

TWENTY-SECOND

Union Thanksgiving Service

under the auspices of the

Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity

Heiby W. UngererPresident

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Thanksgiving Day Morning

NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIRST

NINETEEN FORTY

at

TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

at

EASTMAN THEATRE

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK



THE FIRST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

(Plymouth, December 11, 1621)

Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might, after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. Many of the Indians came amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men whom for three days we entertained or feasted.

Edward Winslow.

The Order of Service

President Heiby W. UngererPresiding
Marlowe G. SmithConducting

Preludes

"Chorale" Jongen
"Magnificat" Bonnet
"Improvisation" Titcomb
Norman L. Peterson

Hymn (The people standing)

Bacon-Hatton

O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped thee.
Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the
prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward, through all ages, bear
The memory of that holy hour.
And here thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.
Amen.

Invocation (People remain standing)

Rev. George W. Cooke
West Avenue Methodist Church

Old Testament Scripture Reading (The people seated)

Rev. W. Harry Freda
Baptist Temple

Reading of Thanksgiving Proclamation

Louis B. Cartwright
City Manager

Anthem

"Hymn of Thanksgiving"

Netherlands

We gather together to ask the Lord's
blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make
known
The wicked oppressing cease them from
distressing,
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not
His own.
Beside us to guide us, our God with us
joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom di-
vine;
So from the beginning, the fight we were
winning,
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, let the glory
be Thine.

(The congregation will rise and join with the choir in the last stanza)

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader eternal,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! and the glory be Thine!
LORD, MAKE US FREE!

New Testament Scripture Reading

Rev. Paul M. Schroeder
Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church

Prayer

Rev. Frederick E. Reissig
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Hymn (The People standing)

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace
on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every
flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold
refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace
on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea! Amen.

Offering

Anthem

"Great Is Jehovah"
Mr. Kenneth Zimmerli at the piano

Schubert

Address

"Thanksgiving in These Times"

Rev. Paul C. Johnston
Third Presbyterian Church

Hymn (The people standing)

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills;
Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Lord, let war's tempest cease,
Fold the whole world in peace
Under Thy wings,
Make all the nations one,
All hearts beneath the sun,
Till Thou shalt reign alone,
Great King of Kings. Amen.

(The last stanza by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written in 1863)

Benediction

Rev. Frederick W. Palmer
Federation Hospital Chaplain

Postlude

"Laus Deo"

DuBois

HEARING AIDS

Aids for the hard of hearing are installed in the first three rows of the center section, orchestra floor. Those who wish to use them are requested to secure an earphone from the attendant stationed in the foyer. The equipment is made available through the good offices of the Rochester League for the Hard of Hearing and the gracious cooperation of St. Francis De Sales Chapel and Father William A. Doherty, to all of whom we would express our thanks.

THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of the Ministry provided by the churches of Rochester, through the Federation in seven of our city hospitals, a service the significance of which cannot be over-estimated.

The activities of the Hospital Chaplain are varied. He assists pastors in visitation of their members, advises them of others without church connections, and brings to all who are sick, and to their families, a spiritual ministry which otherwise might not be available, and which, because of the circumstances under which it is rendered, is particularly helpful.

The Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., has acted as the Hospital Chaplain for the entire ten years and has rendered a service truly remarkable both in its fidelity and its sensitiveness to people's unspoken needs. Not only the patients whom he visits and their friends, but the heads of our hospitals and the doctors of the city warmly commend his work. For many of us, Doctor Palmer has come to symbolize the hospital chaplaincy in a well-nigh perfect manner.

OUR OFFERING

During the course of the years, the offering which we make at Thanksgiving time has been used for many good causes—several years for Near East Relief, several years for the American Mission to Lepers, some years for local relief, some for China Relief, and some for the American Friends Service Committee.

Since 1933 the offering has been devoted to the Federation's Hospital Ministry. From 1930 to 1933 this ministry was made possible by large gifts from the denominations given especially for this purpose. With the coming of the depression, that support was insufficient to carry on the work and it would have had to have been given up had it not been for the generous response of the church people assembled in the Union Thanksgiving Services.

The Hospital Ministry in itself constitutes an appeal to make of the offering today not merely a perfunctory matter, but both a worshipful experience, expressing through our gifts the gratitude—the deep and heartfelt gratitude—to God which is the prevailing mood of serious minded people this year, and a significant service, participating through our gifts in the Hospital Ministry of the Federation.

ON THE PLATFORM

(Reading from left to right)

Mr. Louis B. Cartwright, Treasurer of the Federation; Doctor Oliver B. Gordon, Associate Secretary of the Federation in charge of Christian Education; Mr. Alired G. Lamb, Chairman Hospital Committee of the Federation; Rev. Osgoode H. McDonald, Chairman Department of Fellowship of the Federation; Mr. John A. Sherman, President Federation of Men's Bible Classes; Rev. George W. Cooke, D.D., Rev. W. Harry Freda, D.D., Doctor Alan Valentine, President University of Rochester; Mrs. Frank Tarrant, President of the Council of Church Women; Rev. Paul C. Johnston, D.D., Mr. Heiby W. Ungerer, President of the Federation; Mr. Marlowe G. Smith, Miss Jean Erbeling, President Monroe County Youth Federation; Mr. William MacFarlane, Vice-President of the Federation; Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., Rev. Frederick E. Reissig, Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., Rev. Arthur W. Evans, D.D., President Ministerial Association; Mr. Roy A. Duffus, Chairman Thanksgiving Committee of the Federation; Rev. Hugh Chamberlin Burr, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Federation.

THANKS

Our thanks are hereby extended to the University of Rochester for the free use of this auditorium and to the operating staff for their cooperation in this service; to Mr. Marlowe G. Smith, Conductor, to Mr. J. Alfred Casad, in charge of choir organization, to the members of the combined Rochester High School choirs, to the Board of Education, and to the members of the various faculties for making possible the combined choirs from the High Schools of the city; to Mr. Walter Sherman, chairman, and to the Federation of Men's Bible Classes, who are caring for the ushering, and to Station WHAM, which is broadcasting this service gratis.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE COMMITTEE

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