"To the Least Of These"

3-21-65

Then Is A Last Judgment

- The Climax To All History. Every Man Stands Responsible To Him For All History.

1. The Son Of Man In Glory
   - His Own Throne in Heaven
   - All Angels and His Presence on Earth
   - The Gallows Were His Death.
   - "Before Him All Nations" - Once Welser, "Now Galilee"
   - "All Advocate to Now the Judge"

2. He Is A Decisive Judgment
   - Sheep and Goats - Easily Distinguishable
   - There Is No Arguing or Weeping or Crying
   - "We face the Judgment at Hand"

3. Not Based on Our Standards
   - Station, Rank, Wealth, Race
   - Not All Outer Depreciation of Alleviation
   - Nothing Saved. Only Alleviation Later
   - Speaking, Weeping, Going Through Nothing
(4) Some Treatment of Here in Soaky Water

- Here people around us, He Common, Unfamiliar

- The "Difficult" Neighbor

- The "Secretary" in Our Office

- My Wife When I Am Angry

- The Friend's Pension Down the Hill.

- Here Person Was Always Calm.
The presence of Christ in foreign places.
- Christ waited for me in Lebanon, Beirut,
  Unexpected Places. It is from the wall, the earth.
  - Leslie Weatherbee - women in her room.
- Physical Need - lacked, hunger
- The C.R.O.P. Program

300 Million with 150 Million hungry
2 Million 1.5 Million

"No statistics or quantititative analysis can truly reflect
the tragedy that hunger and malnutrition inflict on more
than one half of mankind, on the colossal waste of
our human resources and the mitigation and slow
extinction of lives that could have been otherwise faithfully
and happily lived."

- Children in the developing countries
  Ages 1-5 make up 25% of the 2 Million
  in these countries

1 out of 10 suffering from malnutrition
2 of 10 children never make it to 5th grade.

Silaqa - Mother must have five children to
have one that will reach the 15th birthday.
- The Children of the Presidents.
In the Mind of Plenty - America

The Hidden Population - 20% of our people - honest,

"Mom, you got to stay and help me. I need help."

"Ma, I'm going. I'm leaving for good. I don't know what we do but I can't stand it no more. I'll seventeen and I'll get along somehow. It's not my fault. We're a drunk and you got eleven kids. Now you'll only have ten."

The Tenement House in Chicago!

"Absolutely, Do not throw trash but bathroom Windows, Children are not to run, shout, or play in hall."

"In the Mind of Plenty - America"
3.

(2) The One Who is Loved - The Stranger - The Hero

- The Stranger
  - The Unwants - Your Body, Our Want,
  - The Unwants - The Indian - The Hero
  - A Union: With Nez and Hootch

- The One Who is Hated
  - Here Who Face the Anxiety of Ulcers
    - Robert Norris in Louisville
  - Here Who Are in Mental Hospitals
    - Facing T.V. Screens
  - Here Who Are in Mental Hospitals
    - Living with Anxiety, Guilt

- Dr. Reynolds
  - Huffington Mason

Give me wings, O you god that rise and shine
The wheels of expressed
Give me wings, pain and want
Admit me one with shame and failure from your
Dons, of gold and fame
And lead
Give me your shackles, wear your wings, my little dove
The One Who Is Spiritually Lost - In Prison

- God Our Redeemer - Without Freedom.
- We, This Is The Dilemma Of Every Man.
- Sickness, Great Disease Of All Of Us.
- Guilt, Indifference And Death.

Clue To This - Frederick Kennedy

"All eyes, was in Christ's eyes, - all eyes,
My wife, and a million more.
And once I thought on those two eyes,
Were the eyes of the London Wire.

And they was sad, - My Lord, for sad
With tears, That seemed to shine,
And quivering bright as the speech
O' light.

They said, 'I am sure we win.'
Here We Are Our Money

1. We can button them and tuck them down
   - Make clothes, caps and cover our feet
2. We can clean them, climb over them.
   - Heal them with love.

This Was The Way With Christ

1. Helpless Blind Maintenance
2. The Samaritan Woman At The Well
3. The Child Atoned To The Forse A Side
4. The Demoniac In The Tomb
   - He stopped and almost new life.
   - Flin the officer, sir...

"There ain't no thrones, and there ain't no lords,
He, sir, just Mr. That is the Judge
Of Mothers like you and me.
And long 'tis sooner frizzled up,
2' the flame of a burning hell
Then stand and look into 'N face,
And 'can 'Is voice say - 'Well?'

The Desolation of Life
- Away from Self
  Howard Nutten
- Margery Nutten
- The opening of the life of the
  Church
CALL TO WORSHIP

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

CALL TO PRAYER

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, and you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,
And the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
Let us pray:

"Last verses of read Scripture---

.............then they also will answer, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee? Then he will answer them, truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous... into eternal life."
ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 21, 1965

1. Welcome

2. Our gratitude for the flowers
   Given by Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Reichelt,
   Mr. and Mrs. Don Palmer, and A. W.
   Palmer, in memory of Mrs. A. W. Palmer
   and her two sons, Dale and Carl.

3. The Evening Service, Roger Williams Fellowship.

4. Our 90th Anniversary Banquet
   Open to everyone
   Special arrangements for child care

5. Special U. N. Program
   KELO-TV, Monday, Febr. 22, 10:30 p.m.

6. America for Christ Offering
   Sunday, February 28

7. Special Afterglow for all college parents
   and their college "kids" following the
   evening service. This will be held in
   Fellowship Hall.

[Signature]
First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

February 21, 1965

Eight-thirty and Eleven O’Clock

“And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

Organ Prelude—“Prelude in F” ........................................ Charles V. Stanford
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—“The Church’s One Foundation” ............. 423
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria

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SOURCE WHENCE ALL OUR BLESSINGS FLOW

Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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BOUNTEOUS SOURCE OF EVERY JOY

Christian Greetings and Announcements
The Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“Jesus Shall Reign” .......................... H. Alexander Matthews
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

LET THY PRAISE OUR TONGUES EMPLOY

A Witness by a Young Person

*Anthem—“Unto Him Will I Lift Up” ............................. Zingarelli
Junior Choir
Unto Him will I lift up mine eyes, to God that dwelleth in heaven, . . . For they that trust in God shall be as a mountain that cannot be removed. They who do not heed the word of the Lord are like the man who built his house on sand. And his house before the wind and rain did fall, . . . But they that heareth the word of the Lord, They that doeth the will of our God shall be as the man who built his house on rock, And it no wind or rain could fell, For it on rock was built on rock, the Lord our God . . .

**Anthem—“O Praise the Name of the Lord” ....................... Peter Tschaikowsky
Sanctuary Choir

O Praise the Lord, O laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord, alleluia. Praise ye the Lord out of Zion, praised be the Lord, who dwelleth at Jerusalem, alleluia. O give thanks unto the Lord; he is good, and his mercy endureth forever, alleluia. O give thanks unto the God of heav’n for his mercy endureth forever, alleluia.

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Matthew 25:31-46
The Introit
The Sermon—“One of the Least of These” .................. Rev. Roger L. Fredrikson

THY LOVE CROWNS ALL OUR DAYS

Hymn of Preparation for Baptism—“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” ..... 307
The Service of Baptism
The Hymn of Dedication and Decision
Benediction and Choral Response
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers may seat latecomers
The lovely flowers on the Communion Table today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Reichelt, Mr and Mrs. Don Palmer and A. W. Palmer in memory of Mrs. A. W. Palmer and her two sons, Dale and Carl. The broadcast this morning over KELO is sponsored by McKinney & Allen.

COLLEGE EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

The College Division of Our Church Presents
“LIFE! PLEASE, I’D RATHER DO IT MYSELF”

An evening worship and conversational play written by Karen Swenson

ANNOUNCEMENT

The big event of this week is the celebration of 90 years of ministry for Christ. This will be a great experience for all of us. Dr. Clarence Cranford of Washington, D.C. will be our speaker and we will have occasion to honor all those members who have been a part of our church 50 or more years. May we remind you that Anniversary Dinner tickets are on sale following both morning services as well as at the close of the evening service in the Church Library. We are limited to 440 reservations and we must close all ticket sales on Wednesday, February 24. You may make reservations by calling the Church Office but the tickets must be picked up by the 24th.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 21—5:00 p.m.—Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.—Jr. Hi Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m.—Jr. Hi BYF, Youth Room
6:00 p.m.—Sr. Hi BYF, Parlor
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow
9:00 p.m.—Roger Williams, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, February 22—4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, February 23—9:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, Youth Room
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Church Calling, Library

WEDNESDAY, February 24—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir, Choir Room
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:15 p.m.—Board of Deacons, Parlor

THURSDAY, February 25—1:15 p.m.—Sr. Philathea Class, Parlor
4:00 p.m.—Primary Choir, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, February 26—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.—90th Anniversary Banquet, SFC Salsbury Union

SATURDAY, February 27th—1:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Youth Month Smorgasbord and Program, Fellowship Hall (Meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.)

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERIAL:
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.........Pastor
Rev. L. Thomas Harlan.........Associate Pastor
Mrs. Emil Tiezzi..........Interim Christian Education Co-ordinator

MUSICAL:
Mr. Stanley L. DeFries.........Director
Dr. Maynard H. Berk ..........Organist
Mr. Harold Wortman...........Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko..........Children

SECRETARIAL:
Miss LeeDel Howard............Financial
Mrs. H. C. R. Olsen...Pastor’s Assistant
Mrs. Clarence Anderson........Church

JANITORIAL:
Mr. James Timmerman.........Sexton
Mr. Lamont Reichelt..........Assistant
Mr. Russell Hubbard..........Assistant
All eyes was in 'Is eyes,
My wife's and a million more;
And once I thought as those two eyes
Were the eyes of the London whore.

There ain't no throne, and there ain't no book:
It's 'Im you've got to see,
It's 'Im, just 'Im that is the Judge
O' blokes like you and me.

And boys, I'd sooner frizzle up
I' the fires of a burning 'Ell,
Than stand and look into 'Is face,
And 'ear 'Im say -- "Well?"
American Baptist Assembly
Green Lake, Wisconsin
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 22, 1965
10:00 a.m.

ENTER TO WORSHIP
Organ Prelude "Psalms 19" Marcello
Call to Worship Dr. Bruce Mills
Minister: Lift up your heads, O ye Gates; and
be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and
the King of glory shall come in.
People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord
strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Minister: Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
even lift them up; ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord
of hosts, he is the King of glory.
(Psalms 24: 7-10 KJV)

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE
Processional Hymn No. 110 "Praise the Lord Ye
Heavens Adore Him"
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria Patri
Solo: "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"
(Isaiah 26:3,4) Thiman
Dorothy Jackson, Soprano

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION
Silent Meditation
Prayer of Intercession Dr. James Branton
Choral Response

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
Offertory "Offertory" Thiman
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

WORSHIP THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem: "In the Year that King Uzziah Died",
Assembly Staff Choir Williams
Scripture: "Matt. 25:31-46 Dr. David Redding
Sermon: "ALL EYES IN HIS EYES"
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT
Hymn No. 377 "God Send Us Men"
Benediction
Choral Response
Organ Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" Clarke

Welcome to Worship
A cordial welcome is extended to everyone who participates in this experience of worship. Represented in today's service is the National Bible Conference and Vacation Week Conferences.

Today's Offering
The Offering today is dedicated to our Green Lake ministry of music, art, drama, and related Assembly projects and services which are designed to enhance the effectiveness of conferences throughout the summer. Your generous support will make possible an ever-expanding witness at the Assembly
ASSEMBLY MUSIC STAFF

Dr. David Kellermeyer  Director
Dorothy Jackson  Soloist
Jacqueline Shaykar  Soloist
Otoniel Gonzaga  Soloist
*Marian Kellermeyer  Accompanist
Olive Trumble  Accompanist
Beth Van Ness  Accompanist

*Organist of the morning

Worship Participants

Dr. James R. Branton, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York.

Dr. Roger L. Fredrickson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dr. Bruce E. Mills, Editor of Secret Place, devotional publication having a circulation of almost 500,000.

Dr. David A. Redding, Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland, Ohio.

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"ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE"

February 21, 1965

My dear friends, a week ago Friday I sat at the Ministerial meeting and heard a man with the United Church of Christ share with us the work of CROP which is an attempt on the part of many Christian people to share with those that do not have anything to eat. My mind was turned toward this decisive judging and frightening passage which comes near the end of Jesus life and is a picture of the great judgment. You can leave this church today thinking many things but I would hope and pray that in some sense you would become aware of the least of these.

All of history according to our understanding of it is moving toward an exit, a climax. It is one of the convictions of Christian theology growing out of the Bible that history has a beginning and an ending and that as God has begun and guided history he will end it. And that at that end every man must render up his account. I do not say this lightly nor do I say this morbidly. It is one of the facts that every Christian understands. So it is in the 25th Chapter of Matthew that Jesus gives a scene of this judgment which is the division of the house. It is interesting that there is no arguing here. It is an incisive judgment that divides sheep from goats and in the Syrian world in which Jesus lived, goats were black and sheep were white. There is no appeal to the books for the judge knows and in this congregation on this Sunday he knows, too. Now the fact of the judgment is not based on our standards. It is not what did he wear, what kind of a house did he live in, what school did he go to, who were the friends he ran around with. Now let's not kid ourselves, these are pretty important to us. But in the last analysis as Nels Ferre used to say, we're stripped down naked and what we show then is what we are judged on. So the strange, fascinating thing about the picture is that those who thought they were going to get in did not get in and those who had no idea what this was all about they were told to come in. And the basis of the judgment was the treatment of the least of these. Now that puts it right down in our backyard. For that ultimate judgment is related to the day. It is related to the black man down the block. You can have all kinds of fancy arguments about the Negro, my friend, and why you don't like him. You deal with God on that, not me. For you are responsible to him. Either that or else don't call yourself Christian. Someone moves into our block who acts strange not like us so we make a perfunctory sort of socially acceptable outreach to him. He does not respond to this because he is perhaps scared. This happens. So we say ok and shrug our shoulders. Let him go his way, I'll go my way. You say, am I responsible for that? How do you interpret the story? Who is the least of these? A girl comes to work in our office, secretary. I can treat her like a desk or a typewriter. A student walks into my classroom, he can be a clod. You see the people that carry my garbage and deliver my milk in a sense, they are at my mercy and I am judged by how I treat them.

Now Jesus got . . . . about this he started categorizing
He made a list, he said hungry, naked, thirsty, my God how can I talk to you about the physical need of this world? We don't even understand it. We whiz down our highways, we look at hugh graineries full of it, and I know my beloved friends, there are all kinds of complicated arguments about why we can't or why we shouldn't feed the hungry. The fact is let me ask you, with 3 billion people on this planet, and one and a half billion of them tonight going to bed without food that is adequate, am I responsible or am I not? But you say, there is nothing I can do about this. Oh yes, there is. That's hiding behind an argument that won't hold water in judgment. This man from CROP spoke to us about this. He said for example, that in the emerging nations there are 2 billion people, 25% of whom are in the age bracket of 1 to 5 years of age but 7 out of 10 of that those millions will never reach their 5th birthday, they'll die before then. You say why doesn't somebody tell them about birth control. My conscience, most of them don't know America exists, may of these people and these children did not ask to be born into this world. These people know no better and we can sit like goats in hard calloused chairs and build our arguments and assume that somehow the hell which half the world lives in is not our responsibility. This is our choice as Christians.

Or take if you will for example in Libya a mother has to have 5 children to get 1 that will live to the age of 15. And while 1 is sucking on one breast that the mother is trying to push away, another one reaches for the other breast. Am I responsible? The least of these.

Take for example the stranger. How can we speak of the stranger, the person that we do not even know or care about. There is a saying in the book called In the Midst of Plenty after the thesis has been established, that 20% of our population is hidden in poverty, there is a scene in which the mother says, Joe, you gotta stay and help me, I need help. Joe says, Ma, I'm goin', I'm leaving for good. I don't know what I'll do, but I can't stand it no more. I'm 17 and I'll get along somehow. It's now my fault that Pa's a drunk and you've got 11 kids. now you only have 10. A stranger. I think for example of the unwanted, the times that perhaps have been the most hard on me have been when our kids have come home from school as I suppose all children do and said, nobody cares, I haven't got a friend. I recall one party when we first came to Sioux Falls when our oldest son came home crying, he didn't want us to know it but he went upstairs and shut the door because after all everybody else had a home to go to or a party, everybody had friends, but he said I haven't got any friends. And I tried to say you wait and see and all that stuff, all parents use the same argument. But this is a cutting thing. And I thought about youngsters on playgrounds, nobody wants, the stranger. And the Mexican, we talked about him in our School of Missions. Some 5½ million Spanish speaking people in this country, how easy it is to call them by a name, but you see he's got feelings like I've got, he has a heart, he aches and hurts where I hurt. The least of these.
And we can pass resolutions and set up committees and frankly keep doing it 'till Hell comes around, and never deal with the issue. It starts in my own heart. Or take if you will the spiritually lost, the ones in prison. There are all kinds of prisons, you know. People that are full of fear. They hardly dare turn around they are so afraid. The people that sit actually behind bars. The people who are locked in by disease. The people who want somehow to find the spiritual direction but they cannot find it. Now dear people, do you know what Jesus said? That's where I am, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty, the unwanted, the woman on the back street, the kid who's got to leave the tenement in Chicago. You say, but of course there aren't people like that in Sioux Falls. Let me take you on a trip this afternoon if you don't believe it. Now the question is, how will I treat this one.

*What/why*/ But you say I can't treat him with the love he deserves. I can't give him that. Ah, listen, this is where Christ comes in. I cannot either. I somehow find my heart gets cold and stony I get calloused, human need becomes a panorama that cannot be defined. It is so vast and terrifying, but you see He stands and in haunted, haunting, wretched places He knocks, He cries, He asks and the question in the last analysis is not how much, how many, how many words, how many prayers, but friend - when the least got near you, did you look at him and love him? And my only home here is Christ. Here is the one who went to the city the country of Symaria and sat with the woman at the well, who had the dinner with Zacheous, who took a prostitute out of the earth and said Go and sin no more. Who turned to a dying thief and said This day shalt thou be with me in paradise. My only hope is that somehow his life, his love, will shine out through my life and touch someone that in that hour I may discover - discover - that at least I've heard enough of his voice, responded enough to know that I have seen the least in his mercy and in his grace.

You know, a friend of mine did a lovely thing for me this week, I get far more like you, Royhl, I get far more than I ever give. A book of Studdert-Kennedy's poems. Now Studdert Kennedy was called Woodbine Willy, the first World War. He was the greatest loved chaplain in all fronts in France. He was an Episcopal priest who came to be loved by the men of the 42nd Infantry. He wrote a poem about God's suffering, I hope I can read just a part of it: "All eyes was in Christ's eyes, all eyes, my wife's and a million more, and once I thought as those two eyes were the eyes of a London whore. And they were sad, my God, how sad, with tears that seemed to shine, and quivering bright as the speech of light, they said, Her soul was mine. And then he comes to the end. "There ain't no throng and there ain't no books, it's Him you've got to see, it's Him just 'Im that is the judge o' blokes like you and me. And boys I'd sooner frizzle up in the flames of a burning hell than stand and look into his face and'ear 'is voice say, "Well?" Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these, you did it unto me. What will we do about the hungry, the aged, the mentally ill, the minority, the alcoholic, most of all our neighbors.
Tape not transcribed of Rev. Nastari's message.
February 28, 1965

CALL TO WORSHIP:
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with joyful songs. Know ye that the Lord is God: it is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

CALL TO PRAYER:
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

CONCLUSION OF SCRIPTURE:
No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
1. Greetings

2. Gratitude for the flowers
   Given by Mrs. Mable Eggland, Miss Luella Mauritiz, and Miss Luella Simon as a remembrance of the anniversary of their commitment to Christ.

3. Gratitude for the weekend events
   Anniversary Banquet
   Youth Supper
   Presentation of certificate to Dr. Berk

4. Evening Service and Wednesday Evening Service
   Ballard Blount, Speaker

5. A word about the America for Christ Offering


7. Talk-It-Over Groups
   8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Parlor
   8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Parlor
   Also at Men's Bible Study Wednesday morning at the Y.
First Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
February 28, 1965
Eight-thirty and Eleven O’clock

“And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE
Organ Prelude—**“Pastorale”” ................................ Cesar Franck
**“Hear, O Israel” .............................................. Jaromir Weinbeager
“I Believe in One God” ..................................... Everett Titcomb
Procesional Hymn—“Praise to the Living God” .......................... 124
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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SOURCE WHENCE ALL OUR BLESSINGS FLOW
Call to Prayer
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BUONTEOUS SOURCE OF EVERY JOY
Christian Welcome and Announcements
The Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music—Violin Solo .................................. The Rev. A. John Nastari
“The Holy City” ................................................ Stephen Adams
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

LET THY PRAISE OUR TONGUES EMPLOY
*Anthem—“Praise Ye the Lord” ................................ Louis Lewandowski
Senior High Choir
Praise ye the Lord, all ye angels bright; Oh, praise him, all ye heavens,
ye sun and stars of light; All things that exist obey his commands;
The heavens and earth were made by his hands. Alleluia, alleluia,
... Oh, praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord, every beast and bird,
Ye kings and all ye people, let highest praise be heard; His glory
above with gladness proclaim, Now honor and praise his excellent
name. Alleluia ... Oh, praise ye the Lord!

**Anthem—“Awake, My Heart” ................................ William Douglas
Sanctuary Choir
Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, Thy Maker,
thy preserver, A song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide
me: My day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, Will all
be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and
gladness swelling; Thy word—my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward
heaven. Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, they preserver, Thy Maker, preserver, A song of love
and fervor.
The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—I Kings 18:20-21; Matthew 6:24
The Introit
The Sermon—“A Call for Clarity” ................................ Rev. A. John Nastari

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EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements
Reading of the Scripture
The Time of Prayer
Preparation for Prayer
The Act of Prayer
Singing a Hymn
Receiving the Offering
The Witness of a Lay Person
The Evening Solo—“Day by Day” Swedish
Gloria Evans, soprano
Evening Sermon—“After the Fall” Rev. Roger Fredrikson
Hymn of Invitation
Benediction
Closing Moments—“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 28—5:00 p.m.—Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.—Jr. Hi Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m.—Jr. Hi BYF, Youth Room
6:00 p.m.—Sr. Hi BYF, Parlor
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow
9:00 p.m.—Roger Williams, Parlor

MONDAY, March 1—4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, March 2—9:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, Youth Room
10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor
7:00 p.m.—Church Calling, Library

WEDNESDAY, March 3—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Sr. High Choir—Choir Room
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:15 p.m.—Church Council, Home of Jay B. Allen, 801 S. Duluth

THURSDAY, March 4—10:00 a.m.—White Cross Sewing, Fellowship Hall
12 Noon—WMS Executive Board, Parlor
1:00 p.m.—WMS General Luncheon and Meeting, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.—Primary Choir, Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, March 5—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
1:30 p.m.—World Day of Prayer, First Methodist Church
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERIAL:
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson..........Pastor
Rev. L. Thomas Harlan..........Associate Pastor
Mrs. Emil Tiezzi..........Interim Christian Education Co-ordinator

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Mr. Stanley L. DeFries..........Director
Dr. Maynard H. Berk..........Organist
Mr. Harold Wortman..........Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko..........Children

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Miss LeeDel Howard..........Financial
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Mrs. Clarence Anderson..........Church

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Mr. James Timmerman..........Sexton
Mr. Lamont Reichelt..........Assistant
Mr. Russell Hubbard..........Assistant
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3-7-65
To Everything A Season

God Grants Us The Mystery of Life How Amazing
- Beginning and Ending
- Growth and Underline Possibilities
- The Woman of Time and Experience, With Meaning
- All of One Way and Fabric

Here Are The Seasons of Life

1. Here is Spring Time.
   - The Worm Bore Meaning of Childhood.
   - A Time That is Always With Us.
   - This is A Time of Summer

2. The Time of Summer
   - Heat and Strength
   - Work and Family and Decision

3. The Period of Autumn
   - The Crucial Time of Reaping
   - Men in Must-Haven and 583.

4. Then The Winter - Storm and Death.
There Are The Opposites Of Life

1. Birth And Death
   - Grandfather Reading, Funeral Service and
   - One of Our Children’s Births Then.
   - The Two Are So Near — Yet So Far

2. The Gathering And The Scattering
   - The Family
     - The Child Going to School, Then Marriage
   - The Great Efforts of Life
     - Working — Then Exhaling
   - The People of God
     - Unshipping and Sailing

3. The Planting And The Reaping
   - The Flow, The Rain And The Seed
   - Then The Cutting And The Threshing

4. The Words And Feelings Of Life
   - Hostility And Love
   - Sore, And Forgotten
1. All Time and Seasons Are God's Gift
   - His Grace finns Through It All.
   - He Holds All Time In His Hands.

2. God Is Working And His Strength Empowers
   - "All Things Work Together For Good To
   - Those Whose Love God Trusts."

3. In the Light of Jesus
   - "In Every Time of Life"

4. Great Encounters
   - Friendship, An Idea or Marriage.
   - In Giving Myself Here A Higher Gifts
     All My Existence,

5. There Is A Great Encounter.
   - Moses, Israël and Jeremiah
   - Matthew, Peter and John.

6. The Encounter of His Supper.
   - Encounter, Commune and Life.
"There ain’t no throne, and there ain’t no books, It’s ’Im you’ve got to see, It’s ’Im, just ’Im, that is the Judge of blokes like you and me. And boys I’d sooner frizzle up, I’ the flames of a burning ’Ell, Than stand and look into ’Is face, and ear ’Is voice say—’Well?’” (from *The Sorrow of God* by G. A. Studdert-Kennedy).

**BUT ’E RUNS UP A LIGHT ON CALVARY’S ’IGHT**

Prelude—“Communion” .................................................... Charles Tournemire
“Meditation” .............................................................. Guy Ropartz

Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—“All Beautiful the March of Days” .................... 588
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria

**THAT BECKONS TO YOU AND ME**

Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

**INASMUCH AS YE DID IT TO ONE OF THESE, YE’AVE DONE IT UNTO ME**

Christian Greetings and Announcements
Right Hand of Fellowship
The Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Anthem—“Bread of the World” ................................... Dudley Buck
Senior High Choir

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken, And in Whose death our sins are dead; Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears for sinners shed; And be Thy feast to us the token That by Thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.

**Offertory Anthem—“Heavenly Light” ............................... A. Kopylow-Wilhousky
Sanctuary Choir

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine,
O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow’s night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter; lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**FOR I NEVER THOUGHT ’E COULD COME SO CLOSE**

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The Introit

The Sermon—“To Everything a Season” ........................... Rev. Roger L. Fredrikson

**OR THAT I COULD LOVE ’IM SO**

The Hymn of Preparation—“O Jesus, We Adore Thee” ....................... 234

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper
The Eating of the Bread
The Drinking of the Cup
Receiving the Fellowship Offering
The Hymn of Dedication and Decision
Benediction and Choral Response
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

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

The lovely flowers on the Communion Table honoring the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leyba, are from their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, Mark and Michael.
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**EVENING SERVICE**

7:30 P.M.

Prelude
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Reading of the Scripture
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   Preparation for Prayer
   The Act of Prayer
Singing a Hymn
Receiving the Offering
The Evening Solo—"The Twenty-Third Psalm" .................. Albert Hay Malotte
   Nora Curtis, Soprano
Evening Sermon—"The Dialectic of Faith and Doubt"  Prof. Kenneth Caufden
Hymn of Invitation
Benediction
Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

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SUNDAY, March 7—5:00 p.m.—Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
   5:30 p.m.—Jr. Hi Choir, Choir Room
   6:00 p.m.—Jr. Hi BYF, Youth Room
   6:00 p.m.—Sr. Hi BYF, Parlor
   8:45 p.m.—Afterglow

MONDAY, March 8—4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
   7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, March 9—9:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, Youth Room
   7:00 p.m.—Church Calling, Library

WEDNESDAY, March 10—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
   6:45 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, YMCA
   4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
   4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir, Choir Room
   6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
   6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
      School of Missions
   7:00 p.m.—Sr. Hi Choir, Choir Room
   8:15 p.m.—Children’s Division, Parlor

THURSDAY, March 11—12:00 Noon—Board of Trustees, YMCA
   1:15 p.m.—Jr. Philathea Class, Parlor
   4:00 p.m.—Primary Choir, Youth Room
   7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room
   7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir
Scouts Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, March 12—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
   4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
Greetings
We are Here to Worship God
Today we have a deep sense of helplessness and need
- We do not know where Tom Harlan is
- But God does
We are aware of God's Grace
- Prayers and the strength of friends
- Greetings from Wanda and Elaine
Grateful to Dr. Ralph Cobb
- Help in our service
Message to Tom Harlan
- Love and concern
- Invitation to come home among friends
- Check on card

Fellowship Supper and Mission Study, 6:15 Wed.
- Led by SFC students from Africa

America for Christ Offering

Evening Service - Dr. Kenneth Cauthen of Crozer

Rosebuds
Deanna Ray, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt
A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lehner

Baptistry Flowers

25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leyba, given by their children

Radio sponsor today - Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, on occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

HOUSE BILL 871 (Sunday Closing Law) - Came out of State Affairs Committee without recommendation, House voted 51-19 in favor of putting it on House calendar for Monday, March 8. Wire one representative to let him know how you feel - would be a help.
CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness; wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

CALL TO PRAYER

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; And ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

SCRIPTURE . . . .

. . . . . I have seen the business that God has giv to the sons of men to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time; also he has put eternity into man's mind, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
The Fall In A Theologizing Message

1. Doubting God
2. Misusing Freedom
3. Disloying God
4. Discovery of God & Evil
5. The Closing of the Door of Life

Modern Man Knows Sin

- "The Fall"
- "After the Fall"
- "Crucible"
- "Death of a Salesman"
- "The Great Question"
Anti-Redemption

1. Her Faithful Stubborn Love.
2. Deity, Follows, Discovers - her book of Hosea
3. Do we owe that to Him?
1. America
   - Neatness Devine
   - Faith - A. Ann

2. America for Christ
   10-30-62

3. T. V. Tripsam
   11:30 A.M.

4. Ann & Day -
The Depersonalization of Life.
"Planting and Weeping" Time of Reaping

"To every thing there is a season"

(1) There are seasons and periods of life.
(2) The paradoxes and opposites.
(3) In all the grace and mystery of God.

"A time to plant... and a time to pluck up what the soul of hewing heweth is planted."

(1) There is a season to plant

- A time to receive the lead.
  - Not winter, led and heard, froze in the frozen.
  - Not summer with its heat.
  - Not spring time.
    - Left earth and gentle rain.
  - Then to lead, our moments of openness.
- A time of sorrow or joy.
- A time of love or friendship.
- A time of great need.
- The Two Ages of Life
- Childhood - Great Responsiveness
  Book on the Life of Jesus
- The time of Late Adolescence
- The College Years
- The time of Marriage and Children
- The Years of Responsibility
- The Story of Our Lord - The Time of Openness
- The Coming of Jesus
- The Day of the Reformation
- The Day of Revolution
- The Freedom of the Gospel
- Mass Media
- The Gaze of an Old Order and The Beginning of the New
There Is A Need To Learn

- The Head - How Tiny And Ugly
  - Yet Were High And Dignified.
- The Head In Our Lives
  - The Laws and The Philosophy of Power
  - I A World Wars
  - The Possibility of A Third War
  - Capital Progress - Days of Reconstruction
  - The Need of Love and Understanding
  - Missionary Era - Wendell Willkie
  - Marshall Plan
  - Taft, Fuchs, and Ultracy
- The Head In Our Fins
  - We Can Victor Hospitality - Future - Condition
  - The Meaning of Trust
  - To Then - Hope - Acceptance - Responsibility
  - Trust, Confidence, and Hope.

"Restore A Man Taken In Fault?"
"Bless One Another, Mankind?"
The Patience of Waiting
- The Strange Force of Death and Life In A Decade
  - We see Him All The Time In Nature
  - And We Must Wait.
- The Shattering of The Old - The Opening of The New.
- The Impact of Charles Dickens
- The Flower of Karl Marx
- The Wonder of The New Art
  - Art: Spirit Writing At A Deeper Level.

Here Is A Time of Weeping
- One of The Great Times of Life.
- Planting and Weeping.
- All Alone As We Are Weeping
  - Weeping in Silence
  - Weeping in Viet Nam
  - Weeping in Our Homes, Our Lives.
- See Example

- Damascus in the O.T.
- Judas iscariot in the N.T.

- The Great Meaning of The Season

- Christ Planting - Hee Ruth and Caleb.
- The Reclaming - On Calvary and Easter Morning
- Do for us there to Hope.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 14, 1965

1. Welcome
2. Gratitude for the flowers --
   Given by Mrs. Margaret Smith
   in memory of her husband, Charles
   Chapel and Baptistry -- from the
   service of Charles Johnson

3. A word about the evening service

4. Wednesday night -- Dr. Reuben Jeschke,
   speaker

5. Circle #9 will meet with Mrs. Monte
   Parsons, 205 S. Grange, instead of
   Mrs. Robert Olson.

   Circle #13 will meet with Mrs. Ralph
   Maples, 702 S. Willow, instead of
   the Church Parlor.

6. March from Augustana College
   Wednesday, March 24, 1:00 p.m.
   Sympathy - Protest - Confession -
   Affirmation
   It will be disciplined and dedicated.

7. Senior Recitals
   Michaele Bonenberger, voice recital,
   Friday, 7:30, Salsbury Student Union.
   Peggy Reynolds, organ recital,
   Saturday, 8:15, Church Sanctuary.

8. Moment of Silence
   for the life of Charles Johnson
March 14, 1965

CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

CONCLUSION OF SCRIPTURE
And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
In The Absence of Kings

1. What Kings Reveals
   - Theology - Outlook
   - A Man and Faith

2. Learning with Clive
   - The Necessity of It
   - All Bottom - Just
   - We Can Only Learn Then

3. The Heart of The Great Kings
   - The God Direction
     - Hallowed - His Kingdom
   - The Man Direction
     - Our Bread - Our Aim
     - Lead Us Not Into Temptation

4. You Knock at the Door
   - Guardian 

5. Father and Son - Good Gifts
   - Interior Traditions

6. Ruth L. Gifford
March 14, 1965

A light on Calvary's ight

Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

INASMUCH AS YE DID IT TO ONE OF THESE, YE 'AVE DONE IT UNTO ME

Christian Greetings and Announcements
The Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

**Anthem—"He, Watching Over Israel, ELIJAH!" ....................Felix Mendelssohn
Sanctuary Choir

FOR I NEVER THOUGHT 'E COULD COME SO CLOSE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Galatians 6:1-10

The Sermon—"Planting and Harvesting" .....................Rev. Roger L. Fredrikson

OR THAT I COULD LOVE 'IM SO

The Hymn of Dedication and Decision
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Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn
Reading the Scripture—Luke 11:1-13
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MONDAY, March 15—4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, March 16—9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Youth Room
10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor
7:00 p.m.—Church Calling, Library

WEDNESDAY, March 17—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, YMCA
6:45 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Sr. Hi Choir, Choir Room
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:15 p.m.—Board of Christian Education—Parlor

THURSDAY, March 18—4:00 p.m.—Primary Choir, Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir, Fellowship Hall

W.M.S. CIRCLE MEETINGS
9:30 a.m.
Circle 1—3100 Patrick Place, Mrs. Martin Thompson
Circle 2—Church Parlor, Mrs. Robert Perkins
Circle 3—Church Parlor, Janet DeWitt

1:15 p.m.
Circle 4—Youth Room
Circle 5—909 S. Willow Avenue, Mrs. William Flocken
Circle 6—121 N. Lowell Avenue, Mrs. Robert Scott
Circle 7—Church Parlor
Circle 8—1300 Tabbert Circle, Mrs. Fred Nelson
Circle 9—205 S. Grange, Mrs. Monte Parsons
Circle 10—Penn's Fountain Room, Mrs. Arnold Petersen

8:00 p.m.
Circle 11—1308 Annway Drive, Mrs. Don Severson
Circle 12—2104 Braemer Drive, Mrs. Robert Renshaw
Circle 13—2001 S. Jefferson, Mrs. Lester Hash
Circle 14—509 W. 25th, Mrs. Duane Smith

FRIDAY, March 19—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Youth Room
"PLANTING AND HARVESTING"

March 14, 1965

My friends, the Lenten Season is a time of invitation to spiritual discipline and pilgrimage. I want to make it quite clear that none of us can rush up to the cross on Good Friday breathlessly, scattered, superficially, and in an hour's time try to comprehend the meaning of the death of Jesus. There is far too much of this in our lives with regard to the great realities. It takes time to sit before a mountain or the majesty of a beautiful sunset and you and I cannot understand the workings of God by rushing into them superficially and while we do not accept all the things that other liturgical churches ask for in the time of Lent, it is it seems to me a great thing that in the church year we are given 40 days to move quietly, thoughtfully, meditatively to the great events which are the passion of our Lord. And we cannot come to that Sunday that we call Easter Sunday a particular Sunday that marks the first day of the week for ever since Christian people have worshiped under the first day not the last day in their gathering together, we cannot celebrate this event, the profound miracle of God's victory over death and sin by rushing into it heedlessly. It might well be that in this congregation there would be those who would accept for themselves voluntarily some kind of discipline of discovery. For example, there might be some of us who have never spent quiet time with God. Our days become an endless tangle and we have never captured those moments with God that could give rhyme and reason to daily existence.

I would ask you, then, to consider openly to God's presence. There may be some of us who have never entered into the discipline of neighborliness, the love for the person who lives next door or around the corner. How important it has become to us that it is necessary for people to listen to each other. Douglas Bregier who has recently been on the Sioux Falls College campus with all of his life rooted in the Friends, the Quakers, has written about this age in which we do not listen to each other. We pass by - we hurry - we stride over each other and God would ask of us that we might cultivate as Jesus had it, some sense of listening to each other. It might be that we could involve ourselves and this you will have to I will have to allow to you in the spirit as you must do to me. In some sense of sacrifice, some tightening of the belt, some simplicity of living so that more could be shared in terms of the simple form of children with our gifts for the world that hunger for God.

Now we are trying to consider in these days of preparation the mystery of God's seasons. The fact that he grants to us life and with it its' possibilities and its opportunities. That a day can take on profound meaning, that an experience can be laden with the grace of God if we will let it. The time does not become a lender with monotony and boredom in it. It becomes an experience of hills and valleys, of tears and laughter, of moving on from strength into weakness and into strength again. But this experience of life has in it not only a beginning and an end but it has
opposites. There are times when we rend and sew up as the writers of Ecclesiastes says. And there are times when we weep but there are also times when we dance. There are times when we sing and there are times when we weep. But that somehow we should discover in the great music the choir has just sung, that there is One who watches over Israel who also watches over me and you and this world's history who does not slumber or sleep that somehow life can be made of one warp and woof, one fabric, not a dozen so that somehow God can make . . . something of shining glory. The writer says there is a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted. I did not realize that on this Sunday when we would take this scripture we would have a day like this and yet we are reminded today of the possibility of putting once again into the earth seed that it shall bear fruit. And it may have been that last year for some of us it seemed like a crop failure and we did not get back even what we had put into the ground yet in hope and faith we sew again this is something of the meaning of human existence and there is running through all of scripture beyond nature a law of sowing and reaping, of planting and plucking up. It runs through the affairs of nations and through the business of individual living and when Jesus talked about the fact that you cannot put into the ground thistles and get grapes, he was speaking of this law as much as when you put into the grounds apples, you do not get thistles.

And Paul echoes this in Galations when he says when a man sows that shall he reap. This is one of those laws on which men break themselves thinking that somehow they can play footsy with this law. That after all life does not catch up with you, it can be winked at ultimately as if this were a morally irresponsibly universe. It is not and men, says Emil Bruner, of all creatures are made with a capacity for response and in this response there also comes the great word responsibility so that a man in the what should we say, the rhythm of his life, his comings and his goings, is caught up between that point where he puts into the ground the seed and finally takes out of it the harvest.

Think for example that there is a time for planting just as there is a time for harvesting. This may seem very simple that time is not in the dead of winter with snow on the ground. A man would look ridiculous if we went out, at least under ordinary circumstances, and stuck seeds into snow. The ground is hard and there is frost in it and we do not plant essentially in the heat of summer, this is the time for growth for if a man misses that time of planting he cannot recover it again. So we speak of spraingtime which is a time when the earth is soft and we hope under God the gentle rains come as a time when we put the seeds into the ground. So may I say it is in life. There is a time that cannot be recaptured which is for us a time of planting. You see this in the ages that we move through. We have a class of youngsters now meeting on Saturdays again not because we have coerced them and said Will you come in because we've got to ram some stuff into you here? But because now for these youngsters as it happens to all of us there is a mystery now of God becoming real and they have their questions, How can Jesus be like God or
be like the Son of God. What is the meaning of sin? They put the questions in their own language. This is a time of awakening, a softness of the soil when the rains can flow and the seed can be put in. We come to this again I believe in the later years of adolescence. We can go through a time in high school when we shrug this all off. But then you see we come up against the big questions, you face this among college students and even among high school kids. When I sat down with some of our high school young people a couple of weeks ago and I was called in rather hastily and had nothing prepared, I must confess, I said let's talk. The young people, the senior highs, did not talk about the superficial things. They talked about big questions and too often the churches run from these things. So when a college student says or a high school youngster, Can I believe? Tell me, is there meaning in life? You see what is happening is this has become for him a time for planting.

Or take when we come into those years of early married life and the youngsters start to come, these gifts of God we sensed it again when we dedicated parents and youngsters the first service, that this responsibility thrust on us now demands of us some sense of responsibility to them. And so we say to ourselves again, what will it be like in our homes, what creed and faith will we live. What forces will move through our home life. And there is within our hands some sense of commitment that we can give ourselves to in this. Now I speak of this because there are times in life for planting.

But there are other ways to come. There are those moments. Take for example a family, like this family here who pass thorough this service and this death this week. This, may I say without embarrassing anyone, becomes for us a moment of openness. I have sense this in the memorial services, people sit now and in some way open before God. Or take the moments of great joy. Or the times of helplessness when we are driven to the end of life's resources and we cry out. Needing some succor in this hour. These are the times of planting. It is not only this way in persona life it is this way in the world. When Jesus came into the world it was ready as it was known in that day for some kind of Saviour, a universal Saviour who could lay claim to its heart. For that world was tired of its gods, it had tried legalistic religion, it had invented God's without number and then strangely from one end of the Mediterranean in the pronouncement of what is called the good news that Jesus the despised Nazarene was indeed Lord and Saviour.

And it is not without reason that spread like fire across the earth. Take the days of the Reformation. The world was ready for that hour for after the long winter of people being held down and having to stifle their longings when they wanted freedom, the voices started to come Luther . . . across the face of the earth and men began to respond to the voices - it was a time of planting.

Or take if you will this period through which we've moved since the end of the II World War. Men will have to write its
history fifteen a hundred years from now if the world lasts that long. And in their history they will have to speak of this in some strange sense as a time of revolution. Black men and yellow men now said we want justice. We learned of this from the missionary impulse and they heard of it from books that had come to them and they had heard of it through mass media and they said we too want hospitals and freedom and want a right to govern our own affairs. And we could have all kinds of debate in this sanctuary, I well know that, but let me tell you a moment has come to this world. We can argue against it, we can beat our fists, we can say we'll try to hold it back, isolating ourselves but it is upon us. And whether we have in the courage and grace of God enough strength to go out of a dying age into a new one, only the future will tell.

I hope I've made it plain that there are times of planting.

Now there is a second very important matter and that is what kind of a seed will you put in. You can stick in if you will the seed of powerful politics, we did it at the time of the I World War. And what we sowed then began to reap the beginning of the II World War. My friends, we have some kind of a stupid idea that we can get out of history the things that we have done since the end of the II World War are like seeds that we have to live with. And if the kind of impulse of the Marshall plan is stronger let us say than power of politics, this is what will dominate the future. This is why when a man like Wendell Wilkie says long ago when he wrote that book which was a forerunner of our time, "One World" there is a resourvour of goodwill out there which is due to the missionary impulse. You see you can put that kind of seed into the ground. You can put the kind of seed in that Frank Laubach has put in, who long ago said I'm going to teach my the grace of God people who cannot speak. And he wrote a book long ago called the Silent Billions. These were the people that neither read nor write and by a foolishness of fate find Frank Laubach launched what he calls Each One Teach One. And now the old man I suppose near his death looks back over all the years to the hundreds of thousands of people who learned to read and write because the right kind of seed was put in the earth. What kind of a seed will we plant? Are you aware of the fact that every day we plant in our own homes we can plant if we will seeds of mistrust and of anger and hostility and of trying to hold the thing together by wire. And in the years that are ahead down the road you cannot avoid the fact that you will have to reap what was sowed in that home. I will not forget a woman far away from here in another city who said my memories as a little girl are those of being left in a car while my mother said I'll leave you for a few minutes and come back and then she said hours later she would stumble out of a tavern and all the brokenness of my life and my shattered marriage are tied up with those memories. Ah, but I tell you, the wonder of family life is that you can sow in it if you will kindness and love and mercy and understanding. These are a kind of seed. And if I could say it so it would be understood, I often think of this with regard to our Heavenly Father who at the end of centuries of trying to deal
with those of us who are stubborn human beings for those men back there are like we are today, and after a long a prophet could have said it's all a bad deal, I've tried this and that and this and that and I have plowed and harrowed and stuck the seed in the ground, I'll quit! What he did was to send a baby boy and this was like a seed. And the baby grew up like a boy would, he laughed and he played, and one day in a temple he said he had to be about his father's business, a strange thing for a 12 year old boy to say. And then one day he left home. And George Stevens in four hours of cinema has tried to put on the screen six incidents out of that Damascus life. Three terse deep years and in the end the cross. But beyond that cross the resurrection and God had planted his seed. What God says is caught up marvelously by Paul in Romans, where Paul says, Herein God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us the ungodly. You see that's the way God plants.

Now you know in the growing of the seed it takes patience. I preach more to myself now than to anybody else. As I heard a Catholic say not too long ago in the community he said Oh so and so is Gunhdo. That's the way I get too, I know. Teach us the patience of unanswered prayer. But you know it takes awhile for a seed to die and live again. You take a tiny little thing like a mustard seed, it looks just so ugly and so meaningless. But you stick it into the ground and you wait and now in faith and confidence God does his marvelous work and somehow we cannot explain it with all our smartness. Locked up in that tiny reality there is life and in its dying, Jesus spoke of this in regard to his own death. Unless I fall into the ground and die, you will abide alone. So it is with every man in some sense. We wait for God to do his work. How interestingly that a gook read years ago reaches its hour of fruition now, that some impulse, some thought planted years ago now comes to its end. You will pardon me if I say this is kind of the story of Charles Johnson who responded to acts of kindness and calls. And most of all the prayers of his life in becoming a church man. So often it is this way. And our problem is that we do not wait, we do not trust the powers of God. The tides, the strength of his hand to hold, if you will, all good things. You recall the ancient simple story of Jerry McCauley. Born in a drunken home, stumbling into the mission, going straight, as he put it, 16, 17 times the story has it, McCauley got sobered up and said he'd start but then one night the grace of God touched him and you will find across this country Jerry McCauley memorial missions. The patience of the seed that is planted in waiting for God to do his work. How amazing that Jesus when he talked with the aristocrat, Nicodemus said, Nicodemus you must be born again. What he meant in effect was that just as a husband and wife make love and a seed is planted and life comes out of - let's not trifle at the physical details of life -- this is a gift from the Almighty - so out of it he said in spiritual life God plants his life in the human soul and out of it comes new devotions, new orientation, discovery of the new fatherhood and of belonging to a new family.
And Nicodemus was amazed. So you wait. The word, the deed, the life is planted and God brings forth that which he will in its due season.

And finally dear friends there comes in the end the reaping and you cannot divorce, may I say to you, the sowing from the reaping. The fact that the kind of seed that you put in is what you will get. I need not labor the point. The Bible is full of accouetns of this. Sampson with his great massive ability yet with his great weakness and in the end what he sowed he had to reap. One of the most pathetic things in all the Old Testament is when Sampson prays now with his eyes gone like a beast of burden for his people who are his enemies, he prays God give me strength just one last time. Judas Iscariot in the New Testament the most talented perhaps of all Jesus' disciples, yet a story of tragedy because he took this talent and ability that he had and it was misspent, misused but look at the other side. Matthew at the tax collectors box who in effect sinned in his life the planting of a seed and gave himself to it and became the writer of the first Gospel. Peter stumbling, blustering, like all of us are, but somehow deep within him in the midst of all this busines this racket that he made the seed was planted and on Pentocost he preached a sermon that really formed the church. It is this way with us, is it now? My friends, what we put into the earth, what we let God put into our life, is what we end up reaping. You start with a childish thought and it becomes an act, and that act becomes a habit and that habit becomes a character and at the end of 50 - 60 - 70 years a man cannot say I now have to get these years back and start over again, the fact of the matter is I cannot get these years back. The point is what will I do with now? Now is the acceptable time, this is the moment of planting as well as reaping. Do I dare let God plant his life in me? Whatsoever a man soweth that also he shall reap. If he sowed of the flesh he shall of the flesh reap corruption. But if he sowed of the spirit, he shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. So there is a time of planting and a time of plucking up what is planted. Let us pray.