

# *Dedication Service*



*"Now faith is the substance of things  
hoped for, the conviction of things  
not seen." Hebrews 11:1*



**Sunday, May 21, 1967**



*Faith United Church of Christ*

3025 Karnes Road  
St. Joseph, Missouri, 64506

WE DEDICATE

This Church to the Glory of God

may it be

The church of the warm heart,  
Of the open mind,  
Of the adventurous spirit;  
The church that cares,  
That heals hurt lives,  
That comforts old people,  
That challenges youth;  
That knows no divisions of culture or class,  
No frontiers, geographical or social;  
The church that inquires as well as avers,  
That looks forward as well as backward;  
The church of the Master,  
The church of the people,  
High as the ideals of Jesus,  
Low as the humblest human;  
A working church,  
A worshipping church,  
A winsome church;  
A church that interprets life in terms of truth;  
That inspires courage for this life and hope  
for the life to come;  
A church of courage,  
A church of all good men,  
The church of the living God. Amen

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"We have come together in Faith; we have worked  
together in Faith; let us go forward in Faith."

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:30 A.M.	Church School Dedication Classroom Visitation
10:45 A.M.	Service of Thanksgiving Morning Worship
12:30 P.M.	Fellowship Dinner at Moila Club
2:30 P.M.	Service of Dedication
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.	Reception and Open House

(There will be a nursery provided.)

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Faith Church represents the dreams, faith and sacrifices of many faithful people. Our hands and hearts and talents joined together have brought us to this day when we may dedicate this sanctuary and the other facilities of our church to God in the name of Christ.

We have a remarkable instrument for meeting the challenge of our faith and dreams. This living church symbolizes the opportunities we have before us for growth, for education, for service to our community, and for serving others and thereby, our Lord and Master.

May God in His great wisdom continue to bless and prosper us as we move forward together toward new frontiers of service.

Newton W. Klooze, Minister

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
3025 Karnes Road St. Joseph, Missouri  
10:45 A.M. May 21, 1967

DEDICATORY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Let all bow in prayer upon being seated

\*CONGREGATION will please stand

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THE PRELUDE - "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With  
Gladness" Brahms

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 12 - "Now Thank We All Our  
God"

(Congregation will rise for the processional)

\*THE INVOCATION - LORD'S PRAYER - GLORIA PATRI

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PRAYER HYMN No. 233 - "Spirit of God, Descend  
Upon My Heart"

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

Unison Prayer: Almighty and most merciful God:  
Hear us this day when we call upon Thee with  
penitent hearts. We acknowledge our sin  
against Thee; we know we have come short of  
Thy Glory; we have broken Thy commandments;  
grievous is our guilt and our sense of unworth-  
iness as we humble ourselves before Thee.

Hear us and have mercy upon us. Pardon our  
sins and take away our guilt. Purify us by  
the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; Make us  
able and willing to serve Thee in newness of  
life, to the Glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen

THE PASTORAL PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

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ANTHEM by the Cherub Choir

DEDICATION OF LIFE AND SELF

The Offertory - "Peace Be With You" Edmundson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*"We Give Thee But Thine Own."

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READING OF THE SCRIPTURE LESSON for the Morning.

ANTHEM - "Holy Lord God" James

SERMON of THANKSGIVING for our BLESSINGS Mr. Rumpf

RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 405 - "Glorious Things of  
Thee"

\*THE BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN

THE POSTLUDE - "O God - Thou Faithful God" Bach

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FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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2:30 P.M. May 21, 1967

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

PRELUDE - "Grand Choeur" Purvis  
Mrs. Eleanor Duckworth, Organist

PROCESSIONAL MARCH - Clergy, Speakers, Distinguish-  
ed Guests, Board of Stewards, Members of Church  
Cabinet

\*Hymn No. 400 - "Forward Through The Ages"  
(Congregation will rise)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister - Let the Heavens be glad, and let the  
earth rejoice; Let them say among  
the nations, The Lord reigneth.

People - Enter into His gates with Thanks-  
giving, and into His courts with  
praise.

Minister - Seek ye the Lord while He may be  
found, Call ye upon Him while He is  
near.

People - For God who commanded the light to  
shine out of darkness hath shined  
in our hearts to give the light of  
knowledge of the Glory of God in  
the face of Jesus Christ.

\*THE INVOCATION

The Rev. Mr. Rechterman

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE - I Kings, Chap. 8: VSS. 1-3, 22-23,  
55-61. The Rev. Carleton Norton

THE JUNIOR CHOIR - "Bless This House, O Lord We  
Pray".

THE OFFERING - "Honor the Lord with thy substance  
and with the first fruits of all  
thine increase." Proverbs 3:9

Organ Offertory - "Abide With Us" Weinbeger

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Choral Response

DUET - "Just For The Present Hour" Wilson  
sung by Mrs. Esther Hammond and Dr. Tom Taylor

THE MESSAGE OF DEDICATION - The Rev. Russell Fate,  
Associate Superintendent of the Missouri  
Conference of the United Church of Christ  
ANTHEM - "Great Is The Lord" Dr. Herbert

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY AND ALL  
UNITS OF THE BUILDING (Congregation will rise)

- \*Minister - "Having been prospered by God's power, and enabled by His grace and wisdom to complete this house of worship to be used for the glory of His name, let us in His Holy presence dedicate this building to Him.
- \*People - "To the Glory of God our Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; To the honor of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life":
- \*BOARD OF STEWARDS, CABINET OFFICERS - "We, the Officers of this church and congregation, recognizing our own unworthiness, relying upon God for wisdom and strength, do hereby covenant that we will study the peace and unity of the Church to the end that this house of God may serve Him completely: for the assembling together of rich and poor to praise God who is the maker of us all; for the worship of Him who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth; for the preaching of the Word of God in all its fullness; for the proclamation of our Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer of mankind and the light of the world."
- \*Minister - "In grateful remembrance of all who have served and loved this church; and with hearts tender for those who have joined the Church Triumphant;"
- \*People - "We dedicate this temple to the Lord our God"
- \*Minister - "For comfort to those who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for the sanctification and blessing of the family; for the instruction and training of children and youth; for the building of character, the giving of hope and courage to all human hearts:"

\*People - "We consecrate this temple to the Lord our God."

\*Minister - "As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free-will offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of Thy salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace:"

\*People - "We, the people of this Church and Congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, do dedicate this entire House of the Lord, for the Worship of Almighty God, and to the service of our fellowmen, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

\*Minister - "In testimony of our sincerity, let us together repeat that prayer which our Lord taught His disciples, and let us pray that God, in these days and in the days to come, may give grace and strength, courage and wisdom to those who in their hearts as well as by their lips do now say:

"The Lord's Prayer" (together)

GREETINGS: From distinguished guests.

RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 220 - "Faith of Our Fathers"  
omit VSS. 2 & 3

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE - Maestoso "Theme From Handel" Guilmant

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A coffee hour Fellowship and Reception with tours of the building follows immediately in the Undercroft. You are cordially invited to remain.

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#### MEMORIALS

Many members and friends have given gifts in memory of loved ones and in honor of the living. These are all gratefully received and recorded in a "Book of Remembrance" which shall be given a place of honor in the Narthex. You are invited to note the selection and donors of these gifts as you look through the book.

We realize that many gifts have also been given directly into the building itself and are not recorded in any manner that can be displayed except through the foundations, walls and roof of this new House of God and the satisfaction and joy that the gifts have given the givers.

## HISTORY OF FAITH UNITED CHURCH

The members of the First Congregational Christian Church (1867), Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church (1874), and the First Evangelical and Reformed Church (1892), all of St. Joseph, Missouri, following a year of intensive self-study under the leadership of the Reverends Fred Primrose, Ralph Faisst, and C. Russell Turner, voted on September 24, 1961, to merge into one united congregation..."in order to more fully express our oneness in Christ and to make more effective our common witness in Him and to serve His Kingdom in the world." \*1

A constitution was adopted and in October 1962 the name Faith United Church of Christ was selected.

The united congregation used the former Congregational Christian building at 13th and Jule Streets and the Reverend Mr. Primrose served as interim pastor. In October 1962, the Reverend Mr. Newton W. Klooze came as the first minister.

Wilbur E. Langemach served as the first President and led the members through the experience of merging the three congregations into one, through a capital funds drive, and had just seen the building committee well on its way when he was called from his work on earth to his heavenly home.

Picking up the work where he left it were his two successors in the presidency, Loy Loomis and Herbert Iffert, who have served this congregation with selfless dedication and who have seen the building program to its completion.

The site of five acres, 3025 Karnes Road, was purchased and on Palm Sunday 1963, the ground was dedicated to the Glory and service of our Lord. In May of 1966 a ground-breaking ceremony was held at the new site and shortly thereafter construction of the building was begun. The first congregational meeting in the new building was a prayer

\*1 - constitution

service of consecration in January 1967. On February 5, 1967 the first regular church and church school service was held.

We could not close this brief history of Faith Church without singing songs of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, who in response to our prayers, guided the members of the congregation in dedicated sacrifice of time, talents and gifts to make a dream become reality.

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to the building, finance, and furnishings committees for hours of time spent in study and planning, in order that the end results would be the best in a church that lends itself to worship, beauty and usefulness. We do not limit our thanks to committees alone for it required great interest and sacrifice from every member to complete the task and reach the goal.

The goal was reached through faith and trust in God but this is not the climax, it is just the beginning, a step to another goal, that of serving the Lord in the community and the world.

In the Preamble to the Constitution of Faith United Church of Christ, we state our faith briefly. "We acknowledge as the sole head of this church, Jesus Christ, the son of God and Saviour of man. We acknowledge as brethren in Christ all who share in this confession. We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper the creative and redemptive work of the church in this world. We claim as our own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant reformers. We affirm it to be the responsibility of the church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, we recognize two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, as expressions of our Faith."

## THE CHURCH BUILDING

The members of Faith United Church of Christ realize that we are not members of a building, but are members of that "fellowship of believers" which is the faith community, the Church. With Paul we can say the Church is composed of people and we are the bricks out of which the edifice of the Church is built, Jesus Christ being the cornerstone.

The building is our meeting place for worship and education, from which we may go out inspired to serve. It is both a tool and a symbol of the Church and as such should reflect in function and in form what we believe. It should stir all who come within its walls with a sense of reverence and nearness to God.

The arched roof, the mellow brick, and the large lighted windows of the structure give an informality of style that expresses a warm welcome to the community as does the metal cross rising from the roof, beckoning to the traveler.

There is a spacious narthex that invites friendly fellowship between the members, the guests and the Holy Spirit. Upon entering the Sanctuary one has the feeling of quietness, reverence and security as expressed by the beauty, warmth, and simplicity of the sturdy wooden arches, ceiling, paneling, and furniture. The wall tones lend lightness and the colors of the glass and carpeting stimulate a sense of well-being and joy in the hearts of the worshipers.

The beautiful altar and oak cross rising above it at the center of the chancel, draw the attention of the worshiper to the sacrifice God made for us and the resurrection of Christ. The two lighted candles on the altar remind us of the humanity and the divinity of Christ, the Eternal Light. The depth and beauty of the chancel area with choir loft and organ console bring the spirit of worship into the holiness of God's sanctuary.

On the landing of the stairs to the fellowship

Christian education area, the beautiful art-glass window of Christ entitled "Come Unto Me", shows Him extending a welcome to all.

The rooms in the undercroft are functional to another purpose of the church building--that of teaching. This level also provides room for fellowship.

The members of Faith Church cordially extend a warm welcome to all to come and worship and fellowship with us in this new structure built to the Glory of God.

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"Faith United Church of Christ combines the heritage of our Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational-Christian backgrounds....The three local churches committed themselves to the establishment of a new church in a new location, thus preserving their heritage and projecting it forward for this and for future generations. Faith Church is in an enviable position in its family of churches in that it is not bound by habit, custom and tradition. These have been intermingled and mellowed enabling the new church to plot its course unshackled. We face the future....with a new challenge. We can meet this challenge with the faith which brought us together with new and modern facilities and with a modern approach to religion.....

"We can visualize a great mission and service for Faith Church in this new location. We can visualize Faith Church as a community center...."

Wilbur E. Langemach

With those words, the first president of our new church summarized our dreams for the future of Faith Church.

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## IN APPRECIATION

We, the Congregation of Faith United Church of Christ, wish to express our appreciation of The Reverend Newton W. Klooze, who came to minister to us October 1, 1962.

Mr. Klooze has been a guiding factor in the blending process which has molded the three former congregations into one united congregation. With his past experience in church building programs, he has given valuable assistance in the planning of the new building. We are appreciative of the many hours of service he gives in every phase of the life of this congregation. His devotion and dedication of time, talent and gifts will long be remembered with grateful hearts.

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We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the interest and fine work of these firms to make our building beautiful and functional:

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General Woodworking Co., millwork	St. Joseph
B-D-R Engineering Corp., finish hardware	Kansas City
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Pax Panel, insulated asbestos panel	Kansas City
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#### EMBLEM OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The emblem on the back cover of this booklet was designed for the United Church of Christ and is based on the ancient Christian symbol known as the Cross of Victory or the Cross Triumphant. Traditionally, this symbol--the cross surmounted by the crown and all of it atop the orb--signifies the kingship of the Risen Christ over all the world. The orb, representing the world, is divided into three parts to signify the command of our Lord to His disciples: "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

