



UCC



University Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
1959 – 2009



*"Lord, if it be thy will,
help us to build thy Church."*

Dr. Francis C. Stark, Jr., 1959

University Christian Church

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Fifty Years of Faithful Service

ORGANIZING MINISTER

The Rev. W. Gerald Flinn

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The Rev. Pamela Monn

The Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

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The Rev. Rachel Frey

The Rev. Gloria Grant

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*A 50th Anniversary
Commemoration and Celebration*

May 3, 2009
9:30 A. M.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

As a Family We Gather to Celebrate our Heritage

Prelude

Sara Hindsley Piano, Mary Ruth DeGast, Organ

Call to Celebration and Worship

Rev. Cecil Cook, Senior Minister, University Christian Church

Opening Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

(Sung by the new congregation on May 3, 1959)

Chalice Hymnal, #272

(S.J. Stone, SS Wesley)

*The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are his new creation by water and the Word;
From heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.*

*Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
To one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.*

*We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy one, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee.*

Words of Welcome

Scott Libbee, Master of Ceremonies

Remembering our First Decade

Honoring our Charter Members

Christopher Bock

Letters, Proclamations and Greetings

Scott Libbee

Special Music

cUc Ensemble

(Gladstone Marcus, Director and Arranger)

Remembering our Second Decade

Honoring our Charter Members

Sandy Stark

Greetings

Mt. Rainier Christian Church and
the Christian Church Capital Area

Remembering our Third Decade

Honoring our Charter Members

Freddie Collins

A Liturgical Dance

cUc Youth and Guests under the direction of Elnora Oxendine

Remembering our Fourth Decade

Honoring our Charter Members

Eric Dunn

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
(Sung by the new congregation during one of the first services)

Chalice Hymnal, #610
(Chisholm and Lowden)

*Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do:
Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*

**(Chorus) O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thy self for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, hence forth to live, O Christ for thee alone.**

*Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure—the light of his smile;
Seeking the lost one he died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in him.*

**(Chorus) O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thy self for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, hence forth to live, O Christ for thee alone**

Remembering our Fifth Decade
Honoring our Charter Members
Susan Johnson

Special Recognition and Acknowledgements
F.C. Stark, III, Chairman 50th Anniversary Committee

Presentation of Anniversary Gift
Scott Libbee, President of the Congregation

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Rev. Rachel Frey, Associate Minister cUc

Closing Words and Invitation to Fellowship
Rev. Gloria Grant, Associate Minister cUc



On Solid Rock

*There are ROCKS and there are ROCKS
Many of them do not withstand the test of time.
Some crack and break apart before they start to crumble, until pebbles they become.*

It takes a solid rock to stand

IMMOVABLE

Never to be undermined by quicksand.

Never to be upset when underground soil refuses to stick together.

Never to be threatened by natural disasters or by any kind of weather

floods...windstorms...landslides...avalanches...hurricanes...

tornados...cyclones...typhoons...tsunamis...and more.

Even the strongest earthquake cannot make its foundation shake.

It's not the pull of gravity that anchors the solid rock or molds it tenaciously to the earth.

It's a special rock like no other found on any geological search.

*The solid rock is a mighty rock, a dynamic force with a voice
that called out several generations ago, "build my church, build my church."*

*That church **was** and is cUc—little c, big U, little c—*

It answers to the name

University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The forefathers and foremothers of cUc heard that voice saying "build my church."

They not only listened, they discerned the message and accepted the call.

They took on a bold new challenge,

yet they began to build with a clarity of purpose and with passion and compassion.

They subscribed to the view that it takes a solid rock to be the bedrock of a church.

*They knew that the blueprints they drew were not only for building a structure
of stone and brick and wood but also for building supportive ministries.*

*The founders grasped the opportunity to form a new faith community. They were
Visionaries who had the foresight and insight to see the future of what was to be;*

***Missionaries** who went forth to share the Good News in word and in deed;*

***Emissaries** who were spokes-persons as ambassadors of good will;*

***Luminaries** who let their light shine for moral and spiritual inspiration;*

***Contemporaries** who wove in modern ideas to make the church relevant to the times.*

So it was then and so it is now, after

5 decades of sharing the Good News,

A half century of service,

50 years of building.

*The founders gave birth to the church cUc, then fed and nurtured and cared for it.
But successive generations have picked up the mandate and carried it forward,
still with the will to build on solid rock.*

*They have not only kept the church alive, they have helped it to thrive.
Their steadfast dedication makes possible a celebration.*

*Now, after 50 years, it's a time to pause
to recall the past, celebrate the present, contemplate the future.*

A celebration marks the end of 50 years of being, but it also signals a new beginning.

History has already recorded who, what, when, where, why and how.

It's time for a new chapter to begin, one without end, that starts now.

*It's time for new visionaries, missionaries, emissaries, luminaries, and contemporaries
to join with present-day builders, remembering also the founders of cUc.*

May they step up to the plate and emulate the spirit of determination of past and present builders.

May they honor these values:

***Truth**, the touchstone for all things big and small; **Morality & Justice**, inclusiveness to welcome all;
Trust, in the promises and actions of others; **Hope**, erasing despair in the lives of sisters and brothers;
Wisdom, for making choices and decisions; **Prayer**, to empower people for divine-inspired visions;
Energy, expending it joyfully not wearily to complain; **Courage**, to face challenges, never the same;
Endurance, strength and perseverance—the mantra, “never quit.” **Encouragement**, for more excitement;
Optimism, to see a job as well done before it begins; **Love**, to nourish mind, body, spirit before a day ends;
Faith, carrying the believers through, as they always knew it would!*

Where are the untapped resources who will hear the voice calling, “build my church?”

Who will add the next stones and bricks and wood?

Who will be the mortar, nails, and other necessities for building sustaining ministries?

Who will take the next step in an unfolding plan to confer grace upon as many people as cUc can?”

New builders may say, “this is a new day. Change there will be and it's on the way.”

*If so, the continuing goal of cUc to achieve greatness in the past
will enable future generations to hold celebrations that will be even more vast.*

cUc is built on Solid Rock, an Almighty Rock.

That Rock is Christ.

He will definitely withstand the test of time—His time.

Time Immemorial. An Infinity. An Eternity. Ad infinitum!

Ella Green

May 2009

