

PENTECOST



Church of the SAVIOR

United Methodist
Canton, Ohio

THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 1981

Eight-Thirty and Ten-Thirty O'Clock

THE GATHERING

*Let the people be gathered in joy before the Lord.
Let their voices become still in the fellowship of God.*

PRELUDE: Today's Hymns from the Tower (10:15) *Flemish Carillon*

ACCOMPANIED MEDITATION:

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall *J. S. Bach*
W. Robert Morrison at the organ

INTROIT: Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread (313)
The Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (*The people will rise*)

Pastor: Trust in the Lord.

People: The Lord God is an everlasting rock.

Pastor: Worship the Lord in holy array.

People: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayer or
removed His steadfast love from us!

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 26: Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicaea*

THE PREPARATION

CONFESSION (*To be said by all, seated*)

Eternal Father, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient Church; we have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is God's own proof of His love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Glory to God.
Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM: God So Loved the World *J. Stainer*
The Sanctuary Choir

THE HEARING

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 53:1-12

Choral Response: God Himself Is With Us (788) *Arnsberg*

Gospel: John 6:41-59

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, Lord Christ. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (794)

SERMON: "REJECT" *The Rev. Dr. William Dudley Griffith*

THE RESPONSE

HYMN No. 330: Let Us Break Bread Together

DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL KNEELERS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the distribution of the elements, the choir will sing excerpts from "Lord Have Mercy" (Warren Swenson), "Till He Come" (Bob Burroughs); and "Come, Thou Fount" (David H. Williams).

RESPONSE IN REGISTRATION AND GIVING

*"If your heart beats with my heart in love and loyalty
to Jesus Christ, give me your hand." - John Wesley*

(The church is fellowship. Please greet those who have been worshipping God with you today and register your attendance in the pew book, passing it to those in your pew.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Of Thy Mystical Supper *Lvoff-Norden*

Let me partake of Thy mystical supper today, O Son of God; for of Thy mystery I will not speak to Thine enemies, nor kiss Thee like Judas, But like the thief on the Cross will I confess Thee. Lord remember me in Thy Kingdom. Alleluia.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS: The Doxology and "Our Fathers' God . . ."

THE GOING FORTH

COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION

Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice!

People: I will be glad and exult in Thee; I will sing praise to Thy name, O Most High.

Pastor: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all.

People: Because Thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise Thee.

RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 314: For the Bread *Kingdom*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

PLAYING OF THE CARILLONIC BELLS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Myers by their daughter, Mary Esther Myers; and in loving memory of Louis J. Katonak by his wife, Martha, and family.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Mr. J. Wade Magee by his wife, Mrs. Helen Magee, and children, Jack Sally, and Nancy.

ACOLYTES: Rob Dostal, Weldon Thompson, David Zickefoose, Craig Sonntag, Bryan Rice, Jeff Dostal, Len Seaman, Paul Mottice, Paul Gingrich, David Anthony, Kevin Rice.

MARTHA-MARY GUILD: Kim Ewing, Lisa Hamilton.

USHERS: Coordinator, Harold D. Fulton; Captain, Garland Riegel; Joe Argyle, Clarence Boltz, William English, Howard Hoke, Robert Humphrey, Joseph Keller, William Lautenslager, Robert Martin, Jr., Clayton Motts, Howard Parry, Steven Spees, Laurence Weaver.

MUSIC NOTES: The great French composer, Widor, (who wrote the famous Toccata which we use as our radio theme) said that Bach's "O Man Bewail" was the greatest piece of instrumental music ever written. Bach took a German hymn and decorated the melody with trills and new harmonies to express one's sorrow for sin. The Victorian Stainer and his setting of "God So Loved" cannot be matched for simple eloquence. The Russian anthem emphasizes the "mystery" of the Lord's Supper. In fact, as we examine the many hymns in the "Lord's Supper" section of our Hymnal (313-332) we see different aspects of the Sacrament.

OPEN COMMUNION is observed by the United Methodist Church. This means that you are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper at our altar even though you are not a member of this church. Please pray for your fellow Christians as they come to the altar. If you wish to receive the elements in your seat, please inform one of the ushers.

WE APPRECIATE the labor of love given by those who created new needle-point altar kneelers. We invite you to take note of their beauty as you kneel, and remember those in whose memory loved ones contributed funds to underwrite the cost of these works of art.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN for the 1981 Fall Crossroads Seminars. There are six classes from which to choose in session every Wednesday night through October 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to come, even if you have not been able to attend the first two sessions.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet Tuesday, October 6: Executive Committee in the lounge at 9 a.m.; Meditations in Cope Chapel, 10:05 a.m.; Unit Meeting and Program in Wesley Hall, 10:30 a.m. ALL WOMEN WELCOME! The program will be a talk and slide presentation on "Family Counselling and Visiting Nurse of Central Stark County." Call Sally Good, 452-4900, for luncheon reservations; Edna Rogers, 492-6351, for bus transportation.

COMMUNION BROADCAST: Today at 1:30 p.m. Bishop James S. Thomas will officiate at a Service of Communion to be broadcast over WEWS-TV5.

THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMISSION will meet Monday, October 5, 1981, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Church, at 7:30 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION will meet Monday, October 5, in the church lounge, at 7:30 p.m.

ARTS, CRAFTS AND HOBBY SHOW: Friday, October 9, in Wesley Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bring your friends to see this display of special interests, hobbies, collections, etc., by our church members. There will be some items for sale and lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be six gourmet meals served at 6:30 by persons whose hobby is cooking followed by entertainment by a family whose hobby is performing. Child care will be provided. Gourmet meals, by reservation only!

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday, October 11, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you (or someone you know) wish to become a part of our family, please see one of the ministers and plan to attend the last of four orientation classes in the lounge next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

OUR THANKS TO Mr. Harold R. Thomas for the display of flags of different nations to enrich our observance of World Communion Sunday today.

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