

Dedication OF THE NEW CHURCH



"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

Sunday, December 15, 1957

Three o'Clock in the Afternoon

United Evangelical Church

East Avenue and Dillon Street

Baltimore, Maryland



REV. TITUS LEHMANN, B.D., *Pastor*

DONALD SCHNADER, *Organist and Choir Director*



DEDICATORY THOUGHTS OF THE PASTOR

To the Glory of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this New Church and all of its various appointments.

We *dedicate*; this means we "turn over" to God that which He gives us permission to erect. We *devote* this House of God to the interests, longings, desires, aspirations and the service of persons.

Into the building of the New Church have gone the planning, the praying, the giving of many, many people. Its erection has required the physical, mental and spiritual energies of workmen of many types and skills. We appreciate all the efforts that have been put forth.

Now it will be up to us to make this House of God a place of warm fellowship. The warmth of the New Church will come from Christ-chosen Companions; from Cooperators with Christ and His followers; and faithful Church-attendance; and from the Care and Concern we show for others.

The Gospel has been "handed down" to us through the hands of fellowship of our Master. It has been "handed over" to us by many faithful Christians. Now it needs to be "handed on" by us as we are faithful to our trust.

So may this New Church be indeed a place dedicated

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

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SERVICE OF DEDICATION

The Congregation meets in the Auditorium for a Brief Service of Prayer

PRELUDE—"Pour Light on Us from Above"..... *George Oldroyd*

PROCESSIONAL to the door of the new Church

Order of Procession—One crossbearer with the Cross

Candelabra carried by two Junior Council Members

The candle lighters by the two acolytes

The Pulpit and the Lectern Bibles by two members of the Junior Council

The Offering Plates

The Choirs

The Pastors

The Church Council and Building Committee Members

At the door of the new church (as congregation gathers in the front on the street)

Mr. Frederick E. Moehle, the Architect, presents the key to the Builder, Mr. R. Hicks, who will give it to Mr. Fred Gross, President, who opens the doors.

The Pastor speaks a word of invocation from Psalm 122 as the doors are opened.

The organist goes to the organ, the Choirs follow and take their places in the Chancel.

The bearers step to one side in the Narthex.

The Council members take their places at various intervals of the Church as the Congregation follows, and quietly, prayerfully is seated.

After Congregation is seated, the Cross-bearer, the bearers of the Candelabra, the Bibles, and the offering plates will move in solemn procession toward the Chancel with the Pastors.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 324 (The Church)

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| 1. Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner Stone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone. | 3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign. |
| 2. To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today:
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away. | 4. Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run! Amen. |

The bearers will place everything in its proper place and quietly move toward the front pews of the Church.

INVOCATION

RESPONSE No. 521 "Sanctus"

CONFESSION OF SIN—RESPONSE No. 489 "Glory be to God"

THE INTROIT

THE COLLECT

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 359 "O Thou Whose Hands Brought Us"

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| <p>1. O Thou, whose hand hath brought us
 Unto this joyful day,
 Accept our glad thanksgiving,
 And listen as we pray;
 And may our preparation
 For this day's service be
 With one accord to offer
 Ourselves, O Lord, to Thee.</p> | <p>2. For this new house we praise Thee,
 Reared at Thine own command,
 For every generous spirit,
 And every willing hand;
 O Lord within this temple,
 Thy glory may we see,
 For all its strength and beauty
 Are nothing without Thee.</p> |
| <p>3. And oft as here we gather,
 And hearts in worship blend,
 May truth reveal its power,
 And fervent prayer ascend;
 Here may Thy burdened children
 Rise to the things above;
 The young, the old, be strengthened,
 And all men learn Thy love. Amen.</p> | |

THE SCRIPTURES Read by Rev. Bernie Zirkel,
President of E. & R. Ministers Association

The Old Testament Lessons

2 Chronicles 6:18-21; 40-42—Psalm 84:1-7

The New Testament: John 4:19-24

RESPONSE No. 204 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

CHOIR ANTHEM—"Blessing" P. G. Curran
Junior and Youth Choirs

CONFESSION OF CREED AND RESPONSE No. 493

CALL TO PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, who art present in all places of Thy dominion to accept and further the services of all Thy creatures, hear us and by Thy Holy Spirit consecrate this house, which we here dedicate unto Thee.

Pastor: For the worship of Thy holy Name,
For the ministry of the Word,
For the administration of the Sacraments

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: For comfort to those who mourn,
For help to those who are tempted
For strength to those who are weak

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: For the sanctification of the family,
For the guidance of childhood,
For the summoning of youth to a life of service

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: For sympathy and fellowship with the needy,
For brotherhood with all men,
For the unity of all believers in Christ

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: For aggression against evil,
For fostering civic righteousness,
For promoting peace and justice in all the earth,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: For the sending forth of the Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth,
For the giving of hope and courage to those that labor in the Lord,
For the consecration of life and service, Till Thy Kingdom come,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our Father who art in heaven

Congregation: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: O God, the Son, Saviour of the world, Head over all things
to the Church, Prophet, Priest and King,

Congregation: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: O God, the Holy Spirit, Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter,
Lord and giver of life,

Congregation: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

Pastor: To the blessed Presence of our Lord, the remembrance of
His Sacrifice on the Cross and to the Sacrificial offering of
ourselves:

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS ALTAR

Pastor: To the praise in music and song of God, the giver of every
perfect gift, to the inspiration toward a deeper devotion to
the living Christ, and to harmony in life:

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN

Pastor: To the teaching of the Living Word, which is a lamp unto
our feet and a light unto our path and the power of God
unto Salvation;

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS LECTERN

Pastor: To the winsome and fearless preaching of Jesus Christ, the
Way, the Truth and the Life

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS PULPIT

Pastor: To the reading and interpreting of the Holy Scriptures
given by the inspiration of God, and profitable for teach-
ing, for reproof, for correction, and for training in
righteousness, that the man of God might be complete;

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THESE BIBLES

Pastor: That within these sacred walls, men and women, young
people and children, fellow-Christians and visitors may lift
up their hearts in prayer, meditate on things eternal and
present themselves as a living sacrifice unto God;
We Dedicate the Reredos, the Credence Brackets, the Pews,
the furnishings and appointments within the Sanctuary;

Congregation: WE BESEECH THEE, HEAR US, O LORD.

RESPONSE "Hear our Prayer, O Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS

OFFERING FOR THE NEW CHURCH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—Senior Choir—“Hallelujah Chorus”

From “The Messiah”—*G. F. Handel*

HYMN No. 357 (Tune 62)

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| 1. Thou, whose unmeasured temple stands,
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised, O God, to Thee. | 3. May erring minds that worship here
Be taught the better way;
And they who mourn, and they who fear
Be strengthened as they pray. |
| 2. Lord, from Thine inmost glory send,
Within these walls to abide,
The peace that dwelleth without end
Serenely by Thy side. | 4. May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,
And pure devotion rise,
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earth-born passion dies. Amen. |

THE SERMON—“To The Glory of God” REV. FREDERICK D. EYSTER, D.D.
President of Potomac Synod of the United Church of Christ

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 452 “We Would Be Building”

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| 1. We would be building; temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely
lift,
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift;
We would be building; Master, let Thy plan
Reveal the life that God would give to man. | 2. Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change
doth mock,
Th' unfailling purpose of our noblest creed;
Teach us to build; O Master, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light. |
| 3. O keep us building, Master; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee; O grant enduring worth
Until the heavenly Kingdom comes on earth. Amen. | |

THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE—“Now Thank We All Our God” *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

CHRONOLOGY OF THE NEW CHURCH

- February 2, 1954—First steps taken by the Church Council toward building.
- June 3, 1954—The Building Committee was authorized by the Congregation to proceed with plans for the Church.
- January 7, 1955—The Contract was signed with Mr. Frederick W. Moehle as architect.
- March 7, 1956—The contract was let to Thomas H. Hicks and Sons, after the detailed plans had been prepared by Mr. Frederick L. W. Meehle, the Architect, and the Building Committee.
- Easter Sunday,
- April 1—The last service was conducted in the old Church.
- April 2—The dismantling began and the auditorium of the Sunday School was readied for services, which began there on April 8.
- April 18—The steeple was taken down.
- April 19—The official permit from the City came to us.
- May 2—The bells were taken down for storage
- May 20—Pentecost or Whitsunday, ground was broken for the New Church.
- May 23—Excavation began.
- November 14—After all tedious groundwork had been done, the floor was poured for the first unit.
- January 20, 1957—The Cornerstone was laid for the New Church.
- January 25—Work on the kitchen was begun.
- March 5—The first steel work went up.
- April 1—The floor for the Church was poured.
- April 25—The Indiana limestone was placed over the entrance with the words carved on it "To The Glory of God."
- July 29—The work of the carving of the Reredos and Chancel furniture was assigned to Mr. George Ciukerescu of Philadelphia.
- October 30—The Wicks Organ was delivered.
- November 28—Thanksgiving Day, the "Friendship Hall" was dedicated.

"Establish Thou, O Lord, the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish Thou it."

OUR NEW CHURCH
ERECTED TO "THE GLORY OF GOD"

Our New Church is a semi-Gothic structure. Its massive wall rises from the double-door entrance of the Church to the symbol of the three nails, referring to the suffering of Christ. On a large limestone the words are carved "To the Glory of God." At the top of a series of seedy marine vari-colored antique glass windows is the head of Christ with hands upraised in blessing of the people that enter and depart. On the pinnacle is the Celtic Cross ever identifying our Church with the Christ who gave His life and the circle symbolizing the resurrection of Christ. The tower also has an entrance to the Church and rises up and up—including a clock and a rod at the very top pointing ever upward.

Upon entrance into the Church the eyes are focused and centered on the light-oak altar, to the right is the pulpit and to the left, the lectern. To the rear of the pulpit is a Wicks Organ. The reredos is light-oak paneling. At the lower portion of this reredos will be placed a beautiful carving of "The Last Supper." In the arch around the reredos will be carved the symbols of the Apostles and Paul. On the pulpit front is a carving of John, the Eagle Christian. On the Lectern are carvings of Matthew, the winged man, Mark, the winged lion, Luke, the winged calf. The choir seats are on both sides of the Chancel. A Communion Rail with kneeling benches has been provided.

Linking the old Church with the new are refurbished stained glass windows. Rubber-foam seats flank the center and side aisles. A gallery of three-quarter length encloses the nave of the Church. The beamed ceiling gives a warm atmosphere to the Sanctuary. Amplifiers have been placed inconspicuously throughout the Church. Likewise, air-conditioning is provided. The lights are beautiful lantern-type and give soft and yet sufficient illumination. Toward the right is a small chapel, which will also be used as a quiet room. The Sacristy or the Pastor's room is located to the right of the chancel. A Church Office has been placed next to this with an entrance from Dillon Street. On the third floor of the wing is an "Upper Room" which will be used for meetings and which also provides an exit from the gallery.

There is a memorial plaque placed in the Narthex of the Church on which the names of the donors are engraved.

Beneath the Church is the large Friendship Hall which will be used for suppers and banquets to be served from our modern kitchen. Off the Friendship Hall are also Choir Robing Rooms, furnace rooms, and other facilities.

*May this new Church help us to Glorify God
and be of service to our fellowmen.*

OUR SINCERE THANKS
AND
APPRECIATION
TO THE
GIVERS OF THE MANY MEMORIALS

TO THE
COUNTLESS THOUSANDS
OF DONORS
WHOSE GENEROSITY
HAS MADE
THIS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE
POSSIBLE

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS
REST UPON YOU