THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
First Baptist Church

September 6, 1959

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Eleven O’Clock

Broadcast on Station KELO

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near.”

SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Organ Prelude—“A Psalm of David” ............................................... Rossi

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ............................................... Whitford

(Congregational in silent prayer)

Antiphonal Call to Worship—Choir and Minister

Processional Hymn—“God of Our Fathers” ........................................ 551

(Congregation standing on the singing of the hymn)

Invocation

Lord’s Prayer

Gloria

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HO, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—II Chronicles 7: 11-22

Choral Call to Prayer—“Hear Us, Our Father”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Amen—“Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer”

Anthem—“Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church of God” ................................ Lindeman

Long hast thou stood, O Church of God. Long ’mid the tempests assailing;

Founded secure on timeless rock rises thy light never failing,

Shining that all may understand what has been wrought by God’s command,

O’er night and chaos prevailing.

‘Let there be light!’ and light was there, Clear as the Word that declared it;

Healing and peace to all it gave. Who in humility shar’d it;

Ah, they were faithful, they who heard: Steadfast their trust in

God’s great Word: Steadfast the truth that prepar’d it.

‘Let there be light!’ the Word shines forth!

Lo, where the new morning whitens;

O Church of God, with book unseal’d. How its page beacons and brightens!

Living stones we, each in his place, May we be worthy such a grace,

While truth the wide earth enlightens!

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CALL YE UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR

Christian Greetings

Hymn of Praise—“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” ...................................... 550

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” ........................ Whitford

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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HEAR AND YOUR SOUL SHALL LIVE

Solo—“The Beatitudes” ....................................................................... Malotte

Mrs. Firman Early, Soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

“INVITATION TO GREATNESS”
AND I WILL MAKE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH YOU
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"I Need Thee Every Hour" 341
(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite
with the church are requested to come forward and state their purpose
at this time.)
Benediction
Choral Response—Chimes
Postlude

Ushers Will Seat Latecomers

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This morning Pastor Fredriksson will greet folks at the side door and Rev. Babcock at the main door and Mr. Sisson at the balcony door.
The broadcast of the service today over Radio Station KELO, beginning at 11:10
a.m., is sponsored by the Petroleum Carriers, Harvey Thomas.
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EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Fellowship Singing
Scripture—Mark 1:14-20
Prayer
Christian Welcome and Announcements
Hymn
Offering
Special Music
Evening Message—"FISHERS OF MEN"
Dr. Fredrikson, Pastor
Hymn of Invitation—"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" 116
Benediction
Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Chimes and Postlude

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Reception for Mrs. Quinton and Judith in Fellowship Hall.
5:30 p.m.—Senior High BYF in Youth Room.
6:00 p.m.—Junior High BYF in Room 216.
7:00 p.m.—Youth Choir rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi at the Wesley Nelsons'
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow at the home of Dave Strecker, 1311 S. Prairie.
MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Webelos in Youth Room.
TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Explorer Post.
WEDNESDAY, 4:15 p.m.—Junior Choir.
6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Supper and Prayer Service.
THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Junior Philathenas in Parlor.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir.
FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.—Men’s Fellowship.

CHURCH STAFF
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson Pastor Miss Winifred Jones Office Manager
Rev. Al Babcock Minister of and Financial Secretary
Christian Education
Duane Sisson Student Assistant
Dr. Lee Bright Director of Music Miss Carolyn Spong Pastor’s Assistant
Dr. Maynard Berk Organist
Frank Weins, Ross Beaman, Eugene Mashek, Sextons
Invitation to Greatness

Our Gratitude for the Strength and Glory of our Country

1. Our Natural Resources
   - The amazing variety of our country
   - Our Iron Mines of Minnesota
   - The Steel Mills of Pittsburgh
   - The Great Lakes and the Wheat fields

2. Our People
   - Chamber of Commerce or Farmers
   - Service Clubs
   - High School Young People
   - Crowd at a Ball Game
   - Grandma's idea
   - Amazing Variety
   - Great Spirit

3. Our History and Our National Shrine
   - Statue of Liberty
   - Grave of the Unknown Soldier
   - Lincoln Monument in Washington
Yes, All Is Not Well

Arthur Schlesinger in "The Decline of Greatness"
- The need for great creative personalities who dominate custom.

(1) The Breakdown of Human Relations
- The delinquents - Gang War in New York City.
- The feeling problem of the American farmer.
- The race issue - Where demagogues can dominate the situation.

(2) Our Lack of Basic Integrity
- The dith in the Johnson - Paterson fight.
- The congressional hearings of Hoffa.
- The little man.
  - Looking for loopholes.
  - Getting on the gravy train.

(3) Our Worship of Secrecy
  1. We have been a pioneering, gambling people.
     - Our American Revolution.
     - Our Constitution and documents.
     - Crossing the Mountain and taking America.
   - Everyone likes everyone else.
   - Our fitting and getting secure for old age.
   - Student who became conformist.
   - No uprising for Hungarian
   - But not our losing football games.
   - We trust the committee

Chemical Company

"No genius here—just a bunch of
average fellows."

3. The lonely character, needs to be recovered.
   - Charles, Steinmetz.
   - Thomas, Edison
   - George, Washington
   - Abraham, Lincoln.
3. The Recovery of Greatness in A Great, Old Bible Story

   - At great cost over many years - A National Project.

2. The Dedication of the Temple.
   - Gathering of the Nation
   - Bringing in all the riches of the East
   - Ark of the Covenant and Ten Commandments
   - Renewal of Vows
   - The Service of Dedication
     - Music and Dancing
     - Offering of 22,000 Oxen and 70,000 Sheep
     - Solomon Prays a Morning Prayer

"O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heaven or on earth keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who走 before thee with all their heart ....... If thy people repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity and pray toward their land which thou gavest to their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name, then hear
Then from heaven the Dwelling Place, their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause and forgive the people who have sinned against thee.

Then God's Presence fills the house.
- There is fire from heaven
- Song fills the House of God.
- The Lord God accepts this house as His Dwelling Place.

During the night God comes to Solomon,

"If my people who are called My Name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
(a) Demands, To Greatness

1. If My People Who Are Called By My Name, we call ourselves Christian
   - Our Pasts
   - Our Documents
   - Our Great Moments
   - But Are We Christian?
     - Adding Under God
     - "In God We Trust"
     - Church Attendance

2. Will Humble Themselves
   - Our Pride, Self-Sufficiency, and Arrogance

3. Will They and Seek My Face
   - A Deeper Faith than Santa Claus or a Weatherman Will
   - Confront the Ache of the Ages

4. Turn From Their Unwise Ways
   - Our Appetites and Lack of Discipline
   - Our Holier and Hypocrisy
God Promises

1. I Will Hear From Heaven
   - God will become our God.

2. Forgive Their Sins
   - Deep Inner Cleansing
   - Pass deeper than Investigating Committee and Court Room.

3. Heal Their Sins
   - Alive in Deep Inner Weakness
     - Familial
   - Political and Economic Life
     - Our own lives
     - Become one great family.