Morning Worship Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1959

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENCE
The Worship Service begins as you enter the Sanctuary. The Organ Meditation is a path leading from the hurry and worry of the work-day into the restful presence of the Lord.

ORGAN MEDITATION
"Shepherd's Song" ........................................... Theilman

PROCISIONAL HYMN—"How Firm a Foundation" .................. 406

CALL TO WORSHIP—Minister and Choir

INVOCATION—THE LORD'S PRAYER—GLORIA PATRI
(Latecomers Seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE—"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ........... 98

THE ALTAR OF PRAYER
Choral Call to Prayer—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response—"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
(Latecomers Seated)


ANTHEM—"Hark, Hark, My Soul"
Soloists—Mrs. Merle Schmidt, Soprano
Mrs. James Smart, Contralto

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Prayer
Offertory Solo—"O Loving Father" .......................... Del Riego
David Sorenson, Baritone

The Doxology

THE SERMON—"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY" .................. Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

HYMN OF CONSECRATION—"Have Thine Own Way" ............. 324
(Those who desire to declare their faith in Christ or to unite with this church are invited to come forward.)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response—Chimes

POSTLUDE—"Gloria" .................................................. Reinecke

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door, Rev. Babeock 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 Jerry & Alice Palmer, A & W Root Beer Stand.

Hearing-aid receivers may be secured from the usher on request.
Evening Gospel Fellowship
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Time of Gospel Hymn Singing
Scripture—Genesis 32:22-32
Christian Welcome and Announcements
HYMN
Offering
Solo
Evening Message—“THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL”
Dr. Fredrikson
Hymn of Invitation—“Give of Your Best to the Master” 354
Benediction
Closing Moments—“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
Chimes and Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 3:00 p.m.—Roger Williams Fellowship (college age) meet at church to go to Dell Rapids.
7:00 p.m.—Youth Choir rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow (older youth) at home of Margaret Clark, 1200 S. Summit Ave.
8:45 p.m.—Hifi (high school youth).

MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Webelos in Youth Room.
7:30 p.m.—Board of Christian Education in library.

WEDNESDAY, 10:30 a.m.—Junior Choir.
7:30 p.m.—Mid-Week Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, 1200 noon—Trustees in the YMCA.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson .................. Pastor
Rev. Al Babcock .................. Minister of Christian Education
Dr. Lee Bright .................. Director of Music
Dr. Maynard Berk .................. Organist

Miss Winifred Jones  Office Manager and Financial Secretary
Mrs. Clarence Anderson Church Secretary
Duane Sisson .................. Student Assistant
Miss Carolyn Spong .. Pastor’s Assistant

Frank Weins, Ross Beaman, Eugene Mashek, Sextons
"Ford, Teach Us To Pray"

Life's Great Adventure Is Prayer.
Now of us are experts at Prayer.
We Do Not Find It Easy To Pray

1. Many of us are embarrassed. We do not know how.
2. The mood of our age is not friendly toward prayer.
   - Seems to upset laws of Universe.
   - Unsound thinking. Talking to myself.
3. Many of us caught up in forms with no meaning.
4. Some of us are not willing to pay the price.

Yet There Is A Nostalgic Yearning For Prayer.

Our Type of Life has been nurtured in prayer.
- Douglass Freeman's five volume biography of George Washington.
  - Winter of 1777-78 Army at Valley Forge.
  - Defeated army. Ill housed and fed.
  - Desertions. Washington faces criticism.
  - One man stood firm.
2. The great needs of our hour demand some kind of added strength.
   - How will we have the power to overcome.

3. We have a deep intuitive sense of God.

   Dostoevski's novel: "All my life I have been haunted by God."

4. Our greatest sense of need comes with Jesus
   - After a busy, busy day with people.
   - In the midst of his great hours of temptation.
   - Give up food and sleep for prayer.
   - Coming down after a night in the mountains.
   - His disciple, saw the power, the majesty, and the wonder of His life.

   "Let teach us to pray."
The Basis of Prayer

1. Communication with God.
   - He talks to us as in the Garden of Eden.
   - We respond to that initiative.
   - This is the mystery of deep calling to deep.
   - Here is in this!
     - Adoration.
     - Thanksgiving.
     - Petition - Confession.
     - Consecration.

2. His Communication Based on Trust.
   - God’s deep faith in me.
   - My failure to trust Jesus’ teaching.
   - Honesty in my praying.
   - Willing to accept God’s answers.

3. Praying Is A Two Way Street.
   - We go with our prattle and option.
   - Not waiting for anything.
   - Phillips Brooks - The Shelter
The heart of love is surrender.

- The offering of myself.
- Like a great athlete.
- Like coming to love.
- Stanley Jones: Nervous collapse and doctors. Then surrender and peace come.
The Cultivation of Prayer

1. The story of Martha and Mary.
   - The neglect of the Mary side.
   - Rush aside the books and pray.

2. Listen to the Knock of God on Your Life.
   - Our Joys and Sorrows
   - Our Needs
   - At the end of our seeking.

3. Respond to that Knock by being alone.
   - Winston Churchill.

After Pearl Harbor the Briton tied two great warships, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.

Telegraph: "Sir, I regret to report that the Prince of Wales and the Repulse have both been sunk and the commanding officer, Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, is drowned with more than a thousand of his men."

Churchill: "Do I find the telephone down? I was thankful to be alone. In all the war I never received a more direct answer."