We Have This Ministry

Introduction  II Kings 7:3-9

1. Benhadad lay sick to Damascus. 
   Then is death and starvation.

2. Four lepers laying in a corner of the city, 
   Their lot is helpless, either way.

3. Then they decide to gamble and discover the miracle of food.

4. Then: "We do not well. This day 
   is a day of good tidings and we
   held our peace."

This is our own experience

1. The helplessness that preceded conversion.
2. The Good News of Christ.
3. The experience of salvation.
The sharing of Good News - central task
we have found hard to share with others.
This is the case. Powerfully them of our faith.

1. This is the fulfillment of men's deepest hopes.
   - Our deepest yearnings.
   - Our need for love and peace.
   - Our need for order and life.

2. His love has been found.
   - Shall heal dead soldiers in France.
   - Finally brought home.

3. He is also reconciliation.
   - A new heritage. His father and the
     daughter.

His grace is for the whole world.
   - Not a personal obligation.
Our confusion about telling the news

“...we are holding this here to ourselves.

1. We become hideous

Arguments
- A little silent chat among ourselves. 
- A little weekly inspirational exercise

2. We become an institution

- Trying to build ourselves.
- The machine becomes the corporation

- President, foot on the way we ask people to do things. 
- The end of everything now becomes a building program.

3. Do we end up doing little housekeeping

Close
- Listening
- Serving on some little committee.
The Orientation of The Life of Dee Climen

1. The Life of Dee Ford
   - His Ministry to Zacchaeus or the Woman at the Well or the Demoniac.
   - His death on the Cross - Outside the Camp.

2. The Early Apostles
   - Scattered to Do the Work.
   - Have at Ephesus.

3. The Work of Evangelists or Missionaries
   - Going Where the People Are.

4. The Scattered and the Gathering Churches

The Church is the Ministry
- Teacher
- Leader
- Fellowshipping
- Servant

- Small Groups
- Worker of My People.
1. Do we actually deliver?

2. Do we owe any tax debts?

   - Money left home to home
     - Delegate (Krug)
Living for Jesus
Prelude........"Introspection"........Hartmann
Hymn........"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all. Amen

Invocation..............Rev. Palmer Swenson
Hymn................"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Sing O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Refrain:
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows!
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong;

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Power and glory unto the Lord belong:

Scripture Reading........I Corinthians 4: 1 - 18
Moments of Meditation
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response
Anthems by Sioux Falls College a Capella Choir
"Alma Redemptoris Mater".......Palestrina
"Create in Me O God a Pure Heart".Brahms
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory......."Andante Religioso".......Nevin
Hymn.............."The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee. Amen

Sermon......................Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
"WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY"

Hymn............."Go, Labor On; Spend, and Be Spent"

Go, labor on; spend, and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will:
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still!

Go, labor on while it is day:
The world's dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away;
It is not thus that souls are won.

Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray;
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wanderer to come in. Amen.

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude........"Marche Romaine"........Gounod

The beautiful Lowrey Coronation Organ used in our service this morning was furnished by RECTOR'S Music Studio, Huron, South Dakota

Living for Jesus by Charles Zingg
For to me to live is Christ.—Philippians 1:21.