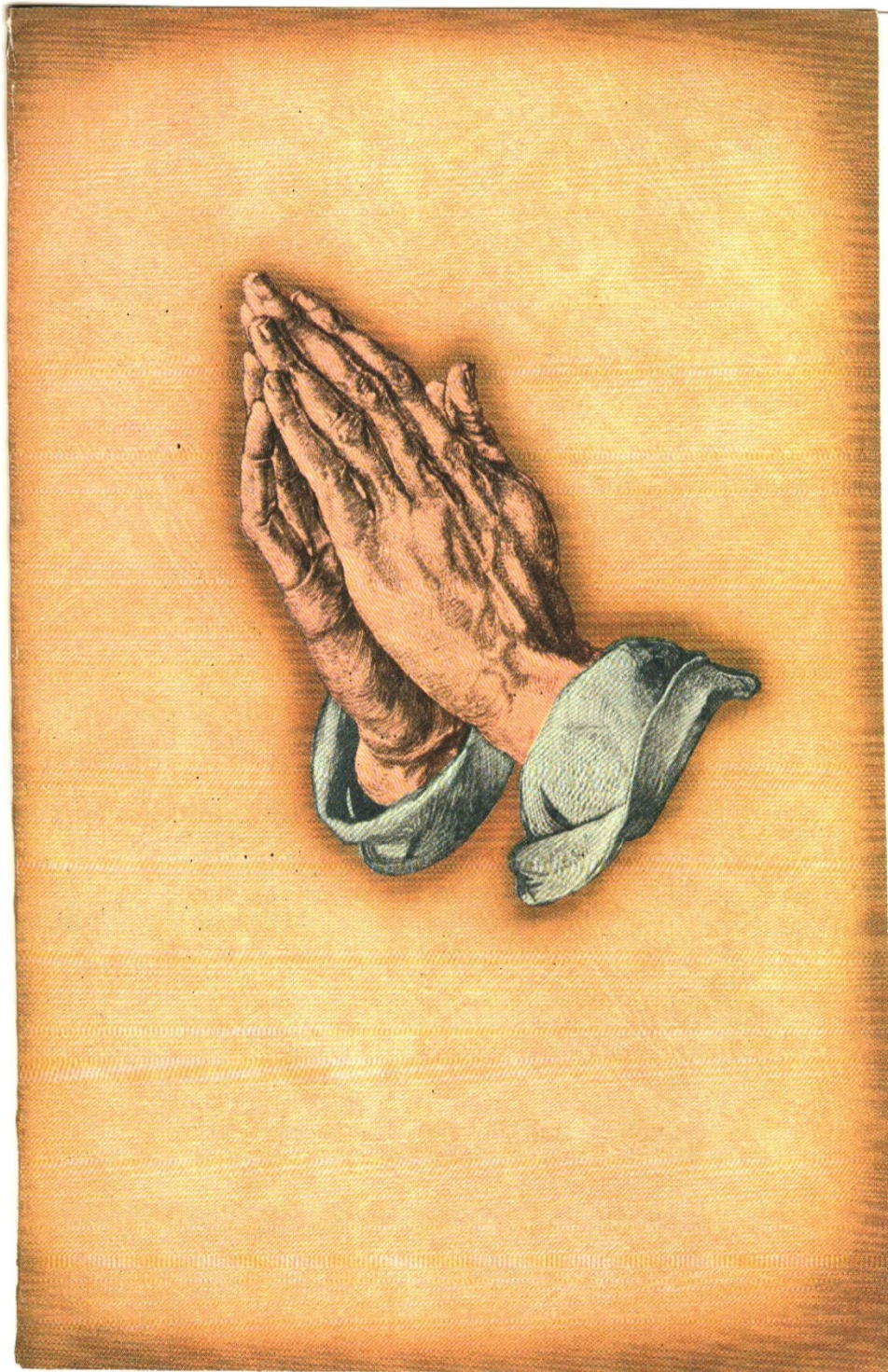


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ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH
Belleville, Illinois
B. J. Koehler, D.D., Minister
L. L. Eichenlaub, B.D., Associate Pastor
Paul O. Godt, Organist & Choir Director
June 8, 1958
2:30 P.M.
CORNERSTONE LAYING SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR

INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. B. J. Koehler

HYMN "On This Stone Now Laid With Prayer"

On this stone now laid with prayer
Let Thy Church rise strong and fair;
Ever, Lord, Thy name be known,
Where we lay this cornerstone.

May Thy Spirit here give rest
To the hearts by sin oppressed,
And the seeds of truth be sown,
Where we lay this cornerstone.

By wise master-builders squared,
Here be living stones prepared
For the temple near Thy throne,
Jesus Christ its cornerstone. Amen.

READING FROM GOD'S HOLY WORD: Psalm 84.

The Rev. T. J. Rasche, Pastor Trinity United Church

HYMN .. "Jesus Loves Me" .. Children of Church School

DEDICATORY PRAYER The Rev. R. S. Maisch

Pastor Hope United Church -- Newly-elected
President, Belleville Ministerial Alliance

ANTHEM "Cherubim Song" Bortniansky
St. Paul's Chancel Choir

ADDRESS - "The Importance of Corners" - (Eph. 2:19-24)

The Rev. A. F. Schroeder, Pastor Christ United
Church. Past President, South Illinois Synod.

THE OFFERING The Rev. L. L. Eichenlaub

The Offertory Hymn by St. Paul's Chancel Choir
"Give of Your Best to The Master"

PROCESSION TO THE SITE OF THE CORNERSTONE

THE LITANY FOR THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE:

(St. Paul's Ministers and The People)

Rev. K: To the glory of God our Father, to the service

of our Master and His Church and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF THIS CHURCH.

Rev. E: For a building of which Jesus Christ is the chief Cornerstone, the pillar and ground of the truth,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. K: For a building that shall stand as a symbol of the Church Universal: the Cornerstone of which is Truth, the creed of which is Love, and its towers eternal Hope,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. E: For a Church that shall exalt not a religion of creed or of authority, but a religion of saving grace, of personal experience and of spiritual power,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. K: For a Church that shall exalt the ministry of the open Bible, with its faithful record of human life, its unfolding of the redeeming grace of God through Jesus Christ, its message of warning, inspiration, comfort and hope,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. E: For a Church that shall teach and incarnate the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. K: For a Church that shall fulfill a ministry of social service, inspired by spiritual motive,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. E: For a Church that shall be a renewing and cleansing power in the city and that loves every other communion that exalts Christ in the service of man,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. K: For a Church with an open door for all people, rich or poor, homeless or desolate, who need the help of God through us,

PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Rev. E: For a Church that shall gather the children in its arms and hold them close to Christ that they may grow up in the Church and never be

lost from the fold,
PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.
Rev. K: For a Church that stands for the sacramental
truth -- it is more blessed to give than to
receive,
PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.
Rev. E: For a Church which takes hold on two worlds,
and stands for the unseen and eternal, and which
offers to men the abundant life which now is
and that which is to come,
PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE IN THE NAME OF ALMIGHTY
GOD.
Rev. K: In loving memory of those who have gone from us,
whose hearts and hands have served this church;
with deep gratitude for all whose faith and con-
secrated gifts make this house possible; for all
who may share this spiritual adventure; and with
high hopes for all who shall worship in this
house in the years to come,
PEOPLE: WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE IN THE NAME OF ALMIGHTY
GOD--FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT--UNTO THE AGES
OF AGES--WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.
REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND
THE ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTORS BY MR. GEORGE A.
MUEHLHAUSER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.
PRESENTATION OF THE TROWEL BY MR. HARVEY LIPPERT, STONE-
MASON CONTRACTOR, TO MR. ROLAND J. MUELLER, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.
THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE
ANTHEM "Psalm 150" Lewandowski
THE DOXOLOGY
THE BENEDICTION The Rev. Seide B. Janssen
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LeRoy G. Holliday Arthur H. Peters
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When Albrecht Dürer (from whose "Folded Hands" the cover design was adapted) was a poor struggling artist, a friend of his who also aspired to be an artist made an agreement with him that he would do manual labor to earn their living while Dürer studied and painted. Later, it was planned, he should have his turn to paint. But when success came to Dürer his friend's hands had become so twisted and stiff that he could no longer paint. One day, seeing his friend's work-worn hands in prayer, Dürer thought, "I can never give back the lost skill of those hands, but I can show my feeling of love and gratitude by painting his hands as they are now, folded in prayer, to show my appreciation of a noble and unselfish character."