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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 7, 1996

HOLY COMMUNION

- A. It has long been the custom....to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday....and we like to announce for the benefit of visiting....the TABLE OF OUR LORD is OPEN to all....
- B. His TABLE is open to all and we invite all of you to receive.... on this the first Sunday of a New Year....trusting that this may be an occasion of.....renewal, reaffirmation and redeidcation of your life.....to the WILL OF GOD...as it comes to us in the life...
- C. Procedure...elements will be served to you in the pews...upon receiving them, please hold....

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors...delighted you're here with us...join us downstairs for coffee. Be free.....fill out a visitor card.... sign one.....come, worship with us. Come, work with us...
- B. The roots of this church are deep.....ministering here since 1837, at this busy corner of God's Kingdom. We minister in the name of Christ and it is in His loving spirit.....
- C. Wear name tags.....go out of your way to make some new friends.

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns are in the bulletin. Review them on your own, noting the announcement regarding the program for next Sunday evening....as we come to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sign up sheet downstairs....with suggestions of what to bring for the supper hour. The program will be around a ministry to women in prison. Rev. Julia Quinlan will be our guest speaker.....Board of Directors of WAM....Women's Advocate Ministry.
- B. How nice to welcome Kenneth Halcott back to our pulpit. A long time friend.....Ken and his wife, Andrea, now make their home.....for years Ken has brought us the pulpit "word" on the first Sunday of the year.....Grateful to him for this....after a busy Fall and a busy Christmas season, Bill Bonwitt and I appreciate a bit of a breather.....Ken's a native of Ct., graduate of Duke Divinity and an ordained minister of the UM church....welcome home.

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ROSE ON ALTAR: Thomas Neil O'Hara....Tom and Margaret...

SOME CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

- A. It was a good Christmas for our church. I would like to THANK all who took on extra responsibilities to make it so....as well as those who responded with a special Christmas gift. Christmas gifts are still coming in. Bless you and thank you all!
- B. The monthly news sheet for January is "out"...on the table downstairs in the RR....as well as by the door in the narthex. Pick up a copy....you'll note a paragraph regarding the GOOD NEWS of the canvass.....we have no received 221 pledges toward our goal of 250....and \$ 171,000 pledged toward our goal of \$ 180,000.
- C. That's the GOOD NEWS...and believe me, that is good news.....the "not so good" news is that it's not too late to respond with a pledge of financial support. We still have about 35 people who can take us the rest of the way....mostly "pledge renewals", so let's respond today and complete the task. Pledge cards are still in the pews.
- D. The 1996 boxes of offering envelopes are on the table in the rear of the church for those who asked for them. Pick up the box that has your name on it....close to 250 boxes are there.....alphabetically arranged. If you need help, bring it to our attention. Thank you.
- E. Comparison with a year ago: 206 / \$ 162,000.....

OFFERING

- A. And now let us worship God with our gifts and offerings, remembering the words of Jesus,

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

"Souper Bowl



Collecting
SOUP and stew
for the PANTRY
SHELVES...

ANTHEM: "O Lord Most Holy"

"O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace. Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our wilful hearts. Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee."

ANTHEM: "Thou Knowest, Lord"

"Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears unto our prayer, but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord, most holy, O God, most mighty".

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 on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the downstairs Choir Room.

Some members come early and enjoy a cup of coffee together. Now's a good time to join the choir as a new year begins.

WELCOME

We welcome the Reverend Kenneth Halcott to the pulpit this morning. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Duke Divinity School, Ken is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church. A part of our fellowship for fifteen years, Ken and his wife, Andrea, recently returned from Santorini, Greece where they now make their home a good part of the year.

A ROSE ON THE ALTAR

The rose on the altar today is in honor of Thomas Neil O'Hara, infant son of Tom and Margaret O'Hara of Witchita, Kansas, born December 30, 1995.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Next Sunday evening, January 14th, we shall celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. The Rev. Julia Quinlan will be with us to speak on her ministry to women in prison. Sponsored by our Outreach Committee, you're asked to sign up downstairs if you're planning to attend.

PLEDGE CARDS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 1996 Financial Canvass is now in its final hours and pledge cards are still being received. To date 214 pledges totaling \$170,059 have been gratefully received toward our goal of \$180,000 and 250 pledges. The weekly offering envelopes are on a table in the rear of the sanctuary. Pick up the box that has your name on it.

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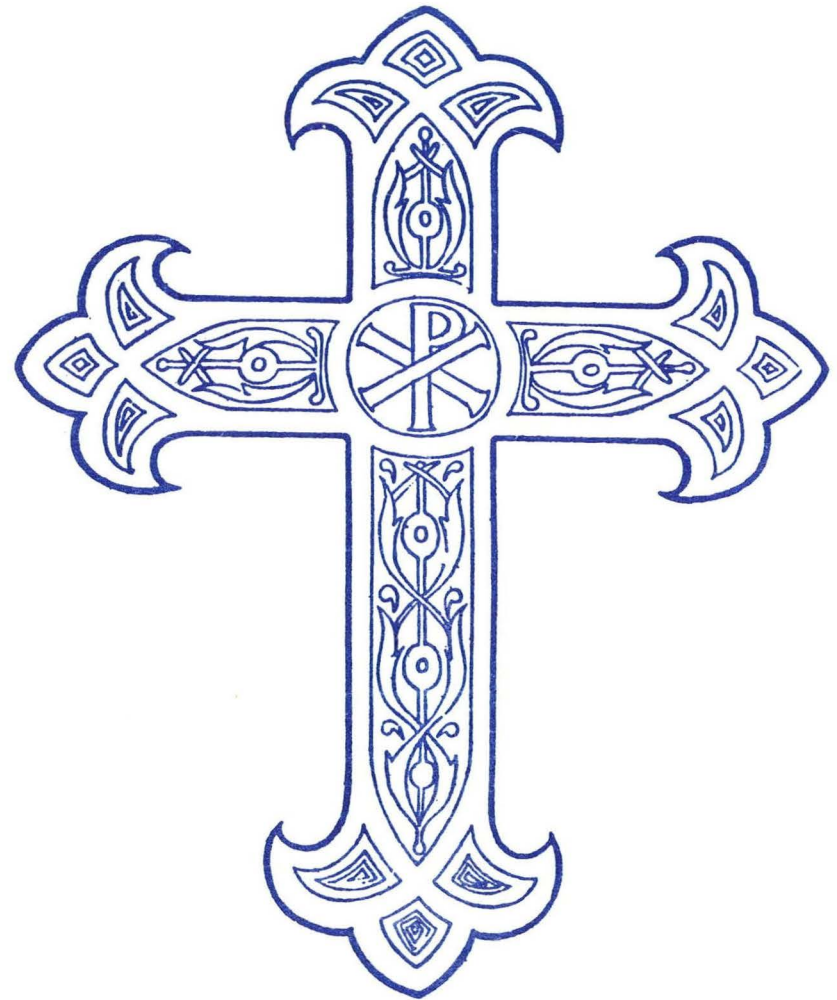
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPHANY

January 7, 1996

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 A. M.

ORGAN	"Cantabile"	Franck
CALL TO WORSHIP		
HYMN NO. 698	"God of the Ages"	
APOSTLES' CREED		No. 881
GLORIA PATRI		No. 71

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 117	Page 531
	Colossians 1: 3 - 14	Page 1027
PARISH CONCERNS		
ANTHEM	"Panis Angelicus"	Franck
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY		
HYMN NO. 614	"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	
MEDITATION	"Put A Lid On It!"	Mr. Halcott
PRAYER		
ANTHEM	"Thou Knowest, Lord"	Purcell

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
The Invitation		
The Great Thanksgiving (Page 15)		
The Sanctus		
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread (No. 618)		
The Taking of the Cup (No. 251)		
The Prayer of Resolution		
HYMN NO. 117	"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"	
BENEDICTION		
ORGAN	"Trumpet Tune"	Purcell

*** Interval for Ushering

LAY READER

We welcome Neil Bardach to the lectern today. A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Neil holds a BA in Accounting from Michigan State and an MBA from the University of Utah. He is the chief financial officer of Genlyte Corp. Here in the church, Neil is the Chairperson of the Audit Committee and is a member of the Finance and Membership Committees.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Professor E.D.H. Johnson by Alexander Johnson.

GREETERS AND USHER

The greeters for today are Stacey Staaterman and Mavis Vann. The ushers are Richmond and Lili Bates, Jennifer Levin, Helen Wilkinson and Michael Vann.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. All are invited to share in these moments of warm fellowship made possible for us today by Grace Thomas, Margaret Fisher, Jill Grummert, Jobeth Moad, Tara Timmerman and Anette Tomlinson.

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 class is studying the Gospel of Matthew. Bill Bonwitt is class leader.