sin.

3. "Father, I have no claim on you whatsoever.
   "The miracles of your love."