

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. We invite you to remain to share in the beauty of it. If not, a quiet departure will be appreciated by those who do remain.

FOR THOSE WHO SING

New members are always welcome in the choir. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm in the choir room, located in the rear of the Community Room.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Oratorio Society of New York, under Lyndon Woodside's direction, will present the St. John Passion by Bach on Sunday evening, March 20th, 7:30 P.M., at Carnegie Hall. Tickets are on sale; speak to Arnold Wolf if you wish to have one. Plan to include this event as part of your observance of Lent.

TODAY'S PREACHER

We welcome Dr. H. Burnham Kirkland to the pulpit this morning. District Superintendent of the Metropolitan District of the United Methodist Church, he is one of Methodism's outstanding leaders.

We shall have the opportunity to greet Dr. and Mrs. Kirkland at the time of fellowship following the service of worship.

THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of our Church will be held today, beginning around one o'clock. Dr. Kirkland will preside over the various concerns to come before us.

All members of the church are invited to share in this annual event in the life of our parish. It's never dull! The meeting will be held in the downstairs Community Room. Friends who are potential members of the Church are cordially invited to stay and observe.

ANTHEM: "O Heart Subdued With Grieving"

"O heart subdued with grieving, be tranquil. What God doth will in lowly faith fulfilling. Fear nothing for the morrow, the Father's care will send to thee Thy meed in joy or sorrow. In all thy ways be steadfast, enduring. What God ordains is ever best. Be faithful. Amen".

ANTHEM: "Dixit Dominus"

"God said, God the Lord said unto my God: now be seated here at my right hand until I shall make thine enemies thy footstool. Mighty strength shall be thine, the Lord shall send it forth from Zion.

Thou shalt rule over every one, all in the midst of thine enemies. All thy people shall join thee in the day of thy power, in the excellence of worship, for God in the womb of the morning first begot thee.

Thus swore the Lord of Hosts, and shall not repent it ever. Priest art thou always, ever and ever in the order of Melchizedek.

When the Lord, who sitteth by thee shall strike them on the day of wrath, great kingdoms shatter. He shall judge the nations' iniquities, and smite them in battle; and His wrath shall terrify the earth's farthest corners. He shall drink of the living river, therefore shall He be exalted.

Praise the Lord, Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was then, and will ever be, as it was then and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries lasting. Amen".

(Text is from Psalm 110)

WORLD HUNGER CONCERN

The concern of world hunger weighs heavily on our hearts. Can we help in some way to alleviate the suffering and lessen the burden? Glenn Weeks, World Hunger Coordinator in our church, will present some thoughts in connection with this concern and offer a possible program designed for the people of this parish in the service today.

AN ADULT CLASS

A popular class for adults meets on a Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 in the third floor Fellowship Hall. William Proctor serves as leader. Coffee is available and new members are always most welcome.

GREETING TO THE CHILDREN

Today is a special Sunday in the life of our Church. It is special because the boys and girls of our Sunday School have joined us for the opening moments of the worship service. We welcome them and look forward to another visit from them on Palm Sunday.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Members of the Adult Fellowship will share in a brunch next Sunday after Church at Dorrian's, Second Avenue and 84th Street. Your menu choice and money must be in the hands of Doreen Surber today. Friends are welcome. Be sure to include their menu choice and money along with your own.

GREETING TO THE CHILDREN

INTRODUCTION It's good to have the boys and girls of our Sunday School with us once again....for a few moments before they head upstairs to their class session. I'd like to welcome them and say a few words to them.

LENT Boys and girls, today is the First Sunday in Lent. Lent is a period of forty days when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

During Lent - which began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday - we try to think more about God, about Jesus, and about others than we normally do.

When we stop to think about Jesus, we remember how he loved people and how he went out of his way to help others. Certainly - what we.

HUNGRY We live in a world where many, many people are hungry...they never get enough to eat. They starve. They die. 10,000 people die every day of starvation. Many are children....like yourselves.

We're going to give each of you something. It's a little bank in the shape of a loaf of bread. Do you know that a little loaf of bread like this would be a feast to many people. Take this "love loaf" home with you. Put on your table where you can see it. Put pennies and nickels and dimes in to it.

One penny can send 50¢ worth of vitamins to a family.
One dime can send \$16 worth of prescription medicines
to disease-stricken areas.
One dollar can send \$25 worth of emergency goods.

Return this bank 40 days from now - just before Easter. Every one in the church is going to have a "love loaf" bank and together we're going to help people...just like Jesus.

Just as Jesus took the unselfish gift of a small boy and blessed it...and multiplied it among thousands on a hillside, so we believe God can take the gifts of people today...bless them...multiply them...to feed many hungry people.

We're going to have a miracle of sharing in our church during Lent...everyone having a part in it. Before you depart, let me give you a "love loaf".

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INTRODUCTION The week of toil has ended. The day of rest is at hand.

May the rest and the quiet of this hour of worship refresh our inner life. May it renew in all of us a sense of God's holy and abiding Presence. In silence, let each pray as the heart may prompt.

MEDITATION We rest our hearts in the Promise of Jesus who said,

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me...for My yoke is easy and my burden is light!"

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart."

PRAYERS O Thou, who art the source of all peace and power, all hope and all healing....hear our prayers - for others as well as for ourselves.

Touch with healing those whom we mention before Thee in our prayers this day. We call to mind and mention by name:

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Charlotte Juchter - Mrs. Herman Smith

and broken-hearted

members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved among us.

Answer the unspoken prayers offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, prayers spoken in the name and the spirit of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray:

"Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GREETING

We greet the visitors in the congregation this morning.

We are delighted to have you with us...to welcome you to this Church. I do hope the opportunity will be ours to greet you in a more personal way following the service before you depart...either at the door, or perhaps downstairs in the CR where refreshments will be available.

Be free in the sharing of your name with us. Sign one of our Guest Books. Join us on other Sundays in worship and fellowship. I might add that you worship in a Church that has been ministering to the needs of people in this part of NYC since 1837. It is a house of worship for all people, and all who would worship with us in peace, pray with us in a spirit are most welcome here in this House of God.

CONCERNS

The announcements of congregational concern are in the bulletin. Please review the announcements carefully. Members of the Adult Fellowship will note the important word that appears there regarding next Sunday's brunch for which reversations and money are needed today by Doreen Surber.

Today is an important day in the life of our Church. It's the occasion of our Annual Meeting, referred to in the United Methodist Church as the Charge Conference. Present to preach and to preside over the meeting....to "charge" us up for another year of service is our friend, our District Superintendent, Dr. H. Burnham Kirkland. Dr. Kirkland is one of the outstanding leaders of the United Methodist Church...strong preacher, able administrator, a great spirit. It's a joy to welcome him to our pulpit again, to have Burny and his wife, Evelyn, with us. We look forward to a good time together...and to greeting them both personally following the service.

World hunger weighs heavily on the hearts of Christian people everywhere. Present this hour to share some of his thoughts and to present some of his ideas as to what we can do to help is the coordinator of our church's Task Force on Hunger, Glenn Weeks. Glenn Weeks.

OFFERING

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".
In this spirit, let us worship God with our offerings.

Dr. Kirkland's sermon title is incorrectly stated in the bulletin. It should be "A Sprig of Hope" - not "Spring". Our secretary has "spring" on her mind...can't blame her.

PASTORAL PRAYER: February 27, 1977

O THOU WHO ART the lights of the minds that know Thee,
the Joy of the hearts that love Thee,
the Strength of the wills that serve Thee...

HEAR OUR THOUGHTS...as we enter into these quiet moments of
prayer. Make us sensitive to your nearness, O God.
Remind us that more things are wrought by prayer
than this world has ever dreamed.

STEADY US. STRENGTHEN US. MAKE us ready for an adventure with
Christ in this Season of Lent into which we have now
entered...an adventure with Him in a world that needs
to hear His word and follow His way.

HELP US TO concentrate on Thee "in spirit and in truth" that we
may see life from higher ground. Renew our faith.
Reassure us that our problems can be met and
mastered with thy help.

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|| Where there is personal disorder, bring peace.
|| Where there is lingering illness, bring healing.
|| Where there is disturbing doubt, bring faith.
|| Where there are broken dreams and broken hearts,
|| bring love and courage and strength.

Speak to us in the lonely hours of the night when
sleep will not come. Be with us through the hours
of the day when tempted by despair, by lust, by a
friend to have a drink. Be with us when the clouds
hang low and we wonder if it's worth the effort...

SO OFTEN WE THINK only of ourselves. Help us here this morning to think
of the needs of others. We pray for the person sitting next
to us in the pews this morning...to our right, to our left.
He or she may be having a difficult time of it. We pray
for those with whom we live, and work - in the office, in
the hospital, in the class room, in the home. And,

THE CIRCLE EXPANDS. We would remember in our prayer the needy, the sore-
distressed, the less fortunate, the hungry, the hopeless of
of our world. We think of that person we passed by this week
who was in need.

REMIND US that we cannot fellowship with Thee, Lord, if in
our hearts we reject, or neglect or pass by our brother in
need. Take us and use us to care thy will in the world
where we live, where we talk and walk. In the spirit of
Jesus we ask this.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer:

Who is a wonderful example of someone who followed
God's prompting gives this advice:

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing
I know, the only ones among you will be really
happy are those who will have sought and found
out how to serve".