

1957

Order of Service

Westminster United
Church

Shoal Lake, Man.

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Oh come, let us
sing unto the Lord.
Let us come before his
presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad
in him with psalms.
Oh come let us worship
our maker for he it
is that hath made us
and not we ourselves
we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep
of his hand. Let us
worship God.

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Call to worship

Began continue

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Oh Lord, our God, Grant
that our hearts may be
inclined unto thee and
our ears opened for thy
message. Take us Oh Lord
and make us thine own.
Grant us grace that we
being blind may see and
seeing understand and
understanding render all
our love to Thee. In Christ's
name. - Amen.

188 Oh Day of Rest and Gladness
Oh Day of Joy & Light
Oh Balm of care & Sadness
Most Beautiful - Most bright.

Bless the Lord Oh my soul
and all that is within me
bless his holy name.

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Invocation Prayer

Hymn. 188

Responsive Reading. 729

Scripture Reading
Gen. 37. 1-36.

Where cross the crowded
weeps of life
Where sound the cries of
Race & clan
Above the noise of selfish
strife
We hear thy voice oh Lord of
Man.

Our Father we ask
that we learn to
seek, for thou hast
promised that those
who seek thee earnestly
shall find thee. Let us
humbly learn thy great
love for all mankind.
May we be thy
instruments whereby the
world we live in will
become a safer happier
place.

Forgive us our
sins oh Father, forgive

Hymn 380

Prayers:

us for those things we have
left undone and for
those things we have done
that were wrong and
against thy wills. Oh
Father who givest us
the freedom to choose
between right and
wrong grant that
we may learn ~~always~~
to choose always
such conduct as will
please thee best. Let us
be kind unto others Oh
God that we being a

living example shall
draw others unto thee.

Bless the minister of
this church grant him
good health and a
complete rest that he
may come refreshed
to carry on thy work
in this congregation.

Bless those who are
absent or unable to
be with us through sickness
or age. Comfort the aged
Oh Lord and inspire
the young.

Teach us that good
can always be made to
come out of evil if we
but follow thy command-
ments and try to know
thy will for us.

Comfort those who
mourn or are bereaved
of loved ones. Oh great
Comforter of all mankind
grant this blessing to all

who are perplexed or
in sorrow. Lighten their
darkness Lord with the
sunshine of thy presence
so that all may learn whence
comes the comfort to the
lonely and the joy of the
happy.

Let us learn how to be
of best help to others. In
helping them we learn that
we further the kingdom on
Earth that in the end all
may come to pray as thy
Beloved Son Christ Jesus
taught us.

Our Father who art in
Heaven, Hallowed be thy
name. —

Amen

Announcements.

All things come from the
Oh Lord and of thine
own have we returned thee.
Bless these offerings to thy
use and us to thy service
We ask it in Christ's name
Amen.

Announcements.

Dr. Parker will
be with you
next Sunday.

Offering & response.

Rise up, O men of God
have done with evil things
Give heart & soul & mind &
^{strength}
To serve the King of kings.

Address & Notes

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Family Decret and God
using such to bring
good out of evil

Hymn 378

~~Last Hymn 214.~~

Prayer.

Sermon. - Meditation.

Family Deceit.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to go over the chap. of Genesis we read this morning and as if we can apply it to our own time. I'm sure there must have been countless sermons preached upon it. The story of Joseph is one of the finest of Old Testament stories and no matter how often read it always has something new and very human

Notes on Address

Secret in Abrahams
Family.

Jacob cheat Esau.

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We feel that it can
almost be fitted to our
own day, our own age.

One of the interesting things
about the story of Joseph
is how deceit ran in
the family and how often
evil seemed to be paramount
and then God turned the
evil to serve good ends.

Jacob Joseph's father
was deceived in his
early years. Prompted by
his scheming clever mother
whose favorite he was we
find him cheating Esau
out of his birthright and
then out of Isaac's
blessing.

Jacob finally gets
on the receiving end of
trickery. His mother was

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Jacob works seven
years for Rachel
& then has to marry
Leah.

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a scheming, conniving woman and it evidently ran in her family because we find Laban the uncle on the mother's side to whom Jacob went, thinking Jacob at promises. Jacob found that after seven years hard work he had to marry Leah instead of Rachel and then had to work another seven years for Rachel. The story of Laban and Jacob dealing in flocks of sheep is one of endless tricking.

Finally when Jacob left Laban & returned to his own land we find he had his wives & twelve sons. They were a large family that moved back to the land where Esau dwelt.

Jealousy & Resentment

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Jealousy arose in Jacob's family when he singled out Joseph for special attention. The elder brothers resented it. Especially so since they were not all sons of one mother. Jacob did not help matters much by dressing his son in a princely coat. The young man himself did not help matters with his attitude towards his brothers.

An interesting factor in this early family was the attitude of Jacob's first born Reuben and that of his fourth born Judah. Both these brothers balked at murder. Reuben suggested that instead of killing Joseph they put him in a pit. Reuben intended to come back afterward and

Reuben argues to
cast Joseph into
a pit. No murder.

Sudah suggests sale
of Joseph as a slave.

release his brother and
return him to Jacob.
However while he was away
tending his own flock
a caravan of trading
~~Sabnabites~~ Midianites
came by and Judah
took counsel with his
brothers that they might as
well make a bit of profit
out of this dilemma &
so they agreed to sell

Joseph to the Midianites
for 20 pieces of silver. We
note all through this
story that Reuben and Judah
are the ones that stand up
for more humanity in
family matters.

Now we come to the
Providence of God. The sale
of Joseph as a slave
seems abhorrent to us.
But God works wonderfully
through men if they
will let him. In this

Victory over evil, conspiracy
and treachery. God's work
for good.

Story we see the permission of evil and its counteraction. Its conversion into good, victory over evil, over conspiracy, treachery and murderous intent. We learn from this story that the will of man is always overruled, that the love of God is the highest and clearest and most consoling power in the universe.

Joseph in Egypt. By his conduct and ability to forecast dreams he became the most powerful man in Egypt next to Pharaoh himself. He became one of the priests of that country as well. He saved the country from famine by his foresightedness. and we read of his long life in Egypt as one of

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integrity and justice.

Far more powerful than any present day monarch

he yet used judgement and fairness in testing out his brother. He was able to save his own family from starvation and thus ensure that Gods purpose as promised to his great grandfather Abraham would be carried on.

From the preservation of this family and from one man the patriarch Jacob did this great nation rise and did not lose its national unity and independence until from the tribe of Judah a deliverer arose who redeemed the human race. Surely how favored was Jacob in being the instrument under Providence of preserving this nation in its infancy, placing the

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Benediction The Lord
Bless thee & keep thee
The Lord make his face
shine upon thee and
be gracious unto thee,
The Lord lift up His
countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
Amen.

Before again to thy
dear name we raise
With one accord our praising
hymn of praise -
We stand to bless thee ere
our worship cease.
Then lowly kneeling wait thy
word of peace.

people in a rich and fertile country where they could grow and multiply and learn principles of civilization which would make them a permanent power in the progress of humanity.

Prayer

Hymn 214.