

INTRODUCTION / NEW MEMBERS

LEAD-IN Today we are receiving new members into the fellowship of our church....21 persons strengthening their ties with us, of whom two or three are unable to be present....

I shall read their names to you in a moment....and invite them to come forward to the altar for the service of reception which is in the hymnal.....page 48....

I would like to invite Doug McPheters, Chair of our Membership Committee to join me at the altar....also our Assistant Minister, Bill Bonwitt... both have been of tremendous help in bringing us to this moment.... helping us to get to know new friends....open up the church to them.....Our thanks to the members of our Membership Committee, too.....

Sam Wilson, our "official church photographer" and Chair of our Publicity Committee is here with camera in hand to get pictures of our new members.....I've asked Sam to do this as these new friends and members step up to the altar....

THOSE JOINING ARE.....

COFFEE HOUR / ART CONNECTION III

The time of fellowship following the service is in honor of these new friends....so be sure to "come on down" and introduce yourself to them.....

7. Eric DeFreitas                      8. Michael, brother of Al Thomas  
 9. Douglas Braid, cousin of      10. Geraldine Blasingame, friend of Watler Spencer  
     Meriel West

"And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer,  
 believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched  
 Him were made whole!"

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good course and He shall  
 strengthen thine heart. For we dwell in the shelter of  
 the Almighty. He is our refuge and our strength."

"We know that in everything, God works together for good  
 with those who love Him!"

"But 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. They shall walk and not faint".

"God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that who-  
 soever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting  
 life".

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:  
 who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy  
 diseases".

"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on  
 Thee: because he trusteth in thee".

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

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for  
 others, as well as for ourselves. Touch with  
 healing, O God...Father of us all, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>Coralie Bailey</u>     | 2. <u>Bobbie Heron</u>  | 3. <u>Marney Kliever</u>  |
| 4. <u>Pertti Tervakallio</u> | 5. <u>Ann Cavallaro</u> | 6. <u>Mary Lou Risley</u> |

...beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved and  
 the broken hearted among us...and especially be close to Larry... who in recent  
 days has lost a loved one. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal each of  
 us at the point of our deepest need.

Answer the upspoken prayers now 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....  
 For we ask all of this in the powerful name and lifting 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"

Larry and Doreen Morales...death of Larry's mother, Wednesday...Carmen Morales.  
 Jennifer Coward...death of her grand mother, ORA COWARD...Liberal Kansas. Friday.

### FIRST INTRODUCTION

The week of toil has ended. Our 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.

### SECOND INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation....a time in which we prepare ourselves expectantly...that the Spirit of the living God may be made real to us in this hour of worship.

In quietness, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

### THIRD INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter into a time of silent meditation as we come into the Presence of Him whom our faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

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### FOURTH INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation. In these moments, let us ponder the pattern our lives have been weaving as we come into the Presence of Him whom our Faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

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### 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".

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock, and it will be open unto you."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me. If you love Me, you will keep my commandments"

"For I tell you...do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat...or drink...nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food? And the body more than raiment."

"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present...to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature - shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 21, 1995

GREETING / VISITORS

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