

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 20, 1980

GREETING / VISITORS

We greet the visitors in the congregation this morning.....delighted to have you here with us, and we do hope that the opportunity will be ours to greet you personally before you depart - either at the door, or downstairs in the Russell Room where tea and coffee and some warm and relaxed fellowship will be available to all of us.

Please be free in the sharing of your name with us. Take a moment to sign one of the Guest Books. Accept the invitation to join with us in our worship and fellowship on other Sundays across the year.

You worship in a Church that has been ministering in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST to the needs of people in this city since 1837. It is a church with a fine history of service. It is in His name - in the name of Christ - that we bid you welcome this hour.

TODAY'S PREACHER

We welcome William Proctor to the pulpit this morning. Lay Leader of our Church, Trustee, teacher of the Adult Bible Class and a friend to so many, Bill's sermons are always helpful, timely and inspiring.

You'll note from the bulletin that William Proctor was trained to be an attorney....that following Law School, he served with the Marine Corps as a Judge Advocate in Vietnam and in the early seventies, he was the writer-reporter for the legal news of the NY Daily News. Author of several books, Bill is currently Editor of the Church Business Report (a kind of Kiplinger Letter for Churches and Ministers). I might also add that he is an expectant father. We look forward to his message to us this morning.

CONCERNS

Next weekend is the Winter Wonderland Retreat of our Adult Fellowship. Jan Adrich is handling the details in connection with it and will be available at the coffee hour to share them with you.

On Tuesday evening there will be an important meeting of the Vietnamese Friends Committee. New members are always welcome to come and to participate....as plans for the coming months will be discussed and formulated. New members are cordially invited to come in at this time...

Many of you would want to know that David Wendy is leaving for California tomorrow or the next day. We hope he'll be back...and wish him well in his career plans...and thank him for the many things he has done for us in the two years he's been a part of our fellowship. Two years ago today...

PASTORAL

Please continue to hold Helen Breit in your prayers. Her condition is listed as "critical"...Sibley Hospital in Washington. As some of you are aware, death touched our family circle this week in the death of my mother and I've asked William Proctor to briefly share those details with you.

Thank you, Bill. We thank you for your prayers, your gestures of kindness and thoughtfulness...your support these recent days.

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 now 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!"

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

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

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary. And they shall walk and not faint."

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. As you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it unto me."

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you".

"And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched Him were made whole."

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers for others, as well as for ourselves.

Touch with healing, O God, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

Ruth Frame. Muriel Geismar. *HELEN BREIT*

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.....cherished members and friends of our parish.

Comfort the bereaved and the broken-hearted among us. Abide among us as a healing benediction.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News:

We are forgiven!

Will you all pray with me for: the safety of those held hostage in Iran.

Grant them courage and hope.

Make them receptive to the

touch of the Holy Spirit.

Answer the unspoken prayers offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, spoken in the name and 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."