Existing Avenue Afterbufferian Church Burham, North Carolina

"A Friendly Community Church"



God make the door of this House wide enough to receive all who need human love, friendship, and the Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy and hatred. Make its threshold smooth enough for the feet of little children and rugged enough to call forth our mature powers.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1955

SERVICE OF DEDICATION ELEVEN O'CLOCK

"Lord, let me not live to be useless. For the sake of Jesus Christ, take my lips and speak through them. Take my mind and think through it, take my heart and set it on fire. Amen."

PRELUDE "At Thy Feet" INTROIT CALL TO WORSHIP
"Come, let us return unto the Lord, for he will heal us. They
that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;

they shall walk, and not faint."

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER In Unison: O Jesus Christ, thou who hast taught us that we are free only when we lose our wills in thine; help us to attain this liberty now as in this Sanctuary we surrender our lives unto thee. Grant that our worship here may be reverent without stiffness, serious without being pompous. May we meet thee here, O Christ, and expect great things from thee, in order that we may leave with thee and do great things for thee. So may our finding thee make us humble, brave, and loving, ready for holy adventure, through Jesus our Lord, who hath taught us to pray, "Our Father..."

HYMN OF PRAISE "When Morning Gilds The Skies" No. 453
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH GLORIA PATRI READING OF SCRIPTURE
ANTHEM "God's Love and Blessing" Darst

A LITANY OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION Responsively

O Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life, who hast called us to build the city of God, do thou enrich and purify our lives and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of thee, and through us, by the power of thy Spirit, show forth thyself to other men. We confess our deep need of thee. From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from being contented with the mean and ugly, O Christ, deliver us

From all kinds of artificiality in life and worship, from all that is hollow, unreal and insincere; from trivial ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking coarseness and vulgarity for humor, 0 Christ, deliver us

From being dull and pompous; from being rude and offensive and ill-mannered; from all false pride, intolerance, and contempt; from uncleanness and unwholesomeness; from selfishness, slackness, and self-indulgence,

O Christ, deliver us

From everything in our lives and methods which may hide the true light of thee, who art the light of the world,

O Christ, deliver us

O Eternal God, who in Jesus Christ thy Son hast shown us the revelation of thy character; help us in him to see thee as thou art, and to walk in the way which he has declared to us. By the memory of thy Son our Saviour, by his life and teaching; by his passion and cross; by his resurrection and presence with us:

Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to thee

By the Church of Jesus Christ; by its Sacrament, and ministries;

by its Sunday worship and teaching; by all its seasons of

meditation and prayer, and by all the associations of the house

of God:

Teach us, and lead us, ever nearer to thee

By the conflict of our souls with temptation; by our falls and
failures; by our shame and repentance; by every holy aspiration,
striving, and victory:

Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to thee
By all the experience and discipline of life; by health and
sickness by success and disappointments; by joy and sorrow, by
all the chances and changes of our passing days:

Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to thee
In all time of our wealth, and in all time of our tribulation;
in every circumstance and in every place; in life and in death,
O most merciful God, our Father and Redeemer:

Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to thee, Amen."

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 271
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY
SERMON "JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR AND LORD" The Minister
THE PARTING PROMISE OF GOD

Minister: The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

People: He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Minister: The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He will preserve thy soul.

People: The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.

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