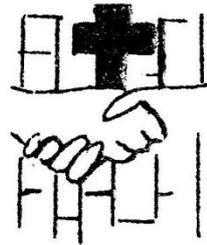


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Fellowship
Day



JULY, 1977

"BREAK DOWN THE WALLS"

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To all Who Worship Together on this Fellowship Day 1977

.....within your Walls Wherever"

W E L C O M E

Begin with a time of greeting, (The Passing of the Peace),
and a time for announcement

See "Who" you are and think about "why" you are . . .

IN FELLOWSHIP

Let MUSIC then lead you into this service
of Worship.

M U S I C

To suit the theme: "BREAK DOWN THE WALLS"

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W A L L S ?

SETTING THE CONTEXT:

Reader: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
 That sends the frozen ground swell under it,
 And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
 And makes gaps even two can pass abreast ..
 .. no one has seen them made or heard them made,
 But at spring mending-time we find them there.
 I let my neighbour know beyond the hill;
 And on a day we meet to walk the line
 And set the wall between us once again.
 We keep the wall between us as we go ...

There where it is we do not need the wall:
 He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
 My apple trees will never get across
 And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
 He only says, "Good fences make good neighbours".
 Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
 If I could put a notion in his head:
 "Why do they make good neighbours? ...

Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
 What I was walling in or walling out,
 And to whom I was like to give offence.
 Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
 That wants it down."

(Robert Frost: Mending Wall)

WORSHIP LEADER: WALLS ...
 WALLS that separate us from our neighbours ..
 from ourselves! .. and from God ..
 WALLS built by us and by others before us -
 WALLS marking us off as persons and families
 as races and religions .. & churches
 WALLS of culture and class and time!

WITHIN THESE WALLS we can develop, and grow
or...
WITHIN THESE WALLS we can lose the sunlight and die!

A TIME FOR WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER:

Within these walls today let us worship!
Let us worship the God who will enable us to look
through the walls to find our neighbour
to break down the wall to share our faith..
to jump over the walls to renew the earth!
Within these walls let us worship the God
With whom we can develop and grow.

HYMN OF READINESS: "GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN"
Tune Austria. 8787D.

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 mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the stream of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage;
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldlings pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

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LOOK THROUGH THE WALLS AND FIND YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND A TIME FOR CONFESSION

- WORSHIP LEADER: Within these walls we affirm that God is the Giver of life - the Creator of all people - the Lord of all history and our Lord.
He looks through the walls and sees His people.
- PEOPLE: We look through the walls and find our neighbours.
- WORSHIP LEADER: With God there are no favourites.
He looks through the walls and rejoices in His people - of every race and colour, of every culture and tradition, of every age and interest - a people rich in their variety.
- PEOPLE: We look through the walls and praise God for our neighbours - with their different gifts to offer.
- READER: Luke 10: 30-37 (With Creative Movement Group, if possible). Symbolising "LOOK THROUGH THE WALLS" during the reading and/or after the reading or throughout this whole section of praise and confession.
- WORSHIP LEADER: Who is your neighbour? Have you a neighbour you need to find? Is there someone waiting for you to look his way?

A TIME FOR SILENCE:- for thinking about "separated neighbours"
or a time for conversation between
neighbours responding to the questions.

WORSHIP LEADER: LOOK THROUGH THE WALLS AND PRAY.

PEOPLE: O Lord of all, forgive us for not finding our
neighbours. Forgive us for not looking through
the walls of prejudice that so often surround us.
Forgive us for not opening the windows of life
which would help us to understand and appreciate
others. Forgive us for enjoying safety and
comfort within our walls without a thought for
those who contribute to our well being yet have
little themselves. O LORD - you who are the Lord
of all - have mercy on us.

A TIME FOR BEGINNING AGAIN:

WORSHIP LEADER: The Crucified and Risen Lord hears and forgives.
Look through the walls and begin again to love
and serve. AMEN.

PEOPLE: AMEN

HYMN: Tune - "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD". (Luther's Hymn)

Now be aware and glory in
This fellowship with others,
That learns to give and take with grace;
Where there is life it gathers.
It deepens joy, it eases strain,
It heartens those who live with pain,
Each strengthen each, together.

The wordless touch where sorrow is,
The sharing of a victory;
The flash of mind when insight leaps
To truth, provoked by query.
The freedom of our fellowship
Accepts us as we are, and this
is God's own gift of liberty.

Now be aware that hearts and hands
And minds are rich when sharing;
From here within this fellowship
The strength of God is growing
Now life has reason, love and powers
Beyond our own, for into ours
The love of God is flowing.

BREAK DOWN THE WALLS AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

A TIME FOR REFLECTION UPON GOD'S WORD:

WORSHIP LEADER: Within these walls we affirm that the Creator-God
is our Saviour-God; the One who has come amongst
us, full of grace and truth.

With His own body HE BROKE DOWN THE WALL which
separated His people. He himself is our peace!

READER: Ephesians 2: 12-16.
(Again with Creative Movement)

WORSHIP LEADER: With His own body HE BROKE DOWN THE WALL which
separated His people. What of the walls of
silence that so often we have established?
BREAK DOWN THE WALLS AND SHARE YOUR FAITH!

READER: Romans 10: 9-15

SOLO/CHOIR (optional) Song about breaking down the walls or
spreading God's word.

THE WITNESS: AN ADDRESS on breaking down walls between us -
between us and others - between us and God.

HYMN: "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST."

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North:
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

A TIME FOR RESPONSE:

WORSHIP LEADER:

Within these walls we affirm that our Creator -
Saviour - God is known to us also as Holy Spirit.
He who sustains us and forgives us enables us and
fills us with power...to work in partnership with Him.

WITH HIM WE CAN JUMP OVER THE WALLS AND RENEW THE EARTH!

READER: Ephesians 4:14-21

OFFERING: For the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

LEADER:

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

Almighty God you have given us life; You have given
us yourself in love - in Jesus Christ; and you
continue to give us new life through the gift of
your Holy Spirit. To know you is to know about
giving and to be called out of our separation to be
at one with you and our world of others. Today we
bring our gifts that they may enable us to jump
over the walls and give new possibilities to
Winifred Kiek scholars.

LEADER 2: A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.
Ever present God - You have constantly renewed Your Church throughout the ages. We pray now that Your people in this day and age may with new enthusiasm open their hearts to You. May we all be indeed Your Spirit-filled people sensitive to the needs of these times, ready to jump over walls to bring forth new life - life in more abundance.

LEADER 3: A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH.
O Holy Spirit God, the whole earth is crying out for renewal..all of creation waits with eager longing for life to be fulfilled. Our hearts reach out to all on this planet earth who hope for new days..to those who hope for health, for work to do and food to satisfy, for family and friends who care and share.. to those who hope for freedom - for the opportunity to decide their own lives - for leaders who will act in love with peace as their goal..to those who are deeply concerned about the depletion of the earth's resources..enable us to jump over walls not only by prayer but also in action - to renew this earth that is Your gift to us.

ALL: THE LORD'S PRAYER.

THE TIME FOR GOING:

WORSHIP LEADER: Heaven itself - the highest heaven cannot contain Him who is our God. How much less the walls which we build around us!
GO FORTH - WITH HIM - OUTSIDE ALL WALLS....
AND WITH HIM, AS CREATOR, SAVIOUR AND HOLY SPIRIT
LOOK THROUGH THE WALLS AND FIND YOUR NEIGHBOUR:
BREAK DOWN THE WALLS AND SHARE YOUR FAITH:
JUMP OVER THE WALLS AND RENEW YOUR EARTH...

To God be the glory -
And to Him be the glory through you,
This day and always.

AMEN.

AFTER YOUR SERVICE TOGETHER?

Why not simply have a time of fellowship together and get to know your neighbour? Who is she? What are her concerns? What are her gifts? What are her needs? What can you give to each other?

or

In response to the address given, let people witness to the walls that surround them and share their 'looking through' or 'breaking down' or 'jumping over' experiences

or

Remember that wherever you are you will be sharing in a service that State representatives will be sharing in again with all delegates to the N.C.M. and with other Western Australians. Why not have a discussion or let your speaker lead you in a think-time about "The neighbours we have most difficulty in accepting" or "Our Own difficulties in accepting and sharing the Christian faith" or "The Problems and opportunities now facing us on planet earth." Later share your findings with your N.C.M. delegates

or

Have a creative Bible study time using the passages read in the service and/or "The Davidson Affair" (By Stuart Jackman). (A 1966 presentation of Christ's martyrdom and resurrection). Perhaps you could try some symbolic movement together?
BREAK DOWN THE WALLS!

Dorothy Wacker

On behalf of
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