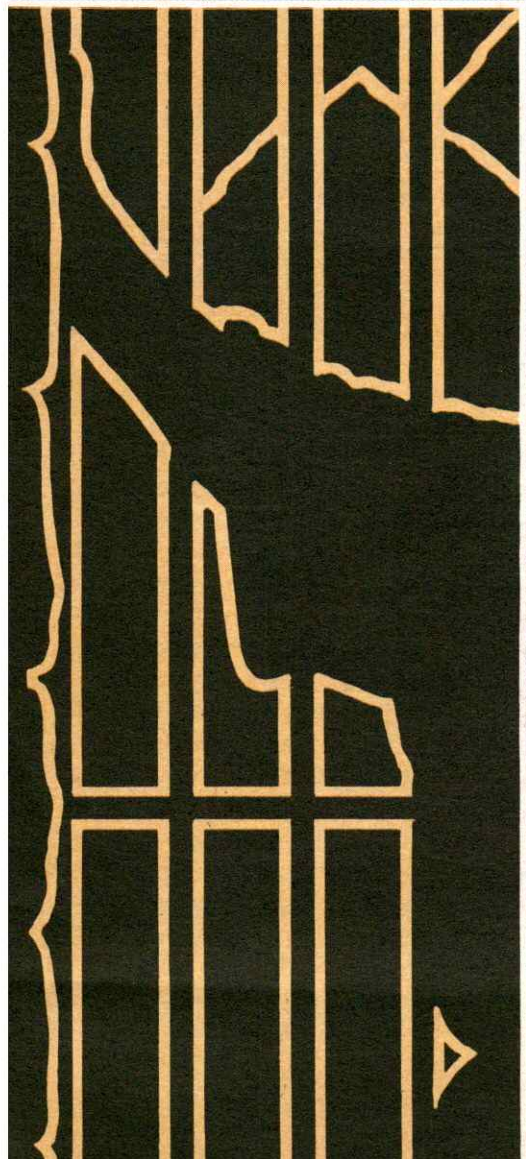


FOR LOVES SAKE



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN
 Morning Worship Sept. 14, 1980

For Thought-"Without that tree of the Cross, life on Main Street or Park Avenue is not full. Its shadow falls athwart every threshold of man's abode. To bear the Cross is a necessity. To bear it cheerfully is the secret of the saints."-John B. Delaunay, *Joy in religion*, 1937.

The Prelude

Introit

The Choir

*Hymn of Praise (#Cong. stands)

No. 2

*Call to Worship & Invocation

*The Gloria Patri

No. 513

Ol Testament Lesson-Prov. 9:8-12 M. Stephens

New Testament "-Lk. 14:25-33

L. Johnston

Moment of Concern

L. Johnston

A Hymn of Prayer

No. 158

Meditation

Prayer

Response

"Carry Your Own Cross"

The Pastor

"Knowledge of the Holy ONE is Understanding"

A Prayer

Invitation to Give

Musical Interlude

*"The Doxology" No. 515

*Dedication

*Hymn of Consecration (Stanzas 1,2) No. 378

Reception of New Member p. 497

Covenant-"We, free people in the presence of God, pledge with Him and each other to conduct ourselves in Christ's way as revealed in the Bible, conveyed in the history and tradition of the Church, discovered through the laws of nature, heard in the outcry of human need, or spoken in the "inner voice". We seek fervently for the additional light which God gives to those who are ready to see and we rejoice in the opportunity to give of our living for the worthy purposes laid before us.

*Hymn of Consecration (Stanzas 3,4) No. 378

*Benediction

*Amen

*Postlude

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| The Rev. John C. Towery | Minister |
| Mrs. Weldon (Marie) Scheel | Choir Director |
| Mr. Earl Cornwell | Violinist |
| Mrs. Marshall (LaVerne) Johnston | Pianist |
| Miss Marilyn Harris | Cellist |
| Judy Cole, capt., Garry Cole, Allan Case, Marilyn Stephens | Ushers |

 ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad to have you join us in worship. If you are a visitor, please come again and remember to sign our guest book located in the rear of the worship area. We hope that all will take a moment to join us in the Fellowship Room of the church to visit. Judy and Garry Cole are your hosts today.

Next Sunday we will have a guest speaker, Dr. George Sallaway, former Roman Catholic priest, trainer and counselor who will bring us his faith as it relates to his work with families making him a family man.

Mon & Thur. Soup and Sandwich at Univ. Christian Church. \$1.50. Thur. Mr. William Jackson, Pres. & General Manager of KLRN and KLRU will speak on "the state of the station!"

Take the time to notice the work that has been done in the Educational Wing. We still need some more painting etc. to be done. We will let you know if some will be here this Saturday.

Our thanks to so many of you who brought a good bit of food and made money gifts to enable Faith Food Pantry to serve the needs of the hungry of this area.

Why not invite a friend to our "talk-back" sermon next Sunday?

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 1980

PHILEMON 8-17

Onesimus had fled servitude in Asia for freedom in Rome. There, he had become a Christian and met Paul. We can imagine Onesimus in earnest conversation with Paul, weighing his duty to return to his master, Philemon. Then, Onesimus goes back, taking a letter from Paul to Philemon. In it, Paul plays on Philemon's name, which means "one who loves." "Live up to your name," urges Paul. "For love's sake, take back Onesimus—not as slave but as brother." We Christians bear the name of "One who loves." Shall we not seek diligently to be worthy of our name?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES

The mutual service of Christians to one another is to have no boundaries of class, sex, race, creed, nationality, intellectual competency, or servitude. Such boundaries between people, Paul implied in his letter to Philemon, are temporary, inhibiting the ultimate purposes of God.

We, in our affluent society, are preoccupied with ourselves. Living many years after Paul, we are reminded also by his words to the Colossians that in following Christ we may find release and a larger perspective for our celebration as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Such insights as these are part and parcel of the church-school curriculum, "*Christian Education: Shared Approaches*," used by many of our congregations. The curriculum helps us to find new insight into the meaning of Scripture and into ways in which we may actualize the teachings of Christ in our service to the whole world.