



**SPENCER-RIPLEY  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.**



**DEDICATION SERVICES**  
of the  
**Spencer-Ripley Methodist Episcopal  
Church**

Culver Road and Parsells Avenue,

**ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17th. to SUNDAY, JUNE 24th., 1923.**

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**Milton Butler Pratt, D. D., Minister.**

**Reverend Charles R. Buck, Retired Minister.**

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Erected to God and Dedicated to His Service  
and to the Good of Humanity

- 1884—Sunday School formed at Central Park and Niagara Street.
- 1886—Chapel built and Central Park M. E. Mission started at Central Park and Fourth Street.
- 1887—Church organized as Central Park M. E. Church and pastor appointed.
- 1888—Chapel outgrown and moved to North Goodman Street.
- 1890—New church dedicated as Spencer-Ripley Memorial M. E. Church, in accordance with terms of gift making new building possible.
- 1895—Chapel enlarged and connected to church building.
- 1906—Basement under auditorium completed.
- 1912—North Street M. E. Church united with Spencer-Ripley M. E. Church by corporate conference and Supreme Court action.
- 1915—Overcrowded conditions made new plant necessary. Corporate decision to rebuild on Culver Road.
- 1916—Site secured on Culver Road, opposite Parsells Avenue, and building plans begun.
- 1921—Old Church on North Goodman Street gutted by fire.
- 1921—Services held in No. 11 School.
- 1922—Services held in No. 11 School, tent on Parsells Avenue, and finally in social hall of new building.
- 1923—New church dedicated, June 17-24.

Sunday, June 17th

Morning Service

10.30 o'clock

Piano—"Prelude" ..... *Salaman*

Hymn 81

"The Lord Jehovah reigns,  
His throne is built on high;  
The garments he assumes  
Are light and majesty;  
His glories shine with beams so bright  
No mortal eye can bear the sight."

—*Isaac Watts.*

The Apostle's Creed—By the congregation.

Prayer—Followed with "The Lord's Prayer" by  
choir.

Anthem—"The Lord is My Strength and Song" .. *Case*

Responsive Reading—Twenty-fourth Sunday morn-  
ing.

Gloria Patri.

Scripture Lesson—Luke 15: 11-24.

Offertory Solo—"Out of the Depths" ..... *Scott*  
Mr. Lafayette Clapp.

Hymn 214

"O where are kings and empires now,  
Of old that went and came?  
But, Lord, thy church is praying yet,  
A thousand years the same."

—*A. Cleveland Coxe.*

Sermon—Reverend Charles W. Flint, LL. D.,  
Chancellor of Syracuse University.

Offering to the Equipment Fund.

Hymn 210

"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 may'st smile at all thy foes."

—*John Newton.*

Benediction.

Postlude—"Festival March" ..... *Gounod*

Sunday, June 17th

Evening Service

7.30 o'clock

Prelude—"Abide With Me" . . . . . *Meyers*

Hymn 662

"Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Corner Stone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone."

—*From the Latin Tr. by John M. Neale.*

Evening Prayer—Followed with "The Lord's  
Prayer" by choir.

Anthem—"Te Deum" in B Minor . . . . . *Dudley Buck*

Lesson from the Scriptures—Acts 2:1-21.

Offertory Anthem—"Doth Not Wisdom Cry" . . *Rogers*

Hymn 423

"Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man."

—*F. Mason North,*

Sermon—Reverend Samuel J. Clarkson, D.D.,  
President Rochester Methodist Ministers' Ass'n.

Offering to the Equipment Fund.

Hymn 654

"Oh, Zion, haste, Thy mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is Light;  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night."

—*Mary A. Thompson.*

Benediction.

Postlude—"March" . . . . . *Merkel*

Wednesday, June 20th

Former Pastors' Night

8:00 o'clock

Prelude—"Nocturne" . . . . . *Mendelssohn*

Address—Reverend J. H. Stoody, Wellsboro, Pa.  
Pastor at the time the building at North  
Goodman and Ripley Streets was  
erected.

Address—Reverend H. H. Downey, Syracuse, N.Y.

Letters will be read from—

Reverend J. M. Walters, Eugene, Oregon

Reverend P. T. Lynn, San Jose, Cal.

Reverend Arthur O. Sykes, Rochester, N.Y.

Reverend J. H. Olmstead, Batavia, NY.

Postlude—"Arioso" . . . . . *Frey*



Thursday, June 21st

Reception to Members and Friends

8 to 10 o'clock

Faculties of departments of church school in attendance to receive. All rooms open for inspection.

Piano Solo—"Spring Song" . . . . . *Mendelssohn*  
Miss Lucille A. Cobb.

Greetings—By the Minister.

Soprano Solo—(a) "Morning" . . . . . *Speech*  
(b) "Come Forth in June" . . . . . *Bartlett*  
Mrs. Ruth D. DeNeve.

Violin Solo—"Reverie" . . . . . *Vieuxtemps*  
Miss Bessie Wiedrich.

Bass Solo—"When My Ship Comes Sailing  
Home" . . . . . *Dorel*  
Mr. Albert Askew.

Piano Solo—"Prelude in C Sharp Minor"  
*Rachmaninoff*  
Miss Anna Spencer.

Accompanist—Miss Alice Wysard.

Refreshments.

Friday, June 22nd

Banquet

6.45 o'clock

Members of the Church and their guests will be privileged to sit down to a thanksgiving table and in fellowship and faith rejoice in each other and in the blessings of God upon our Church.

We shall look backward, and there are rich memories to recall.

We shall look forward, and the vista is all radiant.

We shall sound the keynote with full consecration to our Lord.

Sunday, June 24th  
Dedication Day  
Morning Service  
10:30 o'clock

Prelude—"Hallelujah Chorus" . . . . . *Handel*

Hymn 666

" We rear not a temple, like Judah's of old,  
Whose portals were marble, whose vaultings were gold;  
No incense is lighted, no victims are slain,  
No monarch kneels praying to hallow the fane."

Apostle's Creed—Congregation standing.

Prayer—By the Minister.

Anthem—"Gloria" from 12th Mass . . . . . *Mozart*

Responsive Reading—Twenty-fifth Sunday Morning.

Gloria Patri.

Scripture Lesson—Selections from I Kings, Chapter 8.

Offering.

Anthem—"Fear Not Ye, O Israel" . . . . . *Max Spicker*

Announcements.

Hymn 661

" Come, O Thou God of grace,  
Dwell in this holy place,  
E'en now descend!  
This temple, reared to Thee,  
O may it ever be  
Filled with Thy majesty  
Till time shall end."

Sermon—Bishop William Burt, D.D., LL.D.

Offering to the Equipment Fund.

Dedication of Church.

Reverend Frederick H. Coman, D.D., District  
Superintendent, assisting.

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Sunday, June 24th  
Dedication Day  
Morning Service  
10.30 o'clock

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Scripture Lesson—Psalm 122. Congregation reading.

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

**Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

**Whither the tribes of the Lord go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.**

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee.**

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

**For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Presentation of the Church by the Trustees.

Mr. John J. Skuse, President of the Board.

The Declaration.

The Dedication—All the people responding with the words

"To Thee we dedicate this church."

Dedication Prayer.

Hymn 215

"How pleasant, how divinely fair,  
O Lord of hosts, Thy dwellings are!  
With strong desire my spirit faints  
To meet th' assemblies of Thy saints."

Doxology.

Benediction.

Piano—"Postlude" . . . . . *Heller*

# Sunday, June 24th

## Christian Fellowship Service

7.30 o'clock

Piano Prelude—"Pilgrim's Chorus" . . . . . *Wagner*

Hymn 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise!  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of days!"

Psalm for twenty-fifth Sunday evening, read responsively.

Gloria Patri—By all.

Evening Prayer—The Reverend H. Curtis Whedon,  
Rector of St. Mark's and St. John's Church.

Anthem—"Send Out Thy Light" . . . . . *Gounod*

Offering.

Hymn 556

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above."

Addresses—

The Reverend Francis L. McCauley, East Side  
Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Frederick G. Reynolds, Parsells  
Avenue Baptist Church.

The Reverend William H. Stauffer, Calvary  
Evangelical Church.

Cornet Solo—"The Lost Chord" . . . . . *Sullivan*  
Mr. Ernest Salter.

Hymn 210

"Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He, whose word can not be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode."

Benediction by the Reverend H. Curtis Whedon.

Piano—"Postlude" . . . . . *Merchant*

## The New Spencer-Ripley Church

First a chapel of modest character on Central Park, then a commodious and attractive church on North Goodman Street, where the society grew in numbers and influence, and now a large and modern edifice on Culver Road, surrounded by beautiful homes and loved by an enlarging group of families whose ideals are fine and devout—this is the history of Spencer-Ripley Church.

The new church is dedicated to the worship of God in an atmosphere made holy with the memory of those who have lived and loved and served and then "entered into rest" in other years. It is secure in the strength of purposes that live in the midst of the faith and consecration that come in response to the Divine Presence.

It is to be a Methodist Episcopal Church, but in a larger and more vital sense it is to belong to the residents of this ward. It is to be a family church in which the interests that center about the fireside will be faithfully served. It will not force superficial distinctions upon its constituency, but will welcome all who would honor Our Lord and advance His kingdom at home and abroad. It will make provision for the religious education of the young; for their nurture in every worthy sense. It will develop in them a Christian patriotism, preparing them for citizenship. It will maintain high standards in the forms of public worship and endeavor to provide a cultured, sympathetic and spiritual ministry.

It will belong to all who shall come into it with good heart and unselfish hand. To all that God shall permit us to provide we invite those who would share and serve, with their families.

Several memorials enrich the auditorium. The pulpit furniture was designed by Mr. W. A. Campbell, as a courtesy to the church. The pulpit, of solid oak, carrying the simplicity of ancient Gothic lines and equipped with acousticon transmitter, together with the seats, are presented by the minister, in recognition of unfailing courtesy from the church. The altar table, of solid oak, carrying the historic inscription "In Remembrance of Me," is the gift of the members of Group Six of the Ladies' Guild, of which Mrs. George Seidel is chairman. The bible and hymnal carry the name of Reverend Lemuel T. Foote, whose ministry was of the largest value in the early and struggling years of the church, and are presented by Mrs. Frank W. Foote and family. The pedestals of solid oak are the gift of Miss Edith Nevin, in memory of her brother, Mr. John H. Nevin, whose devotion to the work and influence of Methodism in our city was widely known. Miss Nevin also presents the silk flag, in the name of her sister, Miss Margaret C. Nevin.

At an early date we shall consecrate a marble baptismal font bearing the names of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Werth, presented by their children.

Unrecorded tokens of devotion to the church have made our great program possible and in these days of its fruition fill our hearts with gratitude to God.

We look forward with faith and upward with love. Blessed are the ways of God, whose mercy endureth forever.



