

SERVICE
at
DEDICATION OF NEW PARSONAGE
UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Trinity Sunday, May 23, 1937
10:15 A.M.

Dedicated to An Ideal For Christian Homes
Rev. T. Lehmann, Pastor Mr. E. Seiler, Organist

PRELUDE

(A Thought for the beginning of the service--
"O God, who didst enter the home of Zaccheus unto
the salvation of the same and all who were in
the house, enter also into our church, our hearts,
all of our homes and into our new parsonage.)

OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy"--No. 146

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The Lord our God is one God:

All: And thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with
all thy soul and with all thy might, and with all
thy heart.

P-: And these words which I command you this day
shall be in thine heart.

All: Thou shalt teach them--talk about them--and
shalt bind them upon thy hand--write them upon
the posts of thine house.

P-: Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and
serve Him.

All: Except the Lord built the house, they labor
in vain that build it.

INVOCATION --By PASTOR

HYMN: "O Happy Home"--No. 408

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:38-42

UNISON PRAYER AS RESPONSE:

"Make this home a Bethany, Our Savior,
Sit with us at the table.

Draw us from worldly care, as Thou didst draw
Martha.

Be our life, as Thou wert the life of Lazarus

Show us, as Thou didst Mary, the better part.

We ask it in Thy name."

RESPONSE--By CHOIR

CHOIR ANTHEM

PRAYER: "O God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the home into which each one of us came when we entered this world of mystery and wonder, shrined in hallowed affections and memories; where duty was made sacred and love nurtured, and where we learned to call Thee Father. Hallow all homes with Thy gracious presence, divine peace and love. May there be in them true accord, loving sacrifice and un-failing loyalty. Be with all who are homeless and may each find a place in the household of God who is our true home, now and forevermore. Amen.

RESPONSE

CREED and RESPONSE: Response No. 435

ANNOUNCEMENTS-OFFERTORY-RESPONSE (No. 448)

(A special dedication offering is requested in which we show our love toward our church and the Lord. Give willingly and gladly.)

HYMN: "O Father"-(Tune Canonbury-No. 376)

O Father, Thou who givest all The bounty of Thy perfect love, We thank Thee that upon us fall Such tender blessings from above.

We thank Thee for the grace of home, For mother's love and father's care; For friends and teachers-all who came, Our joys and hopes and fears to share.

For faith to conquer doubt and fear, For love to answer every call, For strength to do, and will to dare, We thank Thee, O Thou Lord of all.

THE SERMON:-----Professor Allen Wehrli
(From Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

THE DEDICATION OF THE PARSONAGE

A PRAYER:

Lord, look upon our congregation bowing before Thee; And grant us a holy happy hour.

Help us to make this (and every) home, a place of love, a place of prayer, a place of all beautiful living, a place sweet with heaven's fragrance. Help us to live for each other, And to find happiness in doing good and

denying ourselves.

O dear God, love this home of mine, And all who dwell therein, Care for our bodies, bless our hearts, And keep our lives from sin. God make my home a house of joy, Where love and faith are given, Make it the dearest place to you; the nearest place to Heaven. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS OF PARSONAGE TO THE PASTOR BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

"In token of our faith in the church of Jesus Christ and our interest in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God; in token of our understanding of the work of the minister in our church and the community; on behalf of The Building Committee and the Church Council, I gladly present to you the keys that unlock and guard the privileges and blessings of the new parsonage home."

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KEYS BY THE PASTOR

"On behalf of himself and his family, on behalf of these ministers and families who shall occupy the parsonage in years to come, the pastor accepts this beautiful residence for a dwelling place among you with deep appreciation for kindness and faith and courage of the congregation which is thereby revealed. I assure you that I shall occupy this home with a feeling of deep responsibility. May this residence ever house a home which shall be a never failing source of good will and kindness, of spiritual blessing and a place of inspiration to many. And in the name of the community, in the name of the church, in the name of the triune God, the pastor invites you to join in dedicating now this parsonage home to the following purpose:

Pastor: To God the Heavenly Father, to Jesus Christ the Savior, To the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier:

All: We dedicate this house.

P-: To human love, to the deeper soul-life, which transforms mere brick and mortar, wood and stone into a real home;

All: We dedicate this house.

P-:To the ministry of service,to the baptising of children and adults,to the joining of hearts in holy wedlock,to the comforting of souls that are sorrowful,to the spiritual counseling for troubled spirits,to a varied ministry;

All:We dedicate this house.

P-:To outward,as well as inward beauty, thoughtful sincerity,loyal goodness,wholesome purity,the building of substantial character,to the shining forth of faith in God,hope in God,and love for His Kingdom,to the glory of God;

All:We dedicate this house.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION BY PASTOR

HYMN OF DEDICATION BY CONGREGATION

"O Thou Whose Gracious Presence"(Tune No.184)

O Thou whose gracious presence blest The home at Bethany,This shelter from the world's unrest,This home make ready for its Guest,We dedicate to Thee.

We build an altar here,and pray That Thou wilt show Thy face,Dear Lord,if Thou wilt come to stay,This home we consecrate today,Will be a holy place. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE HYMN:"Blest Be The Tie--"No.51-Vs.1 and 3

QUIET PROCESSIONAL OUT TO DOOR OF PARSONAGE
The Ministers in the lead,followed by Council Members,the Choir,and Congregation.

(Mr.G. Pfeil will play on his cornet.)

SHORT SERVICE at the Door of the Parsonage.

Then doors will be opened and an opportunity will be given to go through the house,going in the front and leaving in the rear.
Let us do this orderly and thoughtfully.

"Peace of man, the peace of God,The peace of love on all."