

Westminster United Church. Shoal Lake.
Sunday July 16th 1950.

Call to worship.

Holy, Holy Holy.

Invocation

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or

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Hymn — ~~356~~ or Hymn

Responsive Reading - 703

Scripture "Jer. 7 1-7 & 23-28

John 14 8-18

Hymn 348

Prayers.

Announcements

Pleasure to visit Shoal Lake & take part in
your Sunday worship.

Offering

Hymn 271 or 616.

Address.

Hymn. 356.

Benediction



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Invocation.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee
for this opportunity of praise and
prayer. As we wait on Thee we
pray that Thou wouldst fill our
minds with Thy truth, our hearts
with Thy love, our wills with Thy
peace and our lives with Thy strength
through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.



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A Sunday Prayer.

Father, God, we come to thee
this day in need of thy blessing
and thy guidance. We find ourselves
too frail to tread life's paths without
thy loving help. Bless each one
here this day. Thou knowest our
inmost hearts and can see all our
ways ahead. So lead us O Lord
our God that our work and
accomplishments are to thy glory and
to the furtherance of thy work in the
world.

Have mercy on the penitent and
teach those of us who are hard hearted
that the way of repentance is the only
way in which we may overcome sin.
Teach us to think more of others and less
of ourselves.



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Bless those who are unable to be with us this morning, those who are upon beds of sickness and pain. From their afflictions we pray a speedy recovery and continuing good health.

Comfort those who this day find themselves bereaved of loved ones and those who are lonely. Be with the aged in their memories and with youth in their ideals and aspirations.

We ask Thy Divine Guidance to those statesmen who stand today to keep peace in the world. Imbue them with the knowledge that in Thy hands are all power, wisdom and forbearance. Imbue all those in authority over us with the sense of their responsibility to Thee and Thy people to the end that they may carry on their duties faithfully and well



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We ask a blessing on the Pastor of this church. May he be refreshed from his holiday and be long spared to carry on the work and plan for mankind.

May we thy servants learn more and more of Thee. May we stand statues in the Temple door and proclaim the faith which Thou hast renewed to us through Thy Divine Son, Jesus Christ who taught us when we say to say. Our Father which art in Heaven.

Stand in the Gate of the Lords House and
proclaim this word.



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Jeremiah 1-7 - 4 23-28
John 14th. 18" - 18"
Isaiah 5-1 - 12 & 13

To walk and keep ones balance.

We call ourselves Christians. Too often these days we find contentment in the fact that as Christians we belong to a great group of people who live upon this earth and profess Christ the son of the living God as their saviour and leader.

It is quite possible for many of us to profess a belief and at the same time our actions contradict our profession. Perhaps it is time we took a good look at ourselves and in so doing find cause for Jeremiah's prophecy which we read in our scripture lesson.

Jeremiah, the gloomy prophet, could visualize only too well the ultimate result of national vagrancy while at the same time national profession of faith was reaching an all time high.



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If time were not limited it would make an interesting morning's study to compare much of Jeremiah's time with our own. Sufficient to say that it is just as possible for a nation to bankrupt itself of Christianity as it is to become bankrupt financially. In fact if history can be relied upon bankruptcy of the former invariably leads to bankruptcy of the latter "seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else shall be added unto you".

It appears to me that in this period of our time we ought to take time out to review some of the things God has done for us. When we really and truly do our own inward searching then we come to the merciful conclusion of how far we have wandered from the true Christian way.

So much man has achieved in the past century and a half he has come to look with little surprise on anything new or astounding. In fact we have become satiated



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with our own achievements. Like the store keeper's little son who soon finds the candied and chocolate uninteresting after he has had one or two trials of all he can consume.

How seldom do we hear these days of any new invention as being a gift from God! Man, God's instrument is given all the glory and when we keep doing that long enough we invariably forget God's part in man's achievement. So far have we gone on this assumption that we have come to the point where we have achieved the almost impossible and at the same time become bankrupt in our faith in God and in his Son whom he sent to teach us by his own divine life the way we could best help ourselves and in doing so fulfil God's plan for man.

One of the most important things we can set ourselves to do these days is to



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try and see things in their proper dimension. It is so easy to listen to the radio, to read the papers and to become dependent upon the thinking of others. When we surrender our thinking to that of the radio propagandist or the newspaper advertiser we become exactly what they want us to become, willing puppets who will swallow any story or new belief or ~~by~~ any goods that are forced upon us by extraordinary advertisements. If we only stopped to think just for a moment we would realize that the best things in life and religion need no advertising and that in the line of commerce nothing worth while needs constant advertising. If it is truly all that is claimed for it it will sell itself.

Perhaps that is a habit most of us could well adopt in exchange for some less worthy one. The habit of a bit of quiet thought now and then and in that quiet thought let us ask ourselves where does



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God enter into this if at all. For to work as Christians to carry out our profession of faith in acts we have to relate our achievements to God's plan for mankind.

It may be that because we have so enriched our heritage of worldly goods we have become oblivious of more valuable things and have become impoverished in our concept of God. Now we are finding it difficult to walk and keep our balance. We find it almost impossible to put our faith in anything because first of all somewhere along the road we have lost the faith that Christ came on earth to strengthen.

So we have come near the verge of Christian bankruptcy and I feel that Jeremiah could well speak to us today as he does from the pages of the Old Testament. What he said then has been repeated again and again. The cause of his prophesy has been as perpetual.



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and yet we hear Christ's words in
that wonderful chapter of the book of
St John. I will not leave you comfortless:
I will come to you. I'll get a little while and
the world will see me no more; but ye see me:
because I live, ye shall live also. At that
day ye shall know that I am in my Father,
and ye in me, and I in you. He that
hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it
is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall
be loved of my Father and I will love him, and
will manifest myself to him.



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Call to worship.

*This is Gods Holy Day. Let
us worship God in humility and
faith.*

Doxology Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation .