

“Abiding Love”



175th Anniversary Worship Series

1. September 11: Prologue (p 3) Intro to Abiding Love Series
 - a. p14, 15, Description of Travel, worship, logistics, etc.
2. September 18: A Litany of Unpromising People
 - a. p8, NC Clark's letter, unpromising, also "yours in the bonds of the gospel"
 - b. Severity of church discipline, p16, excommunication, Unitarian sympathies, two cakes
3. September 25: Bell Sunday
 - a. p18, 19, 57
 - b. First church bell in Dundee, worship, weddings, births, deaths, WWII, pastor rang as reminder to pray for peace, vespers at dinner
4. October 2: Social Justice
 - a. Abolitionists, Prohibitionists (Temperance), Healers (p18, 41, 80)
 - b. Raisin water for communion – use on communion Sunday
5. October 9: Stewardship
 - a. p9, 12, 30, Missionary journeys – "paying it forward, pioneer fringes of ministry"
 - b. p20, Taxing the pews, 1888 dining room and kitchen wing
 - c. p40, Every member canvas
6. October 16: Woman's Day
 - a. Deaconesses, p21, changing role of women, influence on church
 - b. Giddings sisters, Abigail and Elizabeth, trekking from Essex to help establish FCC
7. October 23: Living with Other Churches (Ecumenism)
 - a. 1948, voting against merger
 - b. p62, skepticism, desire for autonomy
 - c. Professed belief that church is one institution that can unify the world
 - d. p43, assimilated Baptists, remaining Methodists
8. October 30: Church at Wartime
 - a. p37ff, WWI, households doubling up, minister enlisting
 - b. p57, WWII
 - c. Vietnam, Korea?
9. November 6: Oatman Sunday
 - a. p23, also p89
 - b. Dave and Janet (more?) speak, choose hymns, etc.
10. November 13: Music Sunday
 - a. p44, Century of Singers
 - b. Esther Batt p66
 - c. Handbells?
11. November 20: Church in a Changing World
 - a. p48, World was changing, etc.
 - b. Long winters, hard times p49, Sowers of unseen harvests
 - c. p57, Back to Church Movement
 - d. p41, Everything looks so much more pleasant ... softening haze of time
 - e. p28, Building new building, razing old, inhabiting older while new is built
 - f. p54, "Keeping this church" Conclusion on sheltering might, power of faith