

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:

"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."

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

"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."

"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."

Ruth FARMER
Anne WILLIAMS
MILT DOSTT'S
Mary Miller's mother

PASTORAL PRAYER: March 1, 1987

LORD, we are people who like to celebrate.

YOU have made us to sing, to laugh and to dance.
We have our rituals and our celebrations,
our birthdays and our anniversaries,
our festivals and our good times together.

We remember YOU, Lord, as the ONE who one day long ago turned
water into wine. Bring new richness and deep joy into our
worship and our fellowship on this special day of celebration.

Guide us, O God, in finding ways to cherish our heritage,
to rejoice in our past,
to enjoy the present,
to embrace the future with faith.

LORD, we sometimes forget about those who have lived before us.
We sometimes forget about the many good works of those who have
prayed here in these pews in other years, and sung hymns of
great joy before some of us were even born.
We sometimes make the mistake of assuming that everything begins
with us.

We drink from wells we did not dig. We eat food from
farmlands which we did not build. We ride in subways
we did not construct and worship in Churches we did
not erect. We enjoy freedoms we did not earn.

Make us grateful, O God, for the rich heritage of faith
that is ours. Help us to feel our oneness with those
of other days who once worshipped here, as well as our
oneness with those sitting near us in the pews this hour.

LORD, we look ahead with joy and enthusiasm and with deep faith to the con-
tinuing tasks of Kingdom building in this Church. Bless us in that
which we do here in YOUR name...not ours. Renew that right spirit
within us. Deepen our commitment to Christ.

And give us the wisdom to see those wonderful ties of love and faith that
can unite us all, whatever our race or culture or background may be.

Deepen our sense of Your will for justice and equality and righteousness
in our world and our need to work even harder for the coming of Your
Kingdom of peace and goodwill.

For we ask this in the strong name of Jesus - for it is in His love that
we find our hope - for ourselves and for our world.

GREETING TO THE CHILDREN: March 1st, 1987

GREETING Before we all share in the Psalter Reading, let me take a brief moment to welcome the boys and girls who have joined us down here for a few moments.

We welcome you on this very special Sunday. It's a Sunday we have been looking forward to and planning for for a long, long time. It's like a birthday party. We call it our Anniversary Sunday. Our Church was founded one hundred and fifty years ago - on the 10th of March, 1837.

I'm delighted you all are here to share in this special event! Happy Birthday "Dear Park Avenue United Methodist church".

TWO CONCERNS Two concerns I want to talk to the boys and girls about. First, did you notice the flag in front of the Church as you came here this morning. It says 1837 - 1987. Celebrating One Hundred Years. One of your teachers had a lot to do in helping us get that flag. Our thanks to Jane Grimmett. Be sure to notice that flag.

And the second concern has to do with our penny jar - remember I promised to tell you today how many pennies we had rolled at our penny rolling party two weeks ago. We all took guesses on how many and I wrote down your estimates along with your name. We had 31,400 pennies that Sunday....and one of the adults - Mrs. D'Ambrosio came the closest in guessing. She guessed 29,000.

Now, boys and girls we still need more pennies to reach our goal of 150,000 pennies. The grand total of all the pennies we have collected over this past year is 60,301. In dollars, we have collected \$603.01 - can you believe it!

Have you decided what you are going to do with all the pennies you have collected. It's rumored that you may give some of them to help the hungry and the homeless of our neighborhood. That sounds good. I also heard that you might make a gift toward the anniversary pin or the flag. We'll be anxious to hear what you and your teachers decide.

Thank you for coming and we'll look forward to seeing you downstairs at the coffee hour. Make a point of saying welcome to our guests and help them to feel at home. I hope you'll have a chance to welcome Bishop White who is our guest preacher today. He'd love to meet you, I'm sure.

PSALTER No. 589. "O Give Thanks". We invite the children to stay for the Psalter, the Gloria and the Creed. Depart during the interval for ushering.

ANTHEM: "Jubilate Deo"

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God, it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen".

ANTHEM: "O, Clap Your Hands"

"O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph, for the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigned over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises".

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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