

ORDER OF SERVICE.
Westminster United Church.
FOXWARREN JULY 9th/61.

Organ Prelude *+ Call to worship*
Holy, Holy, Holy
Invocation Prayer.

Hymn 188.

Responsive Reading 709

Scripture Reading Psalm 115
Heb. 6-7-20
John 10-10.

Hymn 670

Prayers.

Announcements *Meeting of Stewards*
Mr. Torrant next Sunday
Offering-----Response

Hymn 286

Sermon.

Hymn 311

Benediction 762

Desper 10. 148-

Call to Worship.

This is the day, the Lord
hath blessed. This is his Holy
Holy House. Let us worship
God in humility and faith.

INVOCATION PRAYER.

O Thou Eternal God, for
whom there is no beginning
nor any ending, who workest in
all times, and through all t
times, and above all times,
who dost strew the heavens
with stars and clothe the
tiniest flower, who art ever
afar off from the proud, but
drawest nigh to uphold the
humble; awake us to praise ~~the~~
thee this morn, that, having
Thee all the day long for our
Guide, we may walk without
reproach among men, and

that would be
the tree ^{presumptuous} for ours is
a different age and a
different generation. We have our
own problems and
in the matter of
facing them so treat
their value to posterity

performing faithfully all
our tasks, still find Thee
near when shadows deepen
and the day is done.

AMEN.

performing faithfully all
out tasks, still find Thee
near when shadows deepen
and the day is done. Amen.

Hymn 188

Responsive Read 709.

Scripture Reading

Hymn 670

Prayers.

Today I stand in
this pulpit indebted
to a bygone age. An
age that induced some
of its ministers to leave
behind them in book
form some of the world's
most wonderful sermons.

Some of my material
was gathered from a sermon
The Earth of the Redemption
by Phillips Brooks.
Written nearly a century
ago it is as full of power
as ever, full of inspiration
full of life, and hope.

To this mighty stem
of knowledge I have
added here and there
some branches of my own.
I cannot improve upon

Address.

"The heavens, even the heavens
are the Lord's, but the
earth hath he given to the
Children of men. " Ps. 115-16

In thinking over what
to say to you this morning
this sixteenth verse of
the 115th Psalm kept rec-
urring to me. Certainly
farmers are doing a lot of
thinking about the earth
these days. Perhaps I should
say we are thinking more about

Psalmist David did
not mean that the
earth had been given
away from those
eternal plans and purposes
of Goodness which God
must always keep with
reference to all His
creation. If we had
any doubts David
clears that up when
in the 24th psalm he
sings: The earth is
the Lord's & the fullness
thereof; the round
world and they that
dwell therein.

the lack of rain on the earth than the earth itself. Is it because man takes too much for granted ? Is it because man feels that God gave him the earth and dominion over it and now God has nothing more to do with it. By our many actions we appear to to have accepted Gods gift of the earth and have gradually assumed many of God's prerogatives with it.

We change rivers from their course, make lakes

where there were none, build cities where lions used to roar and where bogs were too treacherous for man to walk upon. Man is the changing power upon earth, not only that, in the last decade he has started to explore the heavens as never before. In his success and power in these fields he seems to have overlooked the fact that "The earth is the Lord's and thefulness thereof; the round world and they that dwell therein."

Man finds the world in his hands. He can do with it what he will. He makes the fields ~~his~~ his slaves and bids them fill his barns and load his table. He makes the hills his treasuries and calls upon their gold and silver to glorify his life. He ~~has~~ harnessed the power of the river to give him light, turn his machines and irrigate his ~~fields~~ fields. In doing all this he has gradually forgotten the Giver of all these gifts.

Instead of accepting the world as a trust from God man has thrust himself forward as absolute owner.

Perhaps that is one of the meanings of the Lords

Prayer when we pray "Lead us not into temptation."

Man is always tempted to look upon the earth as his own instead of a trust from God.

With the gift of the earth for his use God gave man also the freedom of

choice. He could make the earth the kingdom of God or the kingdom of his own ~~self~~ selfishness.

Each generation makes it's choice but that choice is often influenced by the choice of those who have passed this way before. It would appear that men and nations are so engrossed with the kingdom of their own selfishness that they have become totally oblivious of the power of God and worse still of the love

of God.

Earth and man are inseparable.

The Holy Spirit working within man keeps quietly telling man what he should do as "tenant in trust" with the earth. Man, we find, is frantically trying to find a solution to his overwhelming problems that he has created by his own selfishness. There seems to be no solution, he even answers the prompting of the Spirit by saying in

effect "Please God, don't
bother me any more, your
way just won't work '.2

And God , Who was holding
in his outstretched, nail
pierced hand, the answer to
man's dilemma, stands aside
and lets his child try once
more to solve the puzzle
without his Fathers help.

We are indeed influenced
by the actions of preceed-
ing generations .But the
present is peculiarly our
own . At not time in history

Has god given to man the power to communicate so rapidly with his fellow man. A century ago it would take months for news to come of a nation of starving people. Now the news reaches us while we sit at our well loaded ~~table~~ tables and the terrible part of it is that in our kingdom of selfishness it more often than not leaves us untouched. We turn on the T.V. and a news cast shows us some of the suffering in other

Heir to the earth with
us.

lands but in our arrogance
as owners of the earth we
turn on another channel,
completely ignoring the fact
that the suffering we have just
just seen is being borne by
people of this earth who
are co-tenants with us
and joint heirs to the
fulness thereof.

God sent his Son to earth
to show us what the earth
would yield did we but recognize
that the will of God was
unalterable and that if we
chose to work as co-partners

with God makingx nothing
was impossible. The answer
of the world two thousand
years ago was to crucify
God's Son. In our present
day and age we perpetuate
that Crucifixion in our
arrogance, selfishness and
greed.

Man never completely
forgets God. The present day
restlessness in the world
testifys to that. He has
taken the world as his, yes,
yet everywhere misgivings

and vague reminiscences of
the true nature of the gift
remain. These constitute the
never fixed but never wholly
perishing religious life
of man. That is why today
we find a great restlessness
all over the world. Man's
achievements in the scientific
fields has but accentuated
and added to the ferment
among the characters of men.
Our means of immediate
communication with each other
have given peoples all over
the world to understand

that poverty and starvation in great sections of our population are not necessary or justifiable. In all manner of places man is feeling that stirring within himself. It gives expression in Africa and that nation, for good or ill, leaves a commonwealth of Nations as a brother leaves the family and strikes out on his own. It gives expression in Russia and causes fear to those who rule by fear and terror. It gives expression in our ~~tearful~~

treatment of our brother
no matter what his color race
or creed. Deep within our-
selves we recognize the fact
that we sin against the Holy
Spirit when we deny utterance
to those things , those
protests against social
injustice that keep surg-
ing up, yet which we often
shamefully subdue.

Many men, watching their
crops deter^{ior}iate day by day
with the present drought .
must be asking themselves

why ? That might be just
the question God intends
each one of us to ask and
hopes that we keep on asking
it until we find the answer.

It may be that God is try-
ing to show us that his power
is still greater than the
atom and hydrogen bomb. The
vanishing crops may be a
lesson that we all need to
learn. It may draw to our
attention that there are
millions in the world who
have never had a whole
stomach filling meal in

their lives, who go to bed ~~hungry~~
hungry every night with no
hope for the morrow. It might
prove to ourselves and our
govenments that there are no
such things as surplus foods
in the world that only man's
selfishness and greed stand
in the way of distribution
of the wealth of the world so
that all may share in the "earth
and the fullness thereof" and
more fully
realize_^ that tenth verse of
the tenth chapter of John,
"I have come that ye might
have life , and have it more

abundantly."

Perhaps God intends that the more fortunate of the tenants of his vineyard shall be brought to think, through~~x~~ their own sharp experience, of their less fortunate brothers who have endured whole lives of such frustration for generation after generation. It may be that for power mad men their hydrogen bombs will fade into insignificance and they will come to know

a little better the true
Power and Mind of the Universe
If that takes place in minds
of men no calamity that can
befall us will have been in
vain.

2
"The heavens, even the
heavens are the Lord's, but
the earth hath he given (in t
trust) to the children of
men."

Let us pray.

*Our Heavenly Father
may we never cease
in our search to
do thy will. May*

a little better the true

Power and Mind of the Universe

If that takes place in the mind

of man no calamity that can befall

us will have been in

vain.

"The Heavens, even the Heavens

are the Lord's, but

the earth hath he given (in

trust) to the children of men."

Let us pray: Our Heavenly

Father may we never cease in

our search to do Thy will.

May we bear with fortitude

our present adversities and

Resper 1 verse