The Promises of God

The Mood of Our World

1. Breakdown of negotiations for peace.
2. The Question Concerning American Treaties.
   - The Russian Concession
   - The Cuba Dispute
   - Anti-American Routs
3. The Failure of God We Have Sought

4. The Mood of Persons Throughout the World

The Strength of God's Promises

- Sitting in Sennacherib's Home
  "The future is as bright as the promises of God.
- God can for His People.
  - Abraham, Jacob, The Children of Israel.
  - Circum in His Thigh"
Add: Cave In Trouble

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and through the rivers, They shall not overwhelm you! When you walk through fire you will not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

- We live with trouble
- Failure
- Loss and Separation
- Disappointment.

"Daddy, is your face turned this way?"

And Receive All Who Come

"He that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

"Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavily laden and I will give you rest."

- Always the unwanted.
- Cannot deal with the crowd.
The Promise of Christ's Winding Presence

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"Lo, I am with you"

1. The House of the Indwelling Christ
2. Yet we live divided. Broken, boundless lives.
3. We have not been obedient.

The Promise of an Even Greater Future

"The Majestic Future God Has Planned for Us."

"The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the Son of God coming into their own."

"And John saw a new heaven and a new earth."

1. The purposes of God fulfilled
2. That the resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of this
3. That our lives take on meaning in obedience to Him.
The Promise of Christ's Abiding Presence

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"Peace unto you."

1. The Mystery of the Indwelling Christ - His peace, power and joy, and His life.

2. Yet we live divided, broken, powerless life.

3. Is this because we have not obeyed Him? "Go ye into all the world."
   - We lack obedience.

Then into His love went mine,
And into my heart came he,
And I walk in a light divine
The path that I feared to see.
I said, 'Let me walk in the fields.'
He said, 'Why, walk in the town.'
I said, 'There are no flowers there.'
He said, 'No flowers, but a crown.'

I said, 'But the sky is black,
There is nothing but noise and din.'
But he wept as he sent me back,
'Here is my heart,' he said, 'there is sin.'

I said, 'But the air is thin,
And foes are veiling the sun.'
He answered, 'Yet hearts are nice,
And souls in the dark un-done.'

I said, 'I shall win the light,
And friends will love me, they say.'
He answered me. 'Choose tonight,
If I win to win you, or they.'

I saw one look at the fields,
Then set my face to the town.
He said, 'My child, do you yield?
Will you leave the flowers for the crown?'
Singing at Liberty for the Oppressed

The Church Is Mission

1. What Is the Church Up To?
   - It is on Mission for Its Lord.
   - Share the Gospel With Every Creative.
   - The Kingdoms of This World Shall Become the Kingdom of Our Lord and Savior.
   - This is crucial; first-rate business.

2. Analogy of This
   - Wailing Room before an Air Raid
   - Soccer Team in the Locker Room and Then on the Field.
   - We Must Not Confuse infantry with the Manager.

3. Our Weakness at This Point
   - Not enough people understand the issues.
   - Too many people on the sidelines.
   - The unemployment of key people.
His Mission is Performed as Christian Love Through Service

1. When God wanted to bring us home, He Did Something
   - He sent His Son, Whom He Gave Himself.
   - His Was A deed, "He and became flesh."

2. The Ministry of Christ
   - He gave Himself because He loved people.
     - Blind, Halt and Maimed.
     - Little Children and Women.
     - Outcastes and Despoiled.

   - The Statement of His Life
     "Release to the Captives"
     "Discovery of Right to the Blind"
     "To see all Liberty those who are Oppressed"

   - The Teaching of His Life
     - The Good Samaritan
     - Last Judgment.
3. The Weakness of Our Ministry
   - We don't want to get involved.
     People are costly.
   - We want to do things second-hand.
     Send them help over clothes.
     Give them a little money.
     $16. for unified budget
     81.25 for cigarette.

4. The Glory of Entering This Ourselves.
   - Our Program: Week by Week.
     Our Mission
     - The drug addiction in Harlem.
       Plan called Hope. Even staff person.
       511 new addicts in 1959.
     - Him of Cross smashing a glass hypodermic syringe.
     - The Opportunities
       - Our Neighborhood
         Indian young people for summer.
         Vacation Clinic School
         Day camp program.
Our Ministry Of Mercy Must Be Miraculous
0. This Has Been True In Our Recent Moments.
   - Jesus Going Among Them.
   - Zacchaeus
   - Woman at the Well.
   - Going to Simon's Home.
   - Apostolic Church
     - Philip and the Eunuch.
     - Paul in the jailer's home.
   - His Is True Today
     - The Watchers priests in France.
     - Students in Industry Here.

1. This Has Been Our Hour Attempts As A Church
   - Entering the places where people live.
   - Going to the jail.
   - Sitting with Alcoholic.
   - Entering the Place of Death.
   - Into the Troubled Home.
This is a ministry that belongs to all of us.

1. The diversity of gifts.
2. These belong to the whole body.

The Tower of Cruise

Facial, Drive, and Reconciliation
“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE

Prelude—“Andantino” ............................................ Franck
Choral Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—“Lead on, O King Eternal” .......................... 363
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria

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DEVOTED TO THE APOSTLES’ TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP

Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

**Anthem—“What Are These Which Are Arrayed in White Robes” ............ Stainer

Hallelujah! What are these that are arrayed in white robes?
And whence came they?
These are they which came out of great tribulation,
And have washed their robes and made them white
In the blood of the Lamb.
Hallelujah! Therefore are they, are they before the throne of God,
And serve Him day and night in His temple.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
Neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne
Shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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BREAKING OF BREAD AND PRAYER

Christian Greetings

**Offertory Hymn—“A Charge to Keep I Have” ..................................... 373
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
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**Organ Offertory—“Intermezzo” ..................................................... Schroeder
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

GOD HAS MADE HIM BOTH LORD AND CHRIST

**Vocal Solo—“My Songs Shall Arise” ................................................... Ward
Wayne Dalton, baritone

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—“Liberty for the Oppressed”

ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—“Take My Life And Let It Be” ........... 296
Benediction
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*First Service Only—**Second Service Only—***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door, Rev. Babcock at the balcony door and Rev. Rowe at the main door.
The broadcast of the service this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 is sponsored by Dr. Guy Van Demark.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Period of Hymn Singing
Scripture and Prayer
Greetings and Announcements
Hymn
Offering
Special Music
Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Promises of God"
Hymn of Invitation—"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Benediction—Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross"

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 4:45 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.—Junior High Jamboree in Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.—SYADS in the Parlor
6:00 p.m.—Youth Groups
6:00 p.m.—Membership Class in Room 111
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi

MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Explorers in the Youth Room

TUESDAY, 9:45 p.m.—Women’s Bible Study in the Chapel
10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club Meeting
8:00 p.m.—Study Club

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Service
7:15 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 1:00 p.m.—Junior Philathea Luncheon at Cactus Heights
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 2:00 p.m.—United Church Women Fellowship Day—First Methodist Fireside Room

SATURDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Harmony Class Potluck in Youth Room

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

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

Hostess..................Mrs. Hilda Bockelman
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The flowers this morning are in memory of Mr. J.J. Neuroth given by Mrs. Neuroth, David, Jack and Melanie.

2. The rosebud on the piano is in honor of a son, Reed Meredith, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sanford.

4. Debbie Stapleton
   - 12 years of age
   - Christian

4. Women's Bible Study
   - Wednesday Morning

3. Volunteers for Church School Workers