

Visions and dreams!

How unscientific in our massive technological society!

Can anyone take visionaries and dreamers seriously?

In Acts, the author Luke, marks the birthday of the church

As fulfilling the Old Testament prophet Joel's anticipation

Of young men's visions and old men's dreams

In the power of God's Spirit.

Enough of religion that kept everything within icy limits

And killed off those who dared to challenge empty customs!

Here was a power that smashed all the boundaries men erect

To protect their nation and race, religious heritage or social class—

A power at work in Jesus and now calling the church

To be the seer of visions and the dreamer of dreams

That lead to God's new community of men, his new humanity.

Visions and dreams!

Impractical, unrealistic, stupid?

What else can provide the perspective and power for us

To work for peace, God's health, with more commitment than for war?

To use technological skill to save human life

With more conviction than we build weapons to destroy it?

To tax ourselves to meet the problems of poverty and pollution

With more courage than we pass appropriations for defense?

To care for people with more concern than we show for property?

O church with such a birthday, what are you now?

The religious establishment that kills the prophets?

Or a vibrant, throbbing fellowship of visions and dreams

Transformed into daily life and joy that builds God's world

And shows to all that we have not been born in vain.

—Dr. Paul Hammer

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*each
... in his
own
language*



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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 21, 1972 - 10:30 A.M.

ORGAN MEDITATION "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" Frank
PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE RESPONSE "Jesus Stand Among Us"
RESPONSIVE READING "Selection 40" Page 589

THE RESPONSE "Gloria Patria" No. 493

AN ANTHEM "There's a New Song in My Heart" Peterson

THE SCRIPTURE Acts 8:9-17

THE RESPONSE "Gloria Tibi" No. 498

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.
Minister: Praise Ye the Lord.
People: PRAISE THE KING OF GLORY.
Minister: Let us pray in spirit and in truth.

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 501

PARISH CALENDAR

WORSHIP WITH GIFTS

Offertory Solo "Acquaint Now Thyself With Him" Head
William Deneau

The Response "Doxology" No. 551
Dedication of Gifts

A HYMN "Before The Cross of Jesus" No. 161

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITH RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

(People to join in reading the Statement of Faith) Hymnal

COMMUNION HYMN "I've Found a Friend" No. 474

EXHORTATION AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

THE CONFESSION OF SIN: (Unison)

Most Holy and Merciful Father, we confess to you and to
one another, that we stand in a broken relationship to
you and with one another. Forgive us, we pray you,

most Merciful Father, and free us from our sin and
guilt. Renew in us again the grace and strength of
your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION FOR EVERYONE AND THE PARTING PRAYER

THE PARTING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us..."

No. 35

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

Greetings to all families and friends who have gathered
on this Confirmation Sunday for Worship and Communion
Celebration. Visitors are invited to register in the
Guest Book on the Narthex Table. Folks seeking member-
ship in our church fellowship will find application
blanks on the Narthex Table; fill in and hand to the
Minister.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Teri M. Allard Jill E. Dattolo Shawn R. Morrow
Elise L. Snoeck Gregory J. Anderson Madeline F. Day
Dale W. Smith Dennis R. Van Dorp

ALTAR FLOWERS - Provided by Dorothy Yeager in memory of
her husband.

AFTER WORSHIP - The class members will have their pic-
tures taken by the LaRaia Studio here at the Church.

THIS WEEK - Michigan Week - Shores has activities going
all week.

WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M. - Our Senior Citizens are invited
to Zion Church, Mt. Clemens to meet with others from
our Northeast Sector U.C.C.'s. Transportation from
the Church by bus leaving at 10:00 A.M. Sign up on
Narthex Bulletin Board today.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. - Adult Choir rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M. - Family Worship, Church School
Classes including the Confirmation Class who will be
meeting with Mrs. Snoeck till the end of June on Sun-
days (also Crib Nursery).