

LAY READER: SAM POTTER

DATE: JANUARY 5, 1992

BEFORE

"The Scripture Reading for today is taken from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 8...and Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 8, verses 31 - 39

PSALM 8 is found on page 467...and the reading from Romans, on page 983 in the Bible that is in the pews...

(Sam...after announcing the reading and pages...give them about 10 seconds to locate before beginning to read....)

AFTER

"Thus endeth the reading taken from the Holy Scripture. May God add His Blessing to the reading of His Word and to our understanding of it. Thanks be to God! Amen!"

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The minister will give you a nod when to come forward. He will make sure the Bible is open to the proper page for you.
2. After announcing the passage to be read, PAUSE...for about 15 seconds to give people the opportunity to locate the reading in the Bible in the pews.
3. Read slowly. Don't rush it. Keep your voice "up"... smile a bit if you can remember to. Be sure to project your voice out...the person on the last row has to be able to hear you.
4. Careful walking up....careful walking back down. Go slowly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 5, 1992

I. HOLY COMMUNION

- A. It has long been the custom....to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion....and we like to announce for the benefit ofthat the Table of Our Lord is open...
- B. His Table is open to all...and we invite all of you to receive.....on this first Sunday of a New Year...trusting that this may be an occasion of spiritual renewal, reaffirmation.. to the will of God as it comes to us...
- C. A word regarding procedure. The elements will be served to you in the pews by the ushers....upon receiving them, hold...

II. GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We take this moment to greet the visitors...delighted you're here. Join us downstairs for some refreshments. Be free in the sharing of your name. Come, worship with us. Work with us, too....
- B. We minister in the name of Christ and it is in His loving spirit that we would greet all of you this morning...and wish you a Happy New Year in the deepest sense of those treasured words.
- C. Members: be sure to wear your name tags. If you don't have one and would like to have one for this new year, speak to Walter Spencer.

III. PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Be sure to pick up your copy of the January issue of our monthly news sheet..."A Word In Edgeways". Copies are by the door...on the table downstairs.
- B. Note the announcements in the bulletin..."Hounds" and the Aldersgate Class both resume their regular weekly meeting schedules. Tuesday. Wednesday.
- C. Be sure to "sign up" with Fran Ellison for the Fellowship Supper buffet scheduled for next Sunday evening...an interesting program of music and food and fellowship to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special artists. Chancel Choir of South Hempstead UCC

- D. The Financial Canvass continues. Getting closer to our goal of 250 pledges and \$ 150,000. Some 40 to 50 pledges are still "out there". Give it your attention today and let us complete the task. Follow-up phone calls by those entrusted with the financial life of our parish will probably get underway this week. As of today, we're up to 200 pledges and \$143,672.
- E. How nice to welcome our dear friend, Kenneth Halcott, back to our church this morning...An ordained minister of the UM Church, Ken and his wife, Andre, have been living in Santorini, Greece these past nine months...and expect to return there later on this winter. We've missed you, Ken and look forward to your message this morning.

IV. DEATHS IN THE PARISH / PASTORAL CONCERNS

- A. Death touched the lives of three of our active members this week. We hold in our prayers this morning Karen Oldham, whose father died on Tuesday, John Lombardo, whose father died on Thursday morning, and Mary Lou Risley, whose father died on Friday morning.
- B. We lift them up in our prayers...their loved ones...their families and remember them in a very deep way here this morning. Karen's father was buried on Friday, East Olen, NY. John's father.....
Mary Lou's father...a Memorial Service today in Leesburg, Florida.

V. A GOOD CHRISTMAS FOR US

- A. It was a good Christmas for our church...and I thank all those who took on extra responsibilities to make it so for us....and those who responded with a generous Christmas gift... Christmas appeal gifts are still being received, bringing us closer to our budgeted goal of \$5,000....over \$4,000 of which has been received.

VI. OFFERING

- A. Let us worship God with our morning offering, remembering the words of Jesus:

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive!"

ANTHEM: "He Watching Over Israel"

"He watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee."

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. Time permitting, we invite you to share in the beauty of it.

FOR THOSE WHO SING

New members are always welcome to audition to sing in the Choir. Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the downstairs Choir Room.

PICK UP YOUR COPY

Be sure to pick up your copy of the January issue of our monthly news sheet, "A Word In Edgeways". Copies are by the door in the narthex as well as on the table in the Russell Room.

TRUSTEES TO MEET

The Trustees will meet Monday evening at 6 pm in the Ryan Barry Room.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

And if you need one, mention it to Walter Spencer.

WELCOME

We welcome the Reverend Kenneth Halcott to our pulpit this morning. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Duke Divinity School, Ken is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church. He and Andree have been close friends of our church for a number of years. They recently returned from Santorini, Greece after a nine month stay. It's good to have them back with us again.

"HOUNDS OF HEAVEN"

The "Hounds of Heaven" will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Lynn Clarke is leading the class in the study of "Your God Is Too Small" by J. B. Phillips. New friends are most welcome. Old ones, too.

ALDERSGATE CLASS

The Aldersgate Class meets on Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. The study and discussion of the Ten Commandments will be led by Anna Delson and Janet Ernst. All are most welcome to join us.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO MEET

The Administrative Council will hold it's first meeting of the new year on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at 7:30 pm. Plans for the next six months will be reviewed and program dates set. George Leopold, Chairperson, looks for a full attendance.

1992 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of 1992 offering envelopes are being distributed. Pick up the box that has your name on it. The boxes are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. If you did not pledge and wish to have a box of weekly envelopes, speak to John Moore, our Church Treasurer or Gordon Bryant, Chairman of the Financial Canvass.

PLEDGE CARDS ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED

The 1992 Financial Canvass continues with 200 pledges totalling \$143,672 gratefully received toward our goal of 250 pledges and \$150,000. We still have some 25 to 35 people we hope to hear from, most of whom have been pledging in 1991. Another \$7,000 will put us over the top! If you have received a pledge card in the mail, please give it your attention. Everyone's help is needed to keep the momentum going!

A CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Pastor's Confirmation Class for teenagers begins meeting next Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:30 in the fourth floor library. Mr. Clarke will be leading it.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Join us next Sunday evening as we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.. An evening of music and fellowship and food is being planned. It gets under way at 5:30 in the sanctuary and will conclude with a buffet supper at 7 pm in our third floor Fellowship Hall. Be in touch with Fran Ellison or call the church office regarding your contribution for the buffet table.

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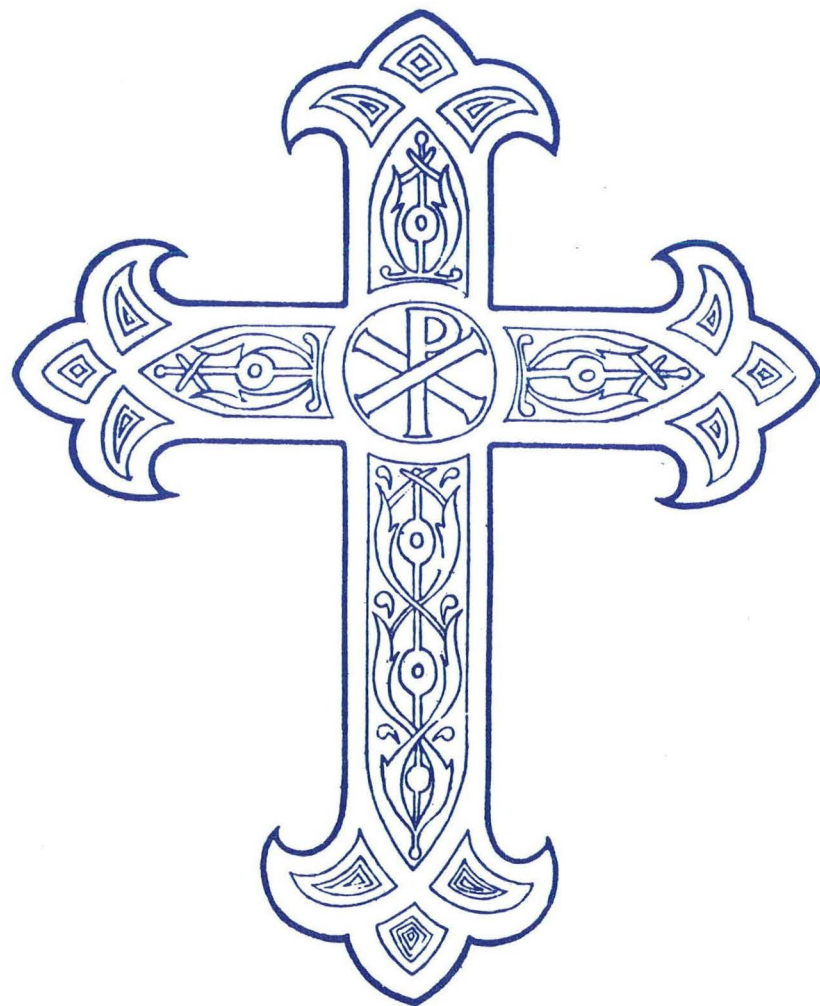
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 5, 1992

ORDER OF WORSHIP
11 A. M.

ORGAN "Andante Religioso" Liszt
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN NO. 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 881
APOSTLES' CREED No. 71
GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE Psalm 8 Page 467
Romans 8: 31 - 39 Page 983

PARISH CONCERNS

ANTHEM "He Watching Over Israel" Mendelssohn
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN NO. 623 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"
MEDITATION "Becoming Reacquainted" Mr. Halcott
PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving (Page 9)
The Sanctus
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread and Cup
The Prayer of Resolution

HYMN NO. 715 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN "Psalm 19" Marcello

*** Interval for Ushering

LAY READER

We welcome Sam Potter to the lectern today. A native of Merville, Iowa, Sam is pursuing an acting / teaching career here in the city. A recent new member of the Church, he has been singing in the choir since September.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by Lynn and Philip Clarke in loving memory of their parents.

GREETERS AND USHERS

The greeters today are Michelle Powers and Craig West. The ushers are Len Williams, Ken Barclay, William Chambers, Carl Condra, Bob Lewis, Kim and Scott Taylor and Wayne Wiebe.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of warmth made possible for us today Kelly Bevan, Jane Chaney, Marlene Mare, and Grace and Al Thomas.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE

Sessions of Church School for children are offered Sunday mornings from ten-thirty to twelve. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. The book of Job is being studied. Janet Ernst is class leader.