

.....cherished members and friends of our parish.

Comfort the bereaved and the broken-hearted among us. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal us at the point of our deepest need.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News:

We are forgiven!

Will you all pray with me for: the hostages held captive in Iran, that they may be strengthened to live with renewed uncertainty. We also pray for their loved ones.

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."

x "Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart."

"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:

Fred Bruner. Helen Wier. Ruth Frame.

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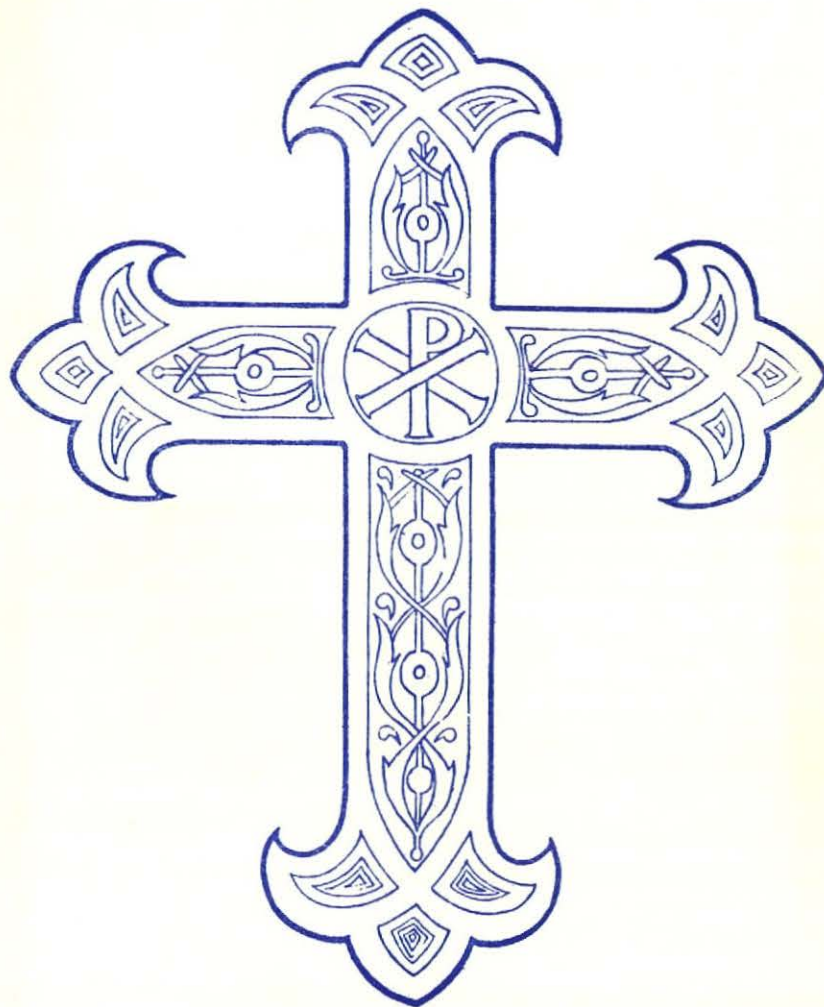
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PARK AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
May 11, 1980

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
11 A. M.

ORGAN "Adagio" Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 35 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

Most merciful Father, we have done little to forward Thy kingdom in this world, to foster the brotherhood of man, and to establish love as the law of life. We have allowed self to blind us, pains to embitter us. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing Thee. Help us in all our seeking to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness.

And make us to come, as came Thy Son, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SILENT MEDITATION - WORDS OF ASSURANCE - LORD'S PRAYER

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ANTHEMS BY THE JUNIOR CHOIR

"There's a Joy In Me" Purifoy  
"His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Gabriel

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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PASTORAL PRAYER

PARISH CONCERNS

ANTHEM "Gloria" Haydn

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN NO. 45 "This Is My Father's World"

SERMON "Religion in the 1980's" Mr. Gallup

HYMN NO. 483 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN "Toccata and Fugue" Selby

\*\*\*Interval for Ushering

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Stephanie Beth Whelan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whelan, is being presented this morning for Christian Baptism. Stephanie was born on December 22nd, 1979 at New York Lying-In Hospital.

LAY READER

We welcome Mr. W. Bud Brown as our Lay Reader today. A native of Long Island, a graduate of Penn State, Bud is a former pollster for the Gallup Organization. He is presently Marketing Research Director for the National Baby Panel. A member of the Administrative Board, he serves on the Indochinese Friends Committee as well as representing our Church on the Board of Managers of Five Points Mission in Lower Manhattan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur High, parents of Frank M. High, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brogna.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of warmth made possible for us today by Miss Hoelscher, Miss Aldrich, Miss Kinney, Ms. Langley, Mrs. Neubauer, Mrs. Russell and Ms. Wilkinson.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sessions of Church School for children are offered every Sunday morning from eleven to twelve. Classes meet on the third and fourth floors as well as in the Russell Room. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor.