"Something God Has Done"

Here is a strange story:

1. Joseph is deeply in love with Mary.
   - He has eyes only for her.
   - He is alone to marry her.

2. Then he discovers she is with child.
   - Put yourself in his shoes.
   - She shirk and the shame of it all.
   - We hear these stories frequently now.
   - Better give her away than keep her.

3. Then God intervenes and says, "Keep her.
   - This is My doing.
   - Do Joseph believe the unbelievable.

4. In the Spirit of Criticism, faith has said, "This is God's doing!"
   - Criticism
     - Great men born without fathers.
     - By Zechariah and Caesar Augustus.
     - Simple, a birth out of wedlock.

As Joseph said, "And the Creator can certainly do His faith to us, like faith to our forefathers."

TheSpirit reads with God.
Emmanuel - "God With Us"

1. The Parable of Children in a Far Country.
   - From U.S. to Australia
   - Advice and Guide are sent along.
   - Letters and News come later.
   - Finally, teachers.
   - This is not enough. Here is still trouble.
   - Either the father leaves them alone or goes himself.

2. We Have Seen God in Jesus Christ.
   - In his love of people.
   - The power of his healing.
   - Forgiveness of Mankind.
   - Power over death.
   - Both in who he was and what he did.

3. The Parable of the Magaara Falls.
   - The Tower there, but the Light in people, home.
   - That, some thing else.

"I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
Could in the God-head be
I only know the Manner 'Clined Her Human-God to His"
3. "For He Shall Have His People From Their Sins"

1. Modern Man's Question
   - Do We Really Need A Savior?
   - Are We Really Sinners?

2. The Answer of Camus' Novel "The Fall"
   - French existentialist who might have called himself an atheist.
   - The central theme of the book is sin.

   (A) Central character of the book is a hero-scoundrel.
       Jean-Pascal
       - An eminent lawyer
       - Willing to defend poor, eloquent in defense of justice.
       - Help people. Give up deal on crowded train. Well adjusted and urbane.

   (B) Her Discovery of Him Through A Series of Incidents
       - Traffic Jam
         - Guilty driver strikes him
         - Spectator calls him a dope.
       - Over and over again he rehearses what he would do if he got courage

       Violence of self
One of his love affairs caused
- He was sophisticated in these affairs.
- Then this woman times from him.
- Lamented her rejection and her soul rises to his heart that had no heart.
- Vanity of self

Now a woman standing on a bridge late at night

- Then the third in the river
- Had he jumped at once he could have saved her.
- But he hesitated and lost her.
- Cowardice of self

This is him
- Child of the creative
- Little sun lamp rising as the sun.
- Then this move drew in effect then in no deliverance
3. Answer: For He Shall Save His People from Their Sins.
   - All the failures around us.
   - Progress will not do it.
   - Wealth and Status will not do it.
   - Education will not do it.
   - Psychiatry will not do it.
   - Can I do it myself?

   "Here is the Magnificent Power of the Gospel. Not that we love God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins... and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

   - Gertrude O'Grady and the response of our community to her.
"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM
Prelude—**"Prelude and Fuge in D minor"** Bach
  **"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"** Vaughn-Williams
  **"Rejoice, The Lord Cometh"** Saxton
The Chimes
Choral Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night" 185
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria
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FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Matthew 1: 18-25
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response
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Anthem—**"And The Glory Of The Lord"** Handel
And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and
all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord
hath spoken it.

THEY REJOICED EXCEEDINGLY WITH GREAT JOY
Christian Greetings
Offertory Hymn—"Angels We Have Heard On High" 187
Lighting the Candle of Peace (during second stanza)
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—*"Allegro Moderato"* Loret
  **"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"** Purvis
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED EMMANUEL
Vocal Solo—"There’s A Song In The Air" Speaks
  Patti Heyl, alto
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"Something God Has Done"

HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Crown Him With Many Crowns" 250
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only  **Second Service Only  ***Ushers may seat latecomers

The broadcast of the service this morning over Radio Station KELO is sponsored
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This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door and Pastor
Rowe at the side door.
AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC
Presented by the Children’s and Youth Choirs

Organ Prelude
Candlelighting

Processional—“Joy To The World” 190
“Hark, the Voice of John” Grieb
“Ring Out The Joyful News Again” Bitgood

“Who’s Knocking There?” Primary Choir
Westervelt

Primary and Junior Choirs

“There Is No Cradle Ready” Spanish Melody
“The Little King Of The World Came Down” Bitgood
“Baby Jesus” Poole

Primary Choir

Bradbury

Primary and Junior Choirs

“Sing and Rejoice”

Hymn—“Away In A Manager” 199
“Winds Through The Olive Trees” Wilmont
“As Lately We Watched” Austrian Carol
“In The Bleak Midwinter” Holst
“Carol Of The Drum” Czech Carol

Junior Choir

Offertory Hymn—“There’s A Song In The Air” 198

Greetings and Announcements

SONG OF THE SHEPHERDS
Junior High and Senior High Choirs

The Prophecy
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Gregorian Melody
“The People That Walked In Darkness” Gillette

The Fulfillment
“A Great And Mighty Wonnder” Praetorius
“Here Betwixt Ass and Oxen Mild” 13th Century French Noel

The Nativity

The Shepherds
“A Child Today Is Born” Gillette
“Dost Thou In A Manager Lie” Hohenfurth Manuscript
“Glory To God In The Highest” Pergolesi

Angel to Shepherds
“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” Schop

The Manger
“O Little One Sweet” Scheidt

Adoration of Shepherds
“Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus” Schop
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Latin Hymn

Stained Glass Window

Benediction

Musical Directors: Lois Harchanko and Harold Wortman; Tableaux: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Paulsen; Narrator: Dave Sugarbaker; Soloists: Byrce Blacksmith and John Early; Lighting: George Bucher; Make-Up: Mrs. Jack Holt; Costumes: Mrs. Don Immel; Construction: Harold Larson; Mary: Mrs. Leonard Perron; Angel: Linda Leyba; Shepherds: Ray Hyde, Lee Chaplin, Philip Lundquist; Joseph: Leonard Perron; Mary: Mrs. Philip Lundquist; Prophets: Richard Beatty, Don Immel; Organist: Clarice Henning.

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Rev. James E. Rowe............New Life

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Mrs. Clarence Anderson...........Church

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

Hostess:
Mrs. Vera Fredrikson

Sextons:
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings
   - Helen Jones

2. The rosebud on the piano is in honor of John Perry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pollard.

3. The Candle of Peace will be lit by Mrs. Reuben Jeschke, representing the Women's Mission Society.

4. Evening Service -- 7 p.m.

5. Wednesday Dinner -- Anniversary of Faith
   Dr. August M. Hintz
   6:30 a.m.

6. Moment of Memory -- Mrs. E. C. Sprague
   7:30 a.m.