

PASTORAL PRAYER: June 22, 1980

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,
majesty of the mountains,
shade of the trees,
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

JUNE

PASTORAL CONCERNS: Many of us shared in the joy of a wedding yesterday...
Joe Yoders and Jean Hobbs...lovely wedding, delightful reception
handled by Helen Wilkinson. Helen Wier: out of traction - 9 weeks....Beryl Wilks
hasn't been feeling well in recent days and was admitted to Mt. Sinai yesterday late
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 22, 1980 afternoon for
treatment.

KKC - 8th floor.

(Sun: 2-4 6-8) (Week: 6-8)

GREETING TO THE VISITORS We greet the visitors in the congregation this
morning. We're delighted...and pleased...to
have you worshipping with us and we do hope the opportunity will be ours to
greet you personally before you depart - either at the door or downstairs in
the Russell Room where punch and cookies will be served.

Be free in the sharing of your name with us. Sign one of the
Welcome Visitor cards in the pews, or one of the Guest Books in the narthex
by the door. Accept the invitation to worship with us on other Sundays
across the year.

You worship in a Church that has been ministering in the name of
Jesus Christ in this city and neighborhood since 1873 and it is in His name -
in the name of Christ - that we bid you welcome this morning. It is a Church
with a splendid history of service as well as a present of which to be very
proud. In the name of Christ, welcome.

CONCERNS Be sure to pick up a copy of the June issue of "A Word In Edge-
ways". Copies are in the usual places...by the door in the
narthex....and on the table in the Russell Room. We'll begin working on the
July issue tomorrow and your contributions - notices, articles, notes...are
always appreciated by the Editor. The July issue will be out two weeks from
today.

On occasion we have the joy and pleasure of welcoming back friends
and members from former days. You would want to know that in the congregation
today are Clu and Miriam Gulager...all the way from California....they were
active members here in 1957 - 1958...choir, young adults...how nice to see
them again. Also, all the way from Alabam - Linda and Art Freeman. Linda
Poynter Freeman was active here back in the 1966 - 1970 period.

TODAY As you have already noted from the bulletin, we are lifting up the
concern of world hunger today - locally and world-wide.

LINDA →
Linda LeShanna, a member of our church, who along with Anna Delson
and Bill Bell, are active in the community outreach concern known as the
Yorkville Pantry is going to tell us a few things about it this morning. This
will focus our attention on the concern of hunger in our own backyard.

And then, after the singing of the second hymn, Stanley Moore, a
former member of our parish, will talk to us about his work as an agricultural
specialist under assignment of the Board of Global Ministries of the United
Methodist Church in South America will tell us about his work in Chile. A
word about Stan and his wife, Beryl. First, they are dear friends...

Stanley and Beryl Moore sang in our church choir during the 1962 -
1963 - 1964 period. I remember a coffee hour 16 years ago this June when
we said farewell to Stanley and Beryl as they departed from our midst.

Stan: native of California. Masters Degree in Agriculture as well
as a Masters Degree in Education..layman...
- 2 - Peace Corps in the late fifties..recruiter.
Beryl, native of Nebraska - Peace Corps.

They have been in Chile (Temuco, Chile) for close to 15 years...
they have four children.

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It was in the late Winter of 1976 that our church felt led to
become involved in Stanley's work...you'll remember that our World Hunger
Task Force under the skillful leadership of Glenn Weeks raised substantial
funds for four years to help the Moores in their workd. I recall we raised
about \$10,000 during that 4 year period to buy a tractor, a number of
oxen, farm tools, new plumbing for the granja...very exciting project for the Church.

Stan and Beryl we welcome you back to this church of which you were
an important part for three years. It is grand to have you with us again.
How many, many times our thoughts and prayers have reached out to you all.
Proude of you...pleased to have s small share in your work.

Stan has brought along some colored slides that we shall have
opportunity to see at the coffee hour. All of you are invited to stay to
see them. One other thought. I regret that Glenn Weeks is not present
for this service today. Barbara and Glenn Weeks moved to California in
December. Glenn was a part of the leadership that made much of what we have
done to help Stanley possible.

OFFERING

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

.....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: those held hostage in Iran. Grant them courage and faith in order to live with renewed uncertainty.

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."

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:

x "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."

x "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".

x "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:

Helen Wier

Beryl Wilks

Fred Bruner, Jr,

(over)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

AN ADULT CLASS

An Adult Class meets every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:40 in the third floor Fellowship Hall. William Proctor serves as leader. Coffee is available and new members are always most welcome.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today is the last day of Sunday School for the season. A year-end party has been planned for the children this morning.

It has been a wonderful year and we take this opportunity to thank those of you who are parents for giving us such fine children to teach. We thank those of you who have given so generously of yourself in teaching in the Sunday School. And we thank those of you who have administered the Sunday School program for us so faithfully and so effectively across these past ten months.

Sunday School will re-open in early September. Have a good Summer!

WORLD HUNGER

The concern of world hunger - both locally and world-wide - is being lifted up in the service of worship today.

Linda LeShanna will speak at the time of "Parish Concerns" about the Yorkville Common Pantry - a local outreach concern designed to help people in need of food in our own community. A bulletin insert provides you with detailed information.

Stanley Moore, an agricultural missionary of the United Methodist Church in Chile, will speak from the pulpit at the time of the sermon about his work in helping to alleviate hunger in a remote mountainous area of that country.

Substantial gifts from our Church, over the past four years, have gone to support the work of Stanley Moore. A tractor, some farm tools and equipment, several oxen have been made possible for his work by our gifts.

Both Stan and his wife, Beryl, are former members of our Church. They used to sing in the choir and shared in the Adult Fellowship programs of the Church back in the early sixties. It's grand to welcome them back to the Church this morning.

Following the service at the coffee hour, we'll have a chance to see some of their colored slides depicting their work in Chile.