

VOW by the People in Unison:

WE THE PEOPLE OF THIS CONGREGATION AND OF THIS COMMUNITY DO NOW IN THE SIGHT OF GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF ONE ANOTHER, TAKE OUR VOWS AND DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE PROGRESS AND COMPLETION OF THIS BUILDING PROGRAM TO THE END THAT HERE THERE MAY BE A CHURCH SCHOOL AND A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BUILDING, AND ULTIMATELY A SANCTUARY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE GIVE OURSELVES GLADLY TO THIS TASK IN THE ABIDING HOPE AND ASSURANCE THAT THESE BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED HERE WILL EVERMORE SERVE TO EXALT THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST. WE PRAY EARNESTLY IN THIS HOUR THAT OUR PLANS MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEE OUR GOD, THAT OUR DEDICATION MAY BE PURE AND TRUE, AND THAT ALL MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LOVE. WE DECLARE THESE BUILDINGS, AS THEY RISE FROM THE GROUND EVER TO STAND AND REMAIN IN CONSTANT SERVICE TO GOD AND TO MAN. HELP THOU US, O GOD, TO FULFILL OUR VOWS.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

THE  
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

for the

FIRST UNIT  
(Educational & Social)

of

FIRST-BETHANY CHURCH  
(Evangelical & Reformed)

St. Clair Shores, Michigan

February 13, 1955  
3:30 P.M.

Arnold R. Lambarth, Minister

THE ORDER FOR DEDICATION

THE INVOCATION

Minister

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Minister

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Psalm 47

Minister: O Clap your hands, all ye peoples;  
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

People: FOR THE LORD MOST HIGH IS TERRIBLE:  
HE IS A GREAT KING OVER ALL THE EARTH.

Minister: He subdueth peoples under us, and  
nations under our feet.

People: HE CHOOSETH OUR INHERITANCE FOR US,  
THE GLORY OF JACOB WHOM HE LOVED.

Minister: God is gone up with a shout, the  
Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: SING PRAISES TO GOD, SING PRAISES:  
SING PRAISES UNTO OUR KING, SING PRAISES.

Minister: For God is the king of all the earth;  
Sing ye praises with understanding.

People: GOD REIGNETH OVER THE NATIONS: GOD  
SITTETH UPON HIS HOLY THRONE.

Minister: The princes of the peoples are gathered  
together Unto the people of the God of Abraham;

People: FOR THE SHIELDS OF THE EARTH BELONG  
UNTO GOD: HE IS GREATLY EXALTED.

A HYMN We Would Be Building

Choir: We would be building, temples still undone  
O'er crumbling walls their crosses sacroely lift  
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone, And  
hearts creative bridge the human rift;  
We would be building; Master, let thy plan Reveal  
the life that God would give to man.

People & Choir: O keep us building, Master; may our  
hands Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come divine commands and  
all the pride of sinful will departs; We build  
with Thee; O grant enduring worth Until the  
heavenly Kingdom comes on earth. Amen.

GREETINGS: Mr. Thomas Welch

Mayor in the City of St. Clair Shores

Rev. Robert T. Fauth

E. & R. Church Federation President,

Pastor, Bethel E. & R. Church

DEDICATING THE GROUND:

Minister and People

Min. Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity; three  
persons yet but one God;

People: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS GROUND.

Min. Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ; our  
Father which art in heaven:

People: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS GROUND.

Min. Son of God, the only begotten of the Father,  
head of the body, which is the church; head of  
all things to the church; prophet, priest and king  
of thy people:

People: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS GROUND.

Min. God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the  
Father and the Son; given to be our abiding  
teacher, sanctifier and comforter; the Lord  
and giver of life:

People: TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS GROUND. WE  
DEDICATE AND NOW ALSO BREAK THIS GROUND TO  
THE GLORY OF THY HOLY NAME AND TO THE SERVICE  
WHICH SHALL BE RENDERED HERE IN THE NAME OF  
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIAL

Those participating--Mr. Badertscher, Mr. Schumann  
Rev. Lambarth, Rev. Fauth, Mr. Welch, Mr. Pellerin,  
Mr. Dworski, Mr. Berry and members of the Consistory,  
Members of the Congregation desiring to participate.

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