

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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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

