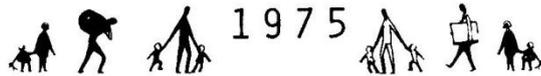


WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE



ONE COMMUNITY UNDER GOD - WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Preparatory readings:

"Our lives are inextricably linked by the common thread of humanity. If we break it, we are all undone."

"Christians are totally committed to the unity and equality of all mankind under the Leadership of Christ, the Son of Man, and hence to unity and justice in the world society in which the human family lives."

"There is no turning to God which does not at the same time bring people face to face with their fellows in a new way."

The Idolatry of Nationalism. "We reject any idolatry of the nation and loyalty that demands dominion over other peoples or destroys the realised and potential unity of mankind."

"The barriers which people erect between each other to assert themselves and humiliate others are demolished in the community of Christ, since they are there affirmed in a new way; they are the children of freedom."

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that in Christ God has broken down the walls of division between God and mankind and therefore also between people."

"Putting one's body in the right place at the right time is often the only way we can help the Church be part of the transformation of society."

ENTRANCE of WORSHIP LEADERS, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sing together (without announcement) to the tune, "Luckington,"

Let all the world in every corner sing
"My God and King!"
The heavens are not too high;
His praise may thither fly;

The earth is not too low;
 His praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing
 "My God and King!"

Let all the world in every corner sing
 "My God and King!"
 The Church with psalms must shout,
 No door can keep them out:
 But, above all, the heart
 Must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing
 "My God and King!"

OUR FRACTURED COMMUNITY - The Reality

Newspaper readings showing evidence of above - exploitation, racism, individualism, nationalism (from members of the congregation).

LEADER: "So the world is not one; its people are more divided now and also more conscious of their divisions, than they have ever been before. They are divided between those with power and those without power; they are divided between those who exploit and those who are exploited. And it is the minority which is well fed and the minority which has secured control of the world's wealth and over their fellow men."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: For our failure to take to heart your prayer for unity on the eve of your passion and the suffering we cause you by our divisions,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us.

LEADER: For our indifference and complacency, our ignorance and prejudice against each other, our lack of humility and unwillingness to learn from one another,

COMMUNITY:
 Lord, forgive us.

LEADER: For an enthusiasm to share bad news and repeat scandal,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us.

LEADER: For our bitter controversies, our sarcasm and narrow-mindedness toward each other, our acts of hostility and violence against each other,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us.

LEADER: For erecting barriers of race and class, nation and culture among your children,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us.

LEADER: For our lack of love and prayer for one another,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us

LEADER: For our use of people and our love of things,

COMMUNITY: Lord, forgive us.

TOGETHER: We have claimed to be christians, yet our words and actions deny this; we say that we love you, but in not loving others we are liars; we say that there is one body of Christ, yet see it sect-ridden; we know that you love the world, yet we avoid responsibility for its life. Accept us, Lord, and fill our lives with your glory that we may be people who bear the weight of responsibility with love and grace. AMEN.

LEADER: Arise, stand, we are a forgiven people.

Sing together, "O Loving Lord," to the tune, "O Perfect Love."

O Loving Lord, who are for ever seeking
Men of Thy mind, intent to do Thy will,
Strong in Thy strength, Thy power and grace bespeaking,
Faithful to Thee, through good report and ill.

To Thee we come, and humbly make confession;
Faithless so oft, in thought and word and deed;
Asking that we may have, in true possession,
Thy free forgiveness in the hour of need.

In duties small be Thou our inspiration,
 In large affairs endue us with Thy might;
 Through faithful service cometh full salvation;
 So may we serve, Thy will our chief delight.

Not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
 Faithful in all things, seeking not reward;
 So, following Thee, may we fulfil our mission
 True to ourselves, our brethren, and our Lord.

THE VISION OF COMMUNITY

FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Reading: Galatians 3: 26-28

LEADER: It is a goal of the Church to represent that "new people of God" of whom one can say: *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, master nor slave, man nor woman, black nor white, young nor old, radical nor conservative, for all are one in Christ Jesus.."* By challenging and demolishing all barriers, whether of religion, race, education or class, the community of Christians proves that it is the community of Christ. This could indeed become the new identifying mark of the Church, that it is composed not of equal and like-minded people, but of dissimilar people, indeed of former enemies. This means that national churches, class churches and racial churches are false churches.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12: 12-26

ONE COMMUNITY UNDER GOD

All Stand

A STATEMENT OF BELIEF

LEADER: Man is not alone; he lives in God's world.

COMMUNITY: We believe in God:
 Who created and is creating;
 Who has come in the true man, Jesus,
 To reconcile and make new;
 Who works in us and others by his Spirit.
 We trust Him.

He calls us to be in his Church;
 To celebrate in His presence;
 To love and serve others;
 To seek justice and resist evil;
 To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen:
 Our Judge and our Hope.

LEADER: In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
 We are not alone.

COMMUNITY: Thanks be to God.

*Sing together, "When Wilt Thou Save the People?" to the tune,
 "Commonwealth or Kendal"*

When wilt Thou save the people?
 O God of Mercy, when?
 Not kings alone but nations;
 Not thrones and crowns, but men!
 Flowers of Thy heart, O God, are they;
 Let them not pass, like weeds, away:
 Their heritage, a sunless day.
 God save the people !

Shall crime bring crime for ever?
 Strength aiding still the strong?
 Is it Thy will, O Father
 That man shall toil for wrong?
 "No," say Thy mountains. "No," Thy skies;
 Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise
 And songs ascend instead of sighs.
 God save the people !

When wilt Thou save the people,
 O God of Mercy, when?
 The people, Lord, the people!
 Not thrones and crowns, but men!
 God save the people: Thine they are;
 Thy children, as Thine angels fair;
 From vice, oppression, and despair:
 God save the people !

WITNESS (Address or Panel)

INTERCESSION

LEADER: O God, you have made us your people that we may offer prayers and intercessions for our fellow men. Hear us we pray.

For all those known to us who bear responsibilities of leadership.

COMMUNITY: We silently name those known to us. May they be guided to act in love and be guided by your wisdom.

LEADER: For those who suffer, through the inhumanity of others, their own limitations or the forces of evil and injustice.

COMMUNITY: We name silently those known to us. May they overcome bitterness and be granted patience.

LEADER: For those who are working for one community under God:

COMMUNITY: We name silently those known to us. May they be strengthened in purpose and sustained in your love.

COMMUNITY: "Our Father in Heaven,
 May your holy name be honoured;
 May your Kingdom come;
 May your Will be done on earth,
 As it is in Heaven.
 Give us today the food we need.
 Forgive us the wrongs that we have done,
 As we forgive the wrongs
 That others have done us.
 Do not bring us to hard testing
 But keep us safe from the Evil One."

Response: OFFERING for the FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Those who have FLC gifts, come forward and make their individual offering, saying:

"This offering is an expression of my involvement in the worldwide Circle of Prayer."

Then, Congregation Offering for the 1975 World Community Day project is given during the singing of, "These things shall be a loftier race," to the tune, "Merthyr Tydfil."

These things shall be: a loftier race
 Than e'er the world hath known shall rise
 With flame of freedom in their souls
 And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
 To spill no drop of blood, but dare
 All that may plant man's lordship firm
 On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

Nation with nation, land with land,
 Inarmed shall live as comrades free;
 In every heart and brain shall throb
 The pulse of one fraternity.

Man shall love man with heart as pure
 And fervent as the young-eyed throng
 Who chant their heavenly psalms before
 God's face with undiscordant song.

New art shall bloom of loftier mould,
 And mightier music thrill the skies,
 And every life shall be a song
 When all the earth is paradise.

There shall be no more sin, nor shame
 Though pain and passion may not die;
 For man shall be at one with God
 In bonds of firm necessity.

LEADER: We symbolise the giving of ourselves in the giving of our gifts.

COMMUNITY: God of all power, hear us in our concern for all those who are handicapped through no fault of their own: the defective, the delicate, and all who are permanently injured. We remember those whose livelihood is insecure: the overworked, the hungry, the destitute, the downtrodden, and those driven to despair. We

remember those who refuse to live their lives and are therefore afraid to die. Set free, O Lord, all who are restless and trapped, and make us whole. In the name of the Christ. AMEN.

Sing together (three times) "Shalom" (from "Songs for the People of God," Book 1).

ROLLING ~ A ROUND

SHA-LOM CHA-VER-IM, SHA-LOM CHA-VER-IM, SHA-LOM, SHA-LOM, L'-HIT RA-OT, L'-HIT RA-OT, SHA-LOM SHA-LOM.

Shalom chavarim, Shalom chavarim,
Shalom, Shalom,
L'hit raot, L'hit raot,
Shalom, Shalom.

Traditional Hebrew from "Travelling to
Freedom" 377

PASSING THE PEACE

*The Community then passes the peace
to each other
As they leave the church*

This World Community Day Service has been prepared by the Y.W.C.A.
of Adelaide

Your World Community Day offering aids these projects.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELL DIGGING FOR THE WOMEN OF GHANA

This project was initiated by the Chereponi Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana and has now been put forward by the African National Council of Churches.

It is a self-help program with each village contributing substantially to the cost and labour of work done.

Already 19 wells have been started or deepened and, of these, 17 are now yielding water. Many more wells are needed, particularly due to the very dry seasons experienced recently with about half the normal rainfall.

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FOOD THROUGH WATER FOR THE WOMEN OF INDIA

The people of India are at present suffering from a very serious food shortage due to flood and drought.

The Churches' Auxiliary for Social Action has called for a response to this desperate situation. They report that: 'CASA staff have personally seen people eating weeds and roots normally not even eaten by animals'.

The only responsible reaction to the food shortage is longterm development work, especially in the field of food production 'related to improved management of water resources'.

The women of India and their families

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GHANA (continued)

The church said, 'Seeing the smiles and expressions of appreciation on the faces of the women in the villages who helped to dig wells makes all our efforts very rewarding to us'.

The reasons for the smiles and expressions of appreciation? Those women had to walk six kilometres and back to the nearest well every time they needed water!

Added to the well digging project is a program of farmer education with instruction in animal husbandry, better agricultural methods, plus the introduction of new equipment and fertilizer.

The situation for families in the area is desperate. Annual per capita income is less today than 10 years ago. The people are keen to help themselves but initial capital and education are vital if they are to begin.

INDIA (continued)

need water for their very survival and the project we can support involves work on many more catchment tanks, small dams and wells.

The work will be done by people who would otherwise have no employment.



Women's part in
development -
to help supply water



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