

# *Our Family*

These are our hopes and ideals  
Help us to attain them, O God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

God made us a family  
We need one another  
We love one another  
We forgive one another

We work together  
We play together  
We worship together

Together we use God's word  
Together we grow in Christ  
Together we love all men  
Together we serve our God  
Together we hope for heaven



**MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICE**  
**"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"**  
**UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Sunday, April 16, 1961**  
**4:00 P.M.**

Rev. Titus Lehmann, Pastor  
Mrs. Naomi Binko, Organist and Director

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE—"Vision"—Rheinberger**

**PROCESSIONAL—No. 19 "We Praise Thee"**

**INVOCATION—RESPONSE No. 521 "Sanctus" (Be seated)**

**THE INTROIT—THE COLLECT IN UNISON**

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

**THE SCRIPTURES—Read by Pastor Bernie Zerkel, Jr.**

The Epistle—1 Corinthians 8:1-9

Response—No. 497 (First portion)

(Please, stand for the reading of the Gospel)

The Gospel—John 21:15-19

Response—No. 497 (Second portion) (Be seated)

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Sanctus"—Gounod—Soloist, Miss Anna Lohrmann

**CONFESSION OF FAITH—RESPONSE No. 492**

**CALL TO PRAYER—No. 516**

**OUR UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS—Led after Pastoral Prayer**  
by the Rev. Timothy Lehmann, D.D.

O God, our Father, God of might who dost rule over all, God of love and mercy, bless us and help us as we bow before Thee in worship today. We are deeply grateful for Thyself, O Lord Christ, the Living One. Thou hast given Thyself for us. Thou hast revealed to us the life we should live. We appreciate the awakening and guidance of us, O Holy Spirit. On this day we

are grateful to Thee for giving us the opportunity to work in Thy Church. We confess our failures and sins and ask forgiveness. We are thankful for our Church Building, for the privilege Thou hast given us to erect it, to dedicate it to Thee, to work for Thee, to give of our gifts and of ourselves. While our material debt is paid, yet the Debt we still owe is great. We owe a debt to the past; a debt to the future; and a debt to the present. We pray Thy blessings upon our fellowship today. Unite us in service and love for one another. Help us to serve faithfully the people of the community. May our thoughts and prayers and gifts reach out to people of other lands, to those who do not know the Gospel. May we see our responsibility and our privilege in the enlargement of our hearts for Thy Kingdom in all the world. Bless us in the worship of this hour and bless Thy people everywhere. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE—No. 501 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

GREETINGS—Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Statements of Church Building Finances by Financial Secretary, Mr. Ernest Jones

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

"Bless This House"—Brake

SERMONIC HYMN—No. 72 "Now Thank We All Our God"

THE SERMON—Rev. Raymond Frankenfeld, D.D.

Pastor of St. Matthew's United Church of Christ

"THE CHURCH—A NEW CREATURE"—Galatians 6-15

BURNING OF MORTGAGE SERVICE

HYMN—No. 329 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

SERVICE OF MORTGAGE BURNING

So let the document which we are to burn represent the task of building and paying for this church, or that part which we could not care for on a cash basis at the time. Let the burning of the papers symbolize the doing of the task, paying for the property, providing a temple for the worship of God. So what transpires now represents years of effort, sacrifice, loyalty and loving service. It represents also the dedication to future endeavors of Spiritual Building in a deeper sense.

It is in the spirit of gratitude toward our Heavenly Father, in the spirit of appreciation of services rendered by many; in the spirit of comradeship and as a Church Family and in the spirit of dedication anew to the practice of Christian stewardship and to lives that will demonstrate the spirit of Jesus; that we now burn the mortgage.

**REPRESENTATIVES** of all the Organizations of the Church and the Congregation will now come forward to the Chancel to burn the mortgage as called by Mr. J. Albert Fader, President of the Church.

Sunday School—Mr. Albert Witzke  
Brownies—Mrs. Florence Frink  
Boy Scouts—Mr. William Mayer  
Girl Scouts—Mrs. Dorothy Long  
Youth Fellowship—Mrs. Lillian Hammerbacher  
Choirs—Miss Bertha Will  
Ladies' Aid Society—Mrs. Myrtle De Vaughn  
Young Women's Guild—Mrs. Esther Leader  
United Men's Club—Mr. George Hammerbacher  
Church Council—Mr. J. Albert Fader, Sr.  
Member of Congregation—Mr. E. Philip Mueller  
Chairman of Building Committee—Mr. Fred Gross  
Pastor—Rev. Titus Lehmann

**PRAYER OF THANKS**—By the Pastor

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**—No. 253 "Take My Life"

**QUIET PRAYER**

**CHIMES**—(Please, be seated in Quiet Prayer)

**POSTLUDE**—"Psalm XVIII"—Marcello

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**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS.** May our worship together be of inspiration to you, as your attendance is an inspiration to us.

**JOIN US**—one and all—in the period of fellowship downstairs in the Friendship Hall.

**THANKS TO ALL** who rendered service "beyond the call of duty" for this occasion.

**WHILE NO** offering is being taken today, we will have the offering plates in the narthex for contributions to the seminaries.

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**CHICKEN SUPPER AND BAZAAR**, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society on Tuesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 3rd. Serving starts at 5:00 P.M. There will also be a Luncheon served on Wednesday, from 11:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Plan to come and enjoy this fine meal and fellowship.

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