

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 24, 1979

FLOWERS The beautiful flowers on the altar this morning are the gift of Mrs. Mildred Schroedel, in loving memory of her husband, John, and her three sons - John, Jr., Robert and Karl.

GREETING TO VISITORS We greet the visitors in our congregation this morning. We're delighted to welcome you and we do hope that the opportunity will be ours to greet you in a more personal way - either at the door, or downstairs in the Community Room where some refreshments will be available to all of us.

Please be free in the sharing of your name with us; sign one of our Guest Books and join with us on Sundays in worship and in our fellowship. You worship in a Church that has been ministering in the name of Jesus Christ to the needs of people in this part of the city since 1837. In His name, we bid you welcome.

COMMUNITY ROOM APPEAL Please note the paragraph in the bulletin regarding the redecoration of the Community Room. The work goes forward. We still haven't reach our goal of \$5,000 in our congregational drive. Close to 100 people have already responded with gifts that total \$3,500. Another \$1,500 from those who have not yet responded with a gift would help us immeasurably.

The work should be completed by Friday, July 6th. We shall be (by vote of the Trustees) renaming the room the Paul R. Russell Community Room, in honor of Paul Russell, a devoted layman of this Church. This is "in the works" for Homecoming Sunday, September 30th.

OTHER CONCERNS Please note the announcement regarding the Shower for Woang and Hue scheduled for Thursday evening of this coming week, Fellowship Hall, third floor. Also, today marks the final Sunday of Sunday School until September 16th, as well as the last Sunday for the choir until September 16th. We thank the Sunday School teachers for their fine, faithful service across these past 9 Sundays, as well as the members of the choir for their faithful service. We shall miss you.

A special word of thanks to Janet Ernst and Carol Nespole, leaders of the Sunday School, as well as to Lyndon Woodside, Choir Director. Lyndon will not be with us through July and August, and we wish him (Jane, too) a restful Summer.

TODAY IS SPECIAL Our Church enjoys a diversity of backgrounds in terms of its membership and its worshipping congregation. We have an international, interracial flavor. Our people come from all over: Japan, India, Africa, Fiji, Australia, Europe, Vietnam - just to name a few places that we have come to know better because of people in our church family who come from those distant places. This "mix" is one of the unique things about

GUYANA,

this Church. We're not all one type - thank God, for that....that would make things quite "dull".

Today we are privileged to have with us the Rev. Haruyoshi Fujimoto, director of SMJ - Special Ministries to the Japanese in the Metropolitan NYC. He comes to us in connection with the quaddrenial program of the UM Church which calls for local churches - like ours - to reach out and establish ties with ethnic groups in its community.

I have asked Shiro Oda of our Church who is our Ecumenical Task Force Chairperson to introduce our preacher this morning....also to tell you a bit about him.

FOLLOW UP At today's coffee hour, we shall enjoy some Japanese rice cookies, and also Rev. Fujimoto is going to show some colored slides. All are invited to stay and enjoy them....about 20 minutes at the end of the coffee hour fellowship.

OFFERING Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than ~~it~~ to receive". In this spirit, let us worship God with our morning offering.

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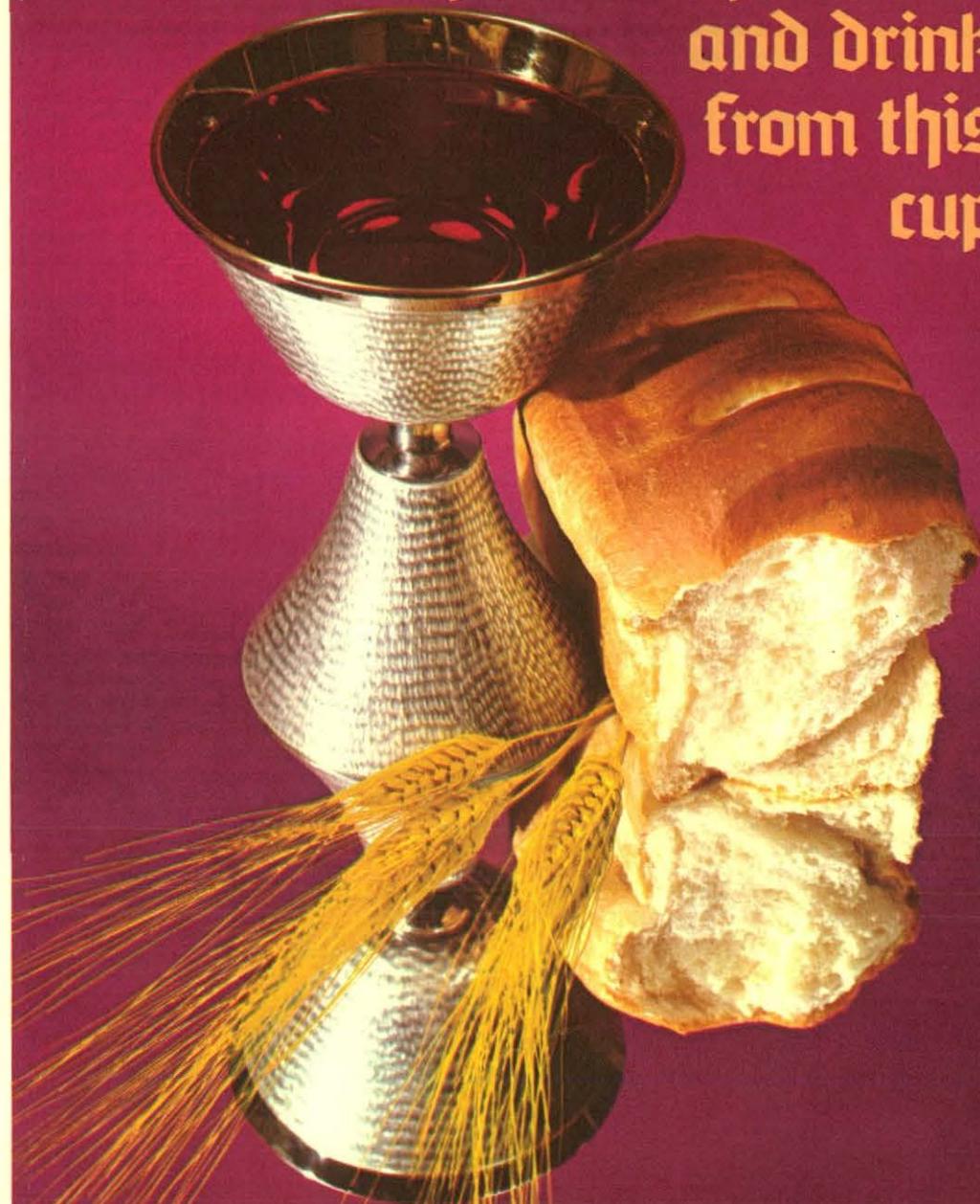
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Every time you eat this bread
and drink
from this
cup



You proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ORDER OF WORSHIP
6:30 P. M.

ORGAN "I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 417 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 7 - 16
John 13: 2 - 38

HYMN NO. 433 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

John 14: 1 - 7; 15 - 17, 27
John 15: 1 - 5; 9 - 14, 17

SOLO "Were You There?" Arr. by H.T. Burleigh
(The offering will be received at
this time without announcement)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26: 26 - 28

THE PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

(The ushers will instruct the worshippers
when to come forward to receive communion)

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

John 16: 32 and 33
Matthew 26: 30

HYMN NO. 431 "Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"

ORGAN "Adagio" Vivaldi

OUR LORD'S LAST SUPPER

In the service this evening, we have attempted to capture something of the spirit and simplicity of our Lord's Last Supper with His disciples on the night before He was crucified. The words of Scripture "In the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took bread..." give one food for powerful thought and meditation.

The common meal was a bond of close fellowship - a bond which the present day disciples of Jesus can also experience. But during that very act of fellowship, one of their number was plotting the betrayal of their Master. "Is it I?" they asked.

Tonight we kneel at the foot of the Cross. We are reminded of the brutality of that which He went through on Good Friday. It was on Calvary's Hill that He gave His life for all mankind - not just for some, but for all!

Jesus wants more than just a few kind thoughts about Himself tonight. He wants us to do for others what He did Himself - not for some others, but for all others.

He gave us a new life of which the bread and the wine are the symbols. He gave us a new commandment, too, "that you love one another even as I have loved you".

As we share together in this service tonight, we are joining with millions of people who have not forgotten that night and that supper.

His table is open to all. As you receive the Sacrament this night, we pray that it may be for you an occasion of spiritual rededication and reaffirmation of your life to Jesus Christ and to the Way of Life He has given us.