

"SHOW ME THE FISH"

A Sermon By

Philip A. C. Clarke

Park Avenue United Methodist Church
106 East 86th Street
New York, New York 10028
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CALL TO WORSHIP

"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".

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the
House of the Lord! Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise".

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, saith
the Lord Jesus, There am I in midst of them."

"God is a spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in
spirit and in truth".

PARISH CONCERNS

Let me take this opportunity to welcome any visitors who are worshipping with us this morning...here in Portland, Perhaps, for this special weekend. Delighted to have you with us this morning...and we hope that we shall have the opportunity to greet you in a more personal way following this service - either at the door as you depart, or time permitting...at the coffee hour in the fellowship room.....reached by passing through this door to your left.....

Next Sunday, the Rev. Dr. T. Lawrence Gilbert, a retired minister of the United Church of Christ, and father of Eunice Gilbert, an active member of this church. "Seeds, Sowers and the Harvest" is the title of his sermon.....

I thank Dr. Merrill for the invitation to lead you in worship this morning. Tom and Art Van Denburg approached me last January about taking a Sunday.....first service I've shared in since retiring from my parish in NYC where I served 43 years. Tom included a few things about me in the bulletin....which you've probably reviewed....but one thing he failed to mention was that I've been tempted since worshipping regularly with you this past year....was that I've been tempted to sneak over here on a Saturday night with a black magic marker and add an E to the name of your church out front....and also that I preached here many years ago.....1964 - 1965 when John Neff was your pastor. John needed some summer help and I was over in Ocean Park.... Good to be with you again.....37 years later....

OFFERING: Now let us worship God with our morning offering...remembering
the words of Jesus that IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN IT IS TO...

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Organ

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 100 "God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us"

Prayer of Confession (Seated)

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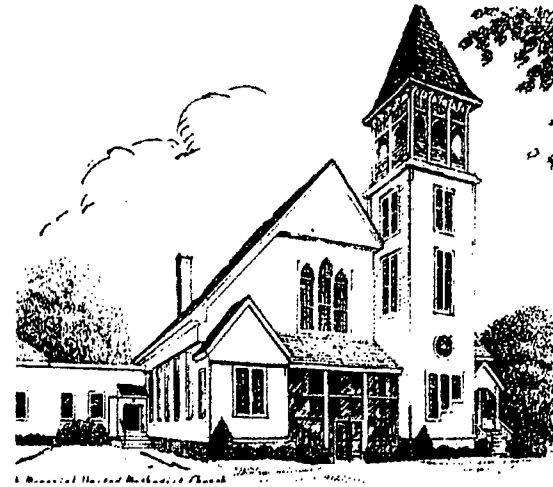
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