



A SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION  
OF THIS CHURCH BUILDING  
AS A SACRED PLACE  
FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST  
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

24 February 2019

GATHERING IN THE NARTHEX

PSALM 24

Tom Langford

CONGREGATION ENTERS THE NAVE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

*The Christ Candle – Web*

*The Processional Cross – Cheyenne*

*The Crozier – Bp. Philip.*

*The Pulpit Bible – Pr. Tom*

*The Chalice and Paten – Jen*

*Kneeling Prayer Pads – Judy and Agnes*

*The Altar Candles – Jim and Betsy*

*Offering plates - Brandon*

*A Hymnal – Carolyn*

*The Guitar – Jon*

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

*Kelly Kurtz, President of the Board - I present this building to be consecrated for the worship of God through Word and Sacraments and the service of all people.*

## NAMING OF THE BUILDING

*Bishop Philip Weeks* - By what name shall this house be known?

*Pastor Tom Bryant* - It shall be called the Well Church

## CONSECRATION OF THE BUILDING

*Bishop Philip Weeks* -

Dear friends, rejoice that God so moved the hearts of people that this house has been built for praise and prayer. Let us now consecrate it for service and celebrate its holy use. O eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, you have promised your special presence whenever two or three are assembled in your name to offer praise and prayer.

By the power of your Holy Spirit consecrate this house of your worship. Bless us and sanctify what we do here, that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people.

*Jen Reynolds, Lay Eucharistic Minister*

Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Sacraments, the pouring out of prayer and the singing of your praise, professions of faith and testimonies to your grace, the joining of men and women in marriage and the celebration of death and resurrection.

*Carolyn Ashwell, Chair, Social Affairs Committee*

Save us from that failure of vision which would confine our worship within these walls, but send us out from here to be your servants in the world, sharing the blessings of Christ with the world he came to redeem.

*Pastor Tom Bryant*

Now, O God, sanctify this place, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the dominion, and you are exalted as head above all.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5, 8

Tom Gough

## CONSECRATION OF THE PULPIT

*Bishop Philip Weeks*

Eternal God, we thank you that Christ your living Word speaks to us through the

words of Holy Scripture, written of old by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and proclaimed today by the anointing of the same Spirit. When your Word is read and preached from this pulpit, purify the lives and lips of those who speak here, that your Word alone may be proclaimed and your Word alone may be heard and obeyed. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock & our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

God's Word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path. We consecrate this pulpit in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & INVOCATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - "Surely the Presence"

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 103.1-13 (P.824)

HYMN - "Jesus, at Your Holy Table"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Ephesians 3.14-21

Tom Gough

OFFERTORY - "THE NEW DOXOLOGY"

The Choir

\*DOXOLOGY # 95

\*GOSPEL - Matthew 16.13 –18

Jen Reynolds

SERMON

CONSECRATION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

*Pastor Tom Bryant*

Most gracious God, we thank you that through the waters of baptism you have given us new life, adopted us as your children, and made us members of your Church. When we pour the water of baptism, making and renewing our covenant vows, pour out your Spirit and give new birth; wash away sin and clothe your people in righteousness; that, dying and being raised with Christ, we may walk in new and abundant life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

We consecrate this font in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONSECRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*Jen Reynolds, Lay Eucharistic Minister*

Lord God, we thank you that when we gather at the Lord's table the living Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup; and we are renewed as his body, whose life is in his blood. When we eat this bread & drink from this cup, refresh all those who partake at this holy table. Feed the hunger of our hearts with the bread of heaven, & quench our deepest thirst with the cup of salvation. Strengthen us for your service in the world, & give us a foretaste of the feast to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, & whoever believes in me shall never thirst." We consecrate this table in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SOLO "Gather Us In"

Betsy Burns

CONFESSING OUR FAITH – Nicene Creed # 880

COMMUNION

\*HYMN - # 57 "O Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE – "Where He Leads Me"