

PASTORAL PRAYER: July 20, 1986

LORD, we are assembled here in the posture of prayer -

Heads bowed. Eyes closed. Hoping that
for a few moments we can bring ourselves
into the proper attitude of prayer.

BUT THEN we remember that You see not the outer appearance, but
are far more concerned about the inner need and the
inner openness.

WE ARE the ones who tend to look on the outside...but You see the
inside and are sensitive to the inner needs of each of us.

MEK US HONEST, LORD in our worship.

We do not want to pretend that we are
something we are not. We do not come to
You to know how good we are, but rather
who we are!

WE WORRY about little things, and are apathetic about weightier
matters.

WE DECLARE that love is the most excellent way - the only way -
and then let things dominate our lives and dictate to us.

IN OUR WORSHIP, help us to see what matters most in life.
Help us to learn what it means to have faith,
to live by faith in a spirit of love.
Then we can be saved from living wasteful,
neglectful lives.

IS THERE ONE AMONG us this hour, Lord, who does not know what decision her
or she must make? Then may the right insight come in this hour
of worship that will enable that person to make the best decision.

IS THERE ONE HERE in our midst, Lord, who feels that he or she has traveled
down a "dead-end" road? Then may that person find what seems to be
an end - the place of a fresh start, a new beginning.

HELP US, LORD, to reach out - in faith,
and thus find Your presence, giving us health, healing,
hope and happiness.

AND ENABLE US TO see how every conversation and every relationship with
another person is an opportunity You have given us for
ministering to others in Your name.

All this in the name and spirit of Christ, our Lord. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER: June 29, 1986

WE THANK YOU, O GOD, for the freshness of this Summer day,
for all that it means to us in the way of inspiration,
reassurance, forgiveness and new perspective.

WE ARE THANKFUL for the devoted hearts that gather here from Sunday to
Sunday to worship You...to hear Your word and to
try to follow it in their lives.

WE ARE THANKFUL, too, for the many blessings that have touched and
enriched our individual lives at so many times
and places...our homes, our loved ones, our Church,
and all of the joys of friendship and fellowship
that we share together in this place.

OUR LIVES ARE FILLED with gratitude for the lift that we received from
sharing in the wonders of Your handiwork,

The warmth of the sun,
the majesty of the mountains,
the shade of the trees,
the grandeur of the seas.

IN THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP, we would turn aside from the pains and problems
that have been troubling us, and here in the
silence of Your sanctuary rest our tense and
worried spirits in that love that rests at the
heart of all life, that love that will never let
us go nor let us down.

HERE we would seek to gain a new insight, to see life from higher
ground, to see You at the heart of all things.

HERE we would pray, too - not only for ourselves, but also for our
fellow man.

For the less fortunate, the poor, the hungry,
the distressed, the bereaved, the suffering.

Forgive us our sins, O God.

Keep us clam within and speak thy still,
small word of peace.

TO THY GUIDANCE, we commit ourselves, our Church, our nation, our world.

Do with us as Thou wilt. In the name and the
spirit of Christ, we pray.

Amen

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 and 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:

2. "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".

"Comfort ye. Comfort ye my people, saith your God. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms."

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us."

1. "In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News: we are forgiven."

3. "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

Touch with healing, O God, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

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

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

1. Paul Kilborn
2. Raymond Barnes
3. Ada Kinney

4. Gloria, Sister of Bobbie.
5. Olivia Olsson
6. Jack Kilbride

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, July 20, 1986

GREETING / VISITORS

We're always pleased...and delighted to welcome visitors to our services, and an invitation to worship with us again...to find a Church home here with us...is warmly and enthusiastically extended.

Visiting friends are invited to share in the moments of warmth that we have every Sunday following the service...downstairs in the Russell Room where some punch and cookies will be available. Sign one of the visitor cards or leave your name in one of the Guest Books in the narthex as you depart. Join us on other Sundays in worship. Come and work with us in our programs of service to others.

The roots of this Church are deep in the soil of this part of NYC. We've been doing the "Lord's work" at this location since 1837. We're primarily a neighborhood Church...most of our people are within walking distance. We minister in the name of Christ and it is in His name and in His loving spirit that we bid you welcome on this Summer Sunday morning.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It is our custom to "lift-up" in prayer those who are ill, hospitalized, hurting, shut-in at home, and grieving. We invite you to remember in your prayers:

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| 1. Raymond Barnes | 4. Olivia Olsson |
| 2. Paul Kilborn | 5. Frank High |
| 3. Jack Kilbride | 6. Ada Kinney |

Remember them with cards and calls. They do make a difference!

TODAY'S MUSIC

We welcome Robert Wilson to the organ console this morning in the absence of Michael Reed, our Summer organist, who comes to us in the absence of Lyndon Woodside, our regular organist and choir director. And we welcome Bob Smith - a member of our church and choir - as soloist for today's service. Thank you, Robert, for sharing your voice and talent with us.

CONCERNS

Be sure to pick up a copy of the July issue of "A Word In Edgewise" and also begin to think about your articles and notes and paragraphs for the August issue. We shall want them next Sunday when Lucy Dinnes, our editor, begins work on the next issue.

THIS WEEK

The first of two or three meetings of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel will be held Tuesday evening of this week at 7:30 pm in the downstairs Russell Room. The Finance Committee meets on Thursday evening at the apartment home of Kathy Buck for their regular meeting.

OTHER CONCERNS

Contributions are still being received for the Pew Cushion Fund. We invite you to consider making a special gift if you have not yet already done so.

Our thanks to Lym Bruhn, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, who has been giving time and thought to this area of need for several years and who would like to place the order soon and get the new cushions in here this Fall. Take a look at the sample material downstairs in the Russell Room and share your choices with us.

TODAY'S SPEAKER / PREACHER

This morning we welcome Thea Crites to our pulpit. Thea's a native of Connecticut, a graduate of Oberlin College, and recently graduated from Union Theological Seminary here in our own city. She also attended Law School in Brooklyn for two years prior to her entrance into the seminary.

A member of our Church, Thea is looking forward to ordination in the United Methodist Church and hopes eventually to serve as a Christian psycho-therapist. This summer she has been attending the Hospital Chaplaincy program here on the Eastside - which we support - and acquiring skills and experience in dealing with the sick and the dying.

Thea spent this past year - in addition to full time at Union - as an associate pastor at the Methodist Church on City Island. Now she expects to be appointed pastor of the Summerfield UM Church, Staten Island, on August 1st.

We're delighted to have this opportunity to get caught up with Thea...and to wish her well as she now moves into full time Christian service here in this city. God bless you Thea and keep in touch with us.

OFFERING

Pope John, when he came to NYC a few years ago, said,

"Show us how to give of our substance and not just of our abundance."

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, said,

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"

In this spirit, let us worship God with our morning offering.

LAY READER: ROBERT GARDNER

DATE: JULY 20, 1986

BEFORE

"The Scripture Reading for today is taken from the
GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE, CHAPTER 10, VERSES 38 THROUGH 42

"It is found on page 903 in the Bible that is in the pews."

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 second 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.

LAY READER: GEORGE LEOPOLD

DATE: 7/11/86

BEFORE

"The Scripture Reading for today is taken from the
Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, Verses 42 through 47

"It is found on page 949 in the Bible that is in the pews."

AFTER

"Thus endeth the reading taken from the Holy Scripture. May
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