

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY JULY 31, 2022
HISTORICAL DEDICATION SERVICE
THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you. **AND ALSO, WITH YOU.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Hear My Prayer

Mendelssohn

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **AMEN**

The Call to Worship

Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

435

The Salutation and People's Amen: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US; CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US; LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Words of Assurance

The Law of God: Here also the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who says: Thou shalt love the Lord our God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Thompson

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 9:1-5

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

Hymn Faith of our Fathers 348

Historical Address

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory Ave Maria Schubert

Doxology 544

Dedication Prayer: Dearly Beloved in the Lord, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has in his grace brought to its consummation our work of preparing a house for his worship and the honor of his name. Within these walls his Gospel is to be proclaimed and his Sacraments are to be celebrated. We are now gathered in his presence for the purpose of devoting this church by a solemn act of

worship to its proper and sacred use and of dedicating it to the honor of his most holy name. I ask you now to arise, and before the Lord to unite in this act of dedication.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

To Thee we dedicate this house.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

To Thee we dedicate this house.

Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, Head of the

Body, which is the Church; Head over all things to the Church; Prophet, Priest, and King of thy people, **To Thee we dedicate this house.**

God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son; given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and Giver of Life,

To Thee we dedicate this house.

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, Maker of heaven and earth, who dwells not in temples made by hands, we humbly adore thee for thy revelation in Jesus Christ. We bless thee that from of old thy way has been in the sanctuary. We give thanks that thou hast put it into the hearts of thy servants to build this house for thy worship and praise, that it may be a witness to thy presence and that thy glory may be seen in thy sanctuary.

Grant, we pray thee, that when thy people assemble here, thy Holy Spirit may rest on them; that they may worship thee with clean hands and pure hearts; that thy ministers may proclaim the Gospel of thy grace with boldness and strength; and that thy holy Sacraments may be so celebrated that they may be effectual means of grace to thy people.

May the doors of this house be open wide to all sorts and conditions of people. May it truly be a house of prayer, the gateway to heaven, where thou dost speak to thy children and they, hearing, respond in faith and obedience. Grant that the service of thy Word and Sacraments may arouse us to a passionate desire to do thy will, that thy kingdom may come in and through us in our several callings.

And from this outer court of thy holy Sanctuary bring the people and their children in to the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched; the heavenly temple of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light. We ask and offer all in the name of thy Son our Savior, who has taught us to pray:

Our father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

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| Hymn | Here in Thy Name Eternal God | insert |
| Prelude | O Divine Redeemer! | Gounod |

Scripture

1 Kings 9:1-5

When Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house and all that Solomon desired to build, 2 the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 The Lord said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your plea that you made before me; I have consecrated this house that you have built and put my name there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time. 4 As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, 5 then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised your father David, saying, 'You shall never lack a successor on the throne of Israel.'

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Announcements

We would like to announce to the membership that we are having our second Brooks BBQ of the season. It will be **Wednesday, August 17th, 3 PM – SOLD OUT**. We need volunteers to help us the day of the BBQ. There will be a need for inside help: assembling the chicken dinners, bagging dinners, and transporting dinners to the pickup tables. Outside help: ticket sales, traffic direction, and runners to take assembled dinners to the cars. A person will also be needed to keep track of the number of dinners sold. Back by popular demand: BROWNIES!!! Baking and donating brownies is a great way to help if you can't volunteer the day of the BBQ. We need you to bake at least 3 dozen brownies without nuts, cut them into approximately 3 x 3 squares and put them into individual plastic baggies. If you can volunteer August 17th, between 3 and 6PM, there will be signup sheets for volunteering and baking brownies in the main hall of the Education Building. If you are unable to make it into church and would like to volunteer in some way, please call me (Kim Cerone) @ 518-339-7504 or email me at purdyka@aol.com. Please leave your name and contact information, and I will get back to you. Don't feel bad if you are unable to volunteer, you can always swing in and purchase a great meal.

Dinners (half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter, and brownie): \$15.00

Half Chicken only: \$10.00

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit the Bus Stop Club. The mission of the Bus Stop Club is to provide sibling support and family memories through encouragement and support for the siblings of children with critical illness or developmental, physical, or intellectual disabilities. The goal is to provide FREE emotional and recreational support in a fun and safe environment. In January of 2005, Dr. Brian Sheridan, a third-year pediatric resident at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, launched Bus Stop Club-a program which would allow for primary consideration of the well child in the comprehensive care of chronically ill children. Dr. Sheridan's goal was to establish a program solely for siblings-one that would provide support through preventative intervention mechanisms designed to enhance sibling adaptation and enable them to remain emotionally healthy and well-adjusted in order to cope with one of the worst hardships any member of the family can endure. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service if needed.