



Central

United Methodist Church

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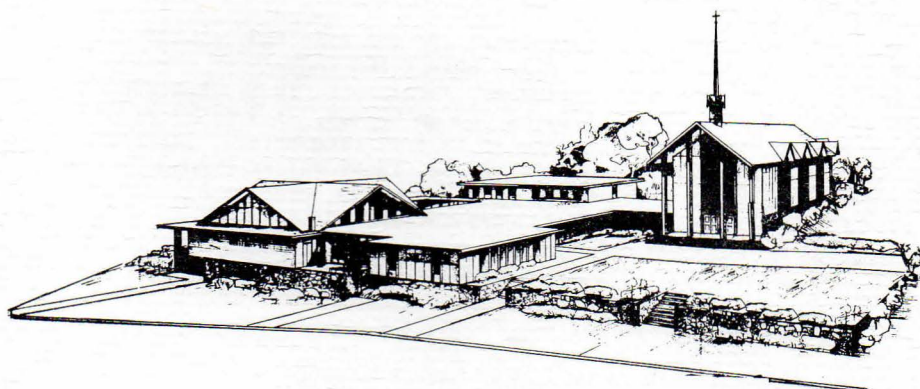
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OUR MISSIONARIES OVERSEAS

Rev. Burr Baughman, Sarawak, Borneo
Miss Patricia Rothrock, Congo

MORNING WORSHIP
Student Recognition Day
December 28, 1969

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

THE ACT OF GATHERING

- Leader: Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!
Hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth is a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs...
He cared for the beggar.
He gave insight to the lawyer.
He cured the diseased of mind and gave them new life.
He gives to us a dream that will not let a person sleep.
He gives an adventure that will not let a person rest.
It is because of him that we gather here today.
- People: We have heard about him. The Scriptures tell us about him. The life of the Apostles bear witness to him.
We gather here to renew our lives in the company of others and in God's presence, so that we may know him better and respond to his bidding as we make ready to go and live in his world.
- Leader: Then, let us rise up to acknowledge the Giver of Life in whose presence it is that we gather.

HYMN NO. 10-----"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"-----McCutchan

THE ACT OF EVALUATION

How do we build, create, in a world where we are paper dolls, flattened and flimsy with fixed faces and fronts--no backs.

Paper doll people, copy after copy etched by the hatreds and prejudices of our time and the ages.

Paper doll people safe in our sameness--safe and soft and spineless.

How do we build tomorrow on such a thin, threatened today:

Where values are vended like vegetables loveliness is a lipstick, love is a Bikini, culture is a Broadway play banned in Boston, religion is a church supper, a collection plate, compassion is a welfare office, lack of prejudice is "letting" the other guy live next to you. Paper values vended to paper people to paste upon their differences in a colorless, predictable pattern.

How do we build a tomorrow in today's corrugated canyon?

Where there is no room for eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to meditate, and no room for souls to grow. Room only to copy-to complain-to criticize.

What happened to us that no one stands like a giant with vitality and vigor?

What happened to our minds that no one creatively designs or has hope or responds?

What has happened to us that we no longer have a purpose?

THE WORD OF POSSIBILITY

The Lord God says: Crawl out of those tombs and prisons...there is a world of light and freedom waiting. The higher and more secure we build the barricades of care and caution to protect ourselves, the deeper grows the grave we call life. Have faith in the Giver of Life and let life be free! The Word is Life. Say "yes" to the Word of Life. Let us rise to praise his holy name.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 174----"Rise Up, O Men of God"-----Walter

THE ACT OF PRAISE (Unison Reading)

Alive!

We thank thee

O Lord whose finger touched our dust,

O Lord who gave us breath.

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We thank thee, Lord, who gave us sight and sense
To see the flowers,
To hear the wind,
To feel the waters in our hand,

To sleep with the night and wake with the sun,
To stand upon this star,
To sing thy praise
To hear thy voice.

Our hearts are stirred with each new sight and sound...
Like a stream, the whole world pours into our eyes our hands, and fills our
souls with living gladness.
O Lord, Our God,
How excellent is thy name. Amen!

TESTIMONY OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (Leader and congregation)

We believe in the God that we find present in the history of the world, alive
in the triumphs and tragedies which are today's headlines, and participant in
our joy and sorrow..

We believe in the Christ, who helps us to see God and understand that his
nature is love, who has also shown us what it means to be human.

We believe that the God of history may be experienced as a real presence in
the life of the world and as a significant factor in our lives daily.

We believe that we who call ourselves "the church" are called to humanize a
world bent on depersonalization and self-destruction, and that the nature of
the life of our community is to be love.

We believe that the relationship of a man with his God, be it a heaven or hell,
is both present and yet to be.

SO BE IT!

DOXOLOGY

THE ACT OF DOING-THE OFFERING

O Lord of Life, behind this offering lies the busy world of our working: the
office, the production line, the home, the classroom, the laboratory. Save us
from creating a world where wealth accumulates and men decay. Accept this off-
ering and our lives, limited as they may be, as willing instruments for good
in your world. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

HEARING THE WORD-----John Taylor

(John is in his first year at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.)

THE ACT OF GOING OUT

Leader: We have gathered here again--

We have heard the word again--

People: And what is required in response to this Word?

Leader: The Lord has told us: Do justice--Love mercy and kindness--
walk humble in his presence.

People: So we have been told before--

So we have heard it again.

and yet, we remain so much a part of the problem.

Leader: Yes, we are a part of the problem.

If we go forth into the world and respond to his love in all that
we do, we can become part of the answer.

People: May we go forth to become part of the answer.

SO BE IT!

THE HYMN No. 404-----"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" -----Work

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

THE CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY (*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*)

THE POSTLUDE

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WE APPRECIATE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GREATLY AND ESPECIALLY THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS SERVICE, AS LEADERS, USHERS, AND ACCOLYTES.

CENTRAL STUDENTS

Today is Recognition Day. Our church is indeed proud of its young people. Listed below are members who are studying away from home.

Layne Burrus.....	Hialeah, Florida
Chip Callaway.....	East Carolina, Greenville
Rhonda Cox.....	Wake Forest University
Jane Foust.....	N. C. University, Chapel Hill
Joy Fowler.....	N. C. University, Chapel Hill
George Francisco.....	Duke University
Anne Graves.....	Virginia Interment College
Neil Hamilton.....	Catawba College
Renfro Hauser.....	N. C. University, Raleigh
Richard Holcomb.....	N. C. Advancements School
Jimmy Lambert.....	N. C. University, Raleigh
Walter Leach.....	Appalachian
Lee Merritt.....	N. C. University, Chapel Hill
Bill Miller.....	Woodberry Forest School
Gary Mills.....	N. C. University, Raleigh
Bob McSwain.....	N. C. University, Raleigh
Patsy McSwain.....	Meredith College
Gary Neal.....	Wingate College
David Poole.....	High Point College
Wilborn Rives.....	N. C. State University, Raleigh
Mike Smith.....	Woodberry Forest School
Donald Smith.....	Wingate College
Robert Spruce.....	American University, Washington, D.C.
Henry Sparger.....	Greensboro
Charles Sykes, Jr.....	Brevard College
Charlotte Sykes.....	Emory University
Sam L. Taylor, Jr.....	Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C.
Philip Vaughn.....	Wingate College
Clifton Vaughn.....	East Carolina University
David White.....	Brevard College
Becca Foil Williams.....	Greensboro College
Jimmy Woltz.....	N. C. University, Raleigh

CALENDAR

Sunday:	9:45 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages (Crib Nursery)
	11:00 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP - Nursery for pre-school children
	*10:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour older Youth Groups - Dining Room
	6:00 P.M. - Junior and Senior U.M.Y.F.
	8:00 P.M. - Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday:	3:00 P.M. - Brownie Troop 470 meets at church
	3:15 P.M. - Girl Scout Troop 255 meets in Sr. High Room
Wednesday:	8:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	7:00 P.M. - Troop 496 meets
	7:15 P.M. - Girl Scouts meet at church
	8:00 P.M. - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Closed Meeting)
	8:00 P.M. - Al-Anon meeting

*All members who are in our older Youth Groups are invited to another coffee hour Sunday, December 28th in the dining room. (Coffee will be ready at 9:45 A.M. If you come then with your family.) Wives, husbands and friends are welcome.