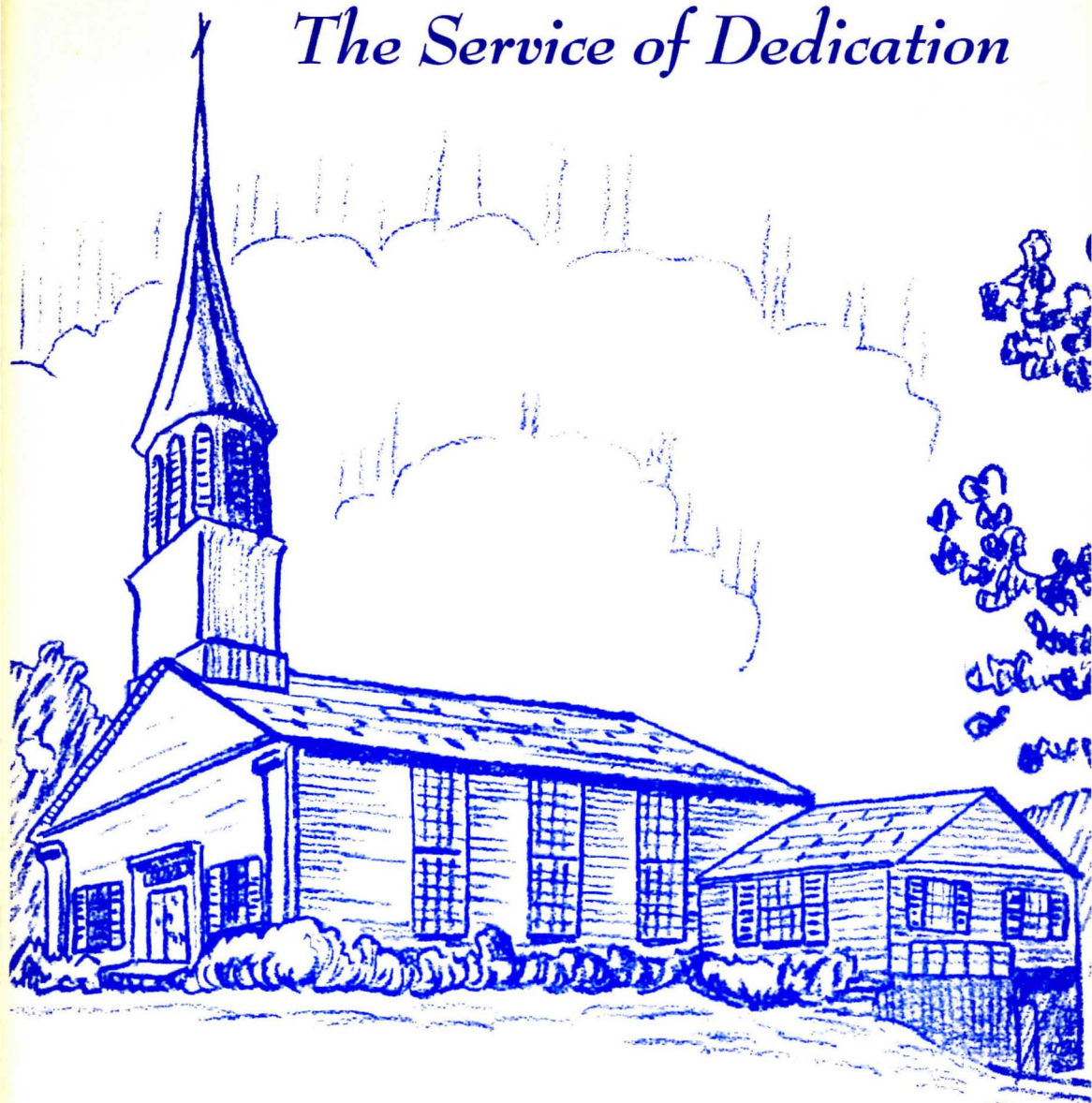


The Service of Dedication



Granville Federated Church

GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

NOVEMBER 24, 1968

10:30 A.M.

MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

Behind every structure, however stately or humble, lies a story of human endeavor, human sacrifice, and human aspiration.

The First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Granville was organized between 1744-1747 with Rev. Moses Tuttle the first settled minister.

In 1790 twenty-five members led by David Rose and separating from the church-state to form the First Baptist Church of East Granville, conducted their meetings of worship in homes and later in a schoolhouse.

On November 10, 1802 a new Congregational Meeting House was dedicated to the honor and worship of God with the people keeping a day of thanksgiving. The sermon was from Haggai 2nd Chapter - 9th verse: "The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of Hosts. And in this place will I give peace."

In 1824 a meeting house for the Baptist congregation was built by the members with Rev. Silas Root for whose ordination seven years previous the Rev. Timothy Cooley gave the use of the church on Granville Hill.

In 1845 Dr. Timothy Mather Cooley, a scholar and a man among men, celebrated his 50th jubilee with the sons and daughters of Granville returning from all parts of the country to honor him.

The Rev. George D. Felton, pastor, has written: "In 1848 by a special effort which scarcely anyone supposed could be successful, Granville Baptist Meeting House was erected and on December 19, 1849 was dedicated to the worship of the Almighty God."

1895—Year of the Adjourned Jubilee of the Congregational Church.

In July, 1937 the Baptist Church and the First Church of Christ, Congregational were federated with each church keeping its own identity.

May 3, 1967 — The Rev. Theodore Euson, pastor, outlined the need for improved facilities to house all phases of the church program.

May 11, 1967 — Granville Federated Church began preliminary phase of a building program with the capital funds campaign planned.

May 26, 1967 — Gift of additional land from Miss Ruth Gaines accepted.

August, 1967 — Members of the Building Council appointed.

March 10, 1968 — The site of the new church edifice was dedicated.

April, 1968 — The project entered the construction stage with the ground-breaking ceremony.

We of the Federated Church thank God for granting us vision, faith, strength, and a sense of accomplishment. We praise Him for imparting to us peace, joy, and fellowship. We anticipate for the future in the Church building confrontation with God through worship, Christian Education, fellowship, evangelism, and recreation.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE
for the
FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Prelude — "Jubilate Deo" Silver

*Opening of the Bible — "Marche Pontificale" Gounod

*Call to Worship Deacon Joseph Dickinson

*Processional Hymn — "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home;
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet A-men of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

A-MEN

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Litany of Dedication

(Pastor)

Dearly beloved brethren: Forasmuch as it pleased almighty God to put it into the heart of his servants to build this house for his worship, let us now fulfill the godly purpose for which we are assembled of dedicating it to the honor of God's most holy name.

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;

To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

For the worship of God in praise and prayer;

For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;

For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

For the comfort of all who mourn

For strength to those who are tempted;

For light to those who seek the way;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

For the hallowing of family life;

For teaching and guiding the young;

For the perfecting of the saints;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

For the conversion of sinners;

For the promotion of righteousness

For the extension of the kingdom of God;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

In loving memory of those who have gone from us, whose hearts and hands have served in this church; with gratitude for all whose faith and consecrated gifts make this house possible; In gratitude for the labors of all those who love and serve this church and with prayers for all who shall worship in this house in years to come;

(People) WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

(Pastor)

And now, as a people within the household of God, in the unity of faith, in the communion of saints, in love and goodwill to all, in gratitude for the gift of this house to be an habitation of God through the Spirit;

(People)

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO CHRIST, TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD, AND THE SERVICE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE OPEN BIBLE, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Anthem — "Come, Thou Fount"

Excell

Scripture Reading — ICorinthians 3: 9-23

Speaker

Rev. Emil Beck

*Hymn — "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee;
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the Joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Greetings from

Rev. Harry Stuckenbruck

Offering — "Gloria" from The Twelfth Mass

Mozart

Doxology

Speaker

Rev. John Fassett

Solo — "Bless This House"

Richard Brown

The Sermon

Rev. Theodore Euson

*The Closing Hymn — "Saviour, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Saviour, again to Thy dear Name we raise,
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease,
And still our hearts to wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy Name.

Grant us Thy Peace, Lord, through the coming night,
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

A-Men.

*Benediction

*Choral Response — Seven-fold Amen.

Postlude — "The Heavens Resound"

Beethoven

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* Congregation Standing.

Please exit through the Sanctuary side doors to tour the entire building at your leisure. Building Committee members will be strategically positioned throughout the various areas to answer your questions. You are invited to join us for a Buffet Luncheon in Fellowship Hall after your tour.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

REV. THEODORE EUSON

Pastor

MRS. WILLARD TRYON

Organist

MRS. HAROLD HINKLEY

Pianist

MRS. PAUL NOBBS, SR.

Choir Director

REV. EMIL BECK

Vice President and Secretary

Massachusetts Conference of United Church of Christ

REV. HARRY STUCKENBRUCK

Served as Interim Pastor prior to the calling of Rev. Euson

REV. JOHN FASSETT

Minister of Church Development

Massachusetts Baptist Convention

MR. JOSEPH DICKINSON

Deacon for 30 Years

APPRECIATION

Grateful Appreciation To —

The Church Building Committee

The Church Building Council

The many who have worked

The many who have given

The many who have prayed

The Architect, Mr. Malcolm Crabtree

The Contractor, The Leonard Forish Construction Co.