

how shall they believe in him



of whom they have not heard?

St. John's United Church of Christ
S. Rolling Road at Wilkens Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21228

September 2, 1973

8:30 & 11 A.M. (E.D.T.)

Let Us Praise The Lord, Our God!

ORGAN PRELUDE "Prelude Religieuse" J. Jongen

*OPENING HYMN 23 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor - "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

People - Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you.

Pastor - God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

People - For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION - UNISON (remain standing)

"O Lord, Whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Thee, we confess with shame our broken pledges. We are troubled by the memory and burden of our offenses. We have done the things we ought not to have done and have left undone the things we ought to have done. We have been silent when we should have spoken, inactive when we should have served, and we have foolishly blundered in speech and act. Stretch out Thy hand of mercy. Speak the word of pardon. Forgive us the broken vow, the unkept promise, the unfulfilled purpose. Strengthen our good resolves, that we may be worthy of our heritage as Thy sons and daughters. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen."

*HYMN OF PRAISE 131 "O Master Workman of the Race"

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES FOR THIS DAY

(*) Standing

Solo "The Publican" B. Van de Water
Charlotte K. Krushinski
*Oberlin Statement of Faith (front cover of hymnal)
Anthem "God Be Merciful Unto Us" F. Bornschein

St. John's Concerns

*MEDITATION HYMN 229 "Dear Father, To Thy Mercy Seat"

MEDITATION "THE IN-BETWEENERS"

Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

THE OFFERTORY "Elevation" D. Zipoli

*Gratitude: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (506)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Institution - Seraphic Hymn (522) - Consecration

Invitation - Distribution of the Bread and Wine

*Prayer Of Thanksgiving

*THE BLESSING - Choral Amens

*CLOSING HYMN 270 "O Son Of Man"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Liturgists	- Vernon Scheffel	Sally Ann Morse
Acolytes	- Laurie Getzendanner	Tina Schuhart
	Robin Getzendanner	Barry Whiteley
Participating	Ruth Bast	Stephen Lauer
Elders	Mildred Laur	Alfred Morse

THE USHERS for September are: Eugene Servary, William Berger, Raymond Abel, Jr., Alfred Dorn and Elmer Sutor at 8:30; Preston Scheffel, Victor Kraft, Valentin Bieber, Leroy W. Geyer, Ronald Harper, David Krumpholz, Maurice Taylor and Millard Wenck, III at 11 A.M.

THE ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE for September is: Martha Robinson, Alma Dixon and Violet Lucas.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of - Our Father and Grandfather EMANUEL J. M. WEST, for his Birthday Anniversary, by Harriett, Wesley and Denise West.

Far and away the best prize that life offers
is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

-Theodore Roosevelt

THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Today - Sunday Church School at 9:45 A.M.
The Marriage Service for Robert Hachmeister and Viola Walsh at 1 P.M. in the Chapel.

Monday, Sept. 3 LABOR DAY - A National Holiday!

Tuesday, Sept. 4 The Women's Guild meets at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Louise Johnson and Miss Verna Ann Scheffel introducing the 1973-74 Theme: "Rejoice In God's Call To Service."

Thursday, Sept. 6 Wedding Rehearsal at 7:30 P.M.

Friday, Sept. 7 Senior Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 P.M.
Boy Scout Troop #50 at 7:30 P.M.

Fri. - Sun., Sept. 7-9 Men Of Michaux at Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, Md.

Next Sunday, Sept. 9 The Twelfth Sunday After
Trinity

Worship at 8:30 & 11 A.M.

Church School at 9:45 A.M.

The Marriage Service for Miss JoAnn Susan Wirtz of 2809 Sunset Drive (21223) and Mr. Joseph Martin Campbell of 7965 Catherine Avenue, Pasadena, Md. (21122) at 5:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. All Members and Friends of St. John's are invited to the Ceremony.

THE STAFF

Henry A.W. Schaeffer, D.D.	Pastor
Dr. John H. Eltermann	. .	Minister of Music
Mrs. Carol W. Bender	. . .	Dir. Chr. Ed.
William C. Bremsteller	. .	President of Church
Leroy W. Geyer	. . .	Vice-President of Church
Mrs. Vernon L. Scheffel	. . .	Office Secretary
Erwin O. Trinks	Caretaker

Hearing God's Voice

The Gospel of salvation is the greatest story that has ever broken upon the world. That story is not to be told in a whisper. It must be shouted from the housetops. If men are to be saved, they must hear that voice. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" asks St. Paul.

The earth must be made to reecho with the Gospel's sound. The strong and saving voice of God is heard, today and every Sunday, from Christian pulpits all over the world. It is heard in answer to the prayers of His suppliant people. It is heard over the noise of battle and over the clamor of human strife. It is heard over the quakings of our own anxious hearts.

To hear that voice, we must be deaf to everything else. Deaf to the tempter's invitations, deaf to the raucous din of the world, deaf to the demands of earthly cares, deaf to the voice of doubt and fear. If we turn unhearing ears to these earthborn sounds, we shall be able to hear, loud and clear, the voice of God: His voice in its majesty, His voice in its comfort.

That voice tells of forgiveness, of peace, of heaven.