

A SERVICE OF
ECUMENICAL WORSHIP



Fourth Presbyterian Church

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Sunday, November 1, 1942

4:00 P. M.



Only a United Church Can Overcome a Pagan World

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

IN THIS service of Ecumenical Worship we seek to express and further the unity of the whole church of Christ. At the World Conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937, and more recently in those held at Madras and Amsterdam, a new experience of spiritual unity in worship was discovered. Instead of being an accidental accompaniment of the quest for unity, worship was realized as its highest climax, its central reality. To draw near to God through Christ is to draw near to one another. Through the act of corporate worship we would be lifted above the particular time and place to be united in the continuity of the worship of the church throughout all the ages and we would deepen the consciousness that we belong to a world-wide Christian Community.

Since we come together from many different traditions as to forms of worship, some parts of the service will be unfamiliar to some of us. This is not to be regretted, since the unfamiliar part will constitute a demonstration of the common spirit which underlies diverse forms, a lesson in worship.

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WE ARE ONE IN FAITH . . .

"We are one in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. We are one in allegiance to Him as Head of the Church, and as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are one in acknowledging, that this allegiance takes precedence of any other allegiance that may make claims upon us.

"This unity does not consist in the agreement of our minds or the consent of our wills. It is founded in Jesus Christ Himself, who lived, died, and rose again to bring us to the Father, and who through the Holy Spirit dwells in His Church. We are one because we are all the objects of the love and grace of God, and called by Him to witness in all the world to His glorious Gospel. Our unity is of heart and spirit. We are divided in the outward forms of our life in Christ, because we understand differently His will for His Church. We believe, however, that a deeper understanding will lead us towards a united apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus.

"We have lifted up our hearts together in prayer; we have sung the same hymns; together we have read the same Holy Scriptures. We recognize in one another, across the barriers of our separation, a common Christian outlook and a common standard of values. We are therefore assured of a unity deeper than our divisions.

"We desire also to declare to all men everywhere our assurance that Christ is the one hope of unity for the world in face of the distractions and dissensions of this present time. We know that our witness is weakened by our divisions. Yet we are one in Christ and in the fellowship of His spirit. We pray that everywhere, in a world divided and perplexed, men may turn to Jesus Christ our Lord, who makes us one in spite of our divisions; that He may bind in one those who by many worldly claims are set at variance; and that the world may at last find peace and unity in Him; to whom be glory forever."

—From the Affirmation of Unity, Edinburgh Conference, 1937.

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"We are all united . . . in the use of the Holy Scriptures. We are further united in common prayer, which may be expressed in the spoken word, through silence, or by the employment of the sacred treasures of Christian art, literature and music. In this worship we all stand before God in adoration of His majesty, bringing to Him our own needs and the needs of our fellows. We wait for His Grace in the forgiveness of our sins and for the restoration of our spirits through renewed communion with Him, and we dedicate ourselves to His service and the service of all mankind."

—From the Report of the Second World Conference on Faith and Order.

The Order of Worship

The REVEREND HARRISON RAY ANDERSON, Presiding,
Fourth Presbyterian Church

Organ Prelude—"Carillon" Eric DeLamarter
BARRETT SPACH, Organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let the people rise with the choir and join in the singing

"The Church's one Foundation"

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From Heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for Her life He died.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. Amen.

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the people continue to stand

The REVEREND DUDLEY SCOTT STARK, St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

People: Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Minister: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty: Who was, Who is, and Who is to come.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most High.

Minister: O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out. For of Him, and through Him, and unto Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most High.

Minister: Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most High.

Minister: The Almighty and Eternal God, whose glory the heavens declare, and who has made manifest His holiness and love in Jesus Christ our Lord, has called us together—people of many races and tongues, who in divers manners, but with a single faith confess His name, and worship Him alone—that, united in adoration, we may in one fellowship pray and take counsel together for the good of His Church and in preparation for the coming of His Kingdom. Let us therefore lift our hearts to Him in prayer and praise, ascribing to Him all majesty and dominion, and offering Him the homage of our hearts and lives.

People: Amen.

AN ACT OF PENITENCE

Let the people kneel or sit and reverently bow in prayer
The RT. REVEREND EDWIN J. RANDALL, Suffragan Bishop
of the Diocese of Chicago

Silent Prayer and Meditation:

Minister: O God, Holy Spirit, Who art the well-spring of joy and power, we confess that all too often by our sin we have offended against the fellowship Thou seekest to create within Thy Church.

People: Have mercy, and forgive us, O Lord.

Minister: Come, Holy Spirit, and open our eyes to see the vision of Thy Church restored to unity. Open our hearts to desire that all Thy people may in Christ be one.

People: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Minister: Grant us patience and charity, O Christ, toward all disciples who differ from us; for they also bear Thy name, adore Thee as their God, and put their trust in Thee as their only Saviour.

People: Lord, Jesus, renew in us Thy Spirit.

Minister: Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts that we may boldly witness that Thine is the only Name given under heaven whereby all nations must be saved.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister: That Thy Church, being re-united, may serve Thee in joyfulness; that it may spread abroad good tidings; that we as brethren may love one another, having a heart of compassion for all mankind; and binding men together in a fellowship which overlaps all barriers of class, race, or nation.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. Amen.

Minister and People: (joining together): The prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, and word, and deed. We have come short of Thy Glory. We have broken the unity of Thy Holy Church. We have turned every one of us away from Thy way of life. Yet do Thou, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts. Pardon our sins and grant us Thy peace. Confirm us in all goodness, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind and bring us to the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Used at the opening service of the Edinburgh World Conference, 1937)

PRAYERS FOR OUR PRESENT NEED

The REVEREND CHARLES W. KOLLER, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary

Silent Prayer and Meditation:

Minister: O God, Who rulest the world from end to end and from everlasting to everlasting; Speak to our hearts when courage fails, and men faint for fear, and the love of many grows cold, and there is distress of the nations upon earth. Keep us resolute and steadfast in the things that cannot be shaken, abounding in hope and knowing that our labor is not in vain in Thee. Restore our faith in the omnipotence of good; renew in us the love which never faileth; and make us to lift up our eyes and behold, beyond the things which are seen and temporal, the things which are unseen and eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Minister: Watch we pray Thee, O God, over this country. Guide our President and all in authority and grant them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength. Protect all who by land, by sea, or in the air are serving our nation that being filled with wisdom and girded with strength they may do their duty to Thy honor and glory. Bless all our people. Give us unity and courage. Save us from hatred and grant that even as we engage in conflict we may seek an issue based on Thy will, not for us alone, but for all mankind. We ask it in Thy name.

People: Amen.

Minister: Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who in all our affliction art afflicted, look in pity upon all who are suffering in this time of strife and warfare among the nations. Protect the defenceless, succour the wounded, receive the dying, console the anxious and bereaved. Turn the hearts of our enemies, we beseech Thee, and forgive both them and us for our share in the sin which has brought this anguish upon mankind. Open to us a way of reconciliation and lead us into the path of peace. Through Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer.

People: Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Anthem—"O Praise the name of the Lord".....Tschaikovski

O praise the name of the Lord, praise it, O ye servants of the Lord. Alleluia. Praise ye the Lord out of Zion; praise the Lord, Who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Alleluia, O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia. O give thanks unto the God of Heaven, for His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.

CHOIR OF FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:9-21

The REVEREND T. F. RUTLEDGE BEALE, Wellington Avenue Congregational Church

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN MANY TONGUES

Let the people kneel or be seated and bow reverently in prayer

The REVEREND J. HARRY COTTON, Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Minister: Let us lift up our heart in prayer to the God of all nations and races and tongues, in the words which our Lord Himself has taught us:

- In the Arabic Tongue... The REV. WILLIAM J. OHAN Bethany Presbyterian Church
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE OFFERTORY

The REVEREND HARRISON RAY ANDERSON, Fourth Presbyterian Church

OFFERTORY SOLO

"Clouds and darkness" and "God is my Shepherd".....Dvorak BRUCE FOOTE, Baritone

Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment, these are His habitation. From His presence goeth fire and consumeth all His enemies, for His lightnings have lightened the world. The earth beheld and trembled. Mountains shall melt as wax at His presence, when the Mighty One cometh to judgment. The heavens declare His truth and righteousness, and all the earth rejoiceth in His greatness. God is my Shepherd; I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. And though in death's dark valley, my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear: for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

THE DOXOLOGY

(In which we worship with all those in heaven and on earth)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

THE HYMN

"O God, our help in ages past"

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast And our Eternal home! Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure! Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same! A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun! Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the opening day! Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our Guide while life shall last And our eternal home! Amen.

THE SERMON

The REVEREND HENRY SMITH LIEPER American Secretary of the World Council of Churches

AN ACT OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

Here let the people kneel or sit and reverently bow in prayer. And let each offer silent prayer after each petition.

The REVEREND WILLIAM PRICE, Ravenswood Christian Church

Minister: We are severally members of the Body of Christ; we should have the same care for one another, suffering for one another, rejoicing with one another.

Therefore let us pray together for the whole Church of Christ.

Minister: Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, as we pray:

For the whole Church of Christ, scattered abroad throughout the world and bearing many names.

For our Churches that are strong in the Faith, hard pressed on every side yet not dismayed.

For our Churches that are spared the grimness of war, but are tempted to complacency and inaction.

For our younger Churches of Asia, Africa, and Islands of the Seas, that are growing into maturity and assuming leadership for Christ and His Church.

For our older Churches of East and West, that are passing through times of suffering and persecution, and are driven once more into prison and exile.

For our several branches of the Church of Christ, that are striving in these days of conflict and distress to submit all individual and social ways of life to the judgment and purpose of God.

For the World Council of Churches through which our unity in Christ is being manifest to the world across the barriers of war and isolation and above the passion of propaganda and hate.

Almighty Father, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and in whose hands alone are the issues of life and death; as little children we come to Thee, to ask Thy help in this our hour of deepest need. Thine still is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory. Thou still are the God of Righteousness and Truth and Love. Show Thyself, we beseech Thee, to all the world as the Defender of those who look to Thee for strength and succor, and come quickly in Thy Majesty to still the forces of evil, and establish the Peace that passes all understanding in the hearts of men. We ask it in this time of mortal combat and despair, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN

"Glorious things of Thee are spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode; On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes. See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove: Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage; Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver, Never fails from age to age? Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near: Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day. Safe they feed upon the manna Which He gives them when they pray.

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The REVEREND STEUART D. WHITE, Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their request; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Sevenfold Amen Lutkin

Organ Recital { "Evening Song" Bairstow
"Comes Autumn Time" Leo Sowerby

Suggested Reading: "The Church and the New Order," Paton; "World Chaos or World Christianity," Lieper; "None Other Gods," Visser's Hooft.

The World Council of Churches, in process of formation, is a fellowship in Christ binding the people of the different nations of the World together. It sprang from a movement for Church Unity that has grown since the turn of the century. Great conferences were held at Edinburgh in 1910 and at Stockholm in 1925 and Lausanne in 1927. It came to a head at the conference on "Life and Work" and "Faith and Order" at Oxford and Edinburgh in the summer of 1937. As a result of the feeling that some organization should be set up a meeting was held at Utrecht, Holland, on May 12, 1938, at which steps were taken to organize a World Council of Churches. While the war has prevented the creation of a permanent organization, the provisional organization established at that time has been actively functioning ever since. It now includes 75 church bodies in 26 countries. There are 32 bodies in the British Isles and Europe, 27 bodies in North America and the West Indies, 10 bodies in Asia, Australasia and Africa and the world-wide organization of the Salvation Army. These bodies represent every non-Roman communion.

The central office of the World Council is located at Geneva, Switzerland, and this office is maintaining contact with the churches in Germany and occupied countries as well as with the rest of the world. Already its ministry to hard-pressed churches and distressed individuals has revealed its importance and unique opportunity.

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