

# PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BENJAMIN D. BERRY, JR. - MINISTER

90th Anniversary



1630 W. CHESTNUT STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 40203

ANTHONY MAYFIELD, ORGANIST, DIRECTOR -

CHANCEL, CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

THOMAS I. MOXLEY, DIRECTOR, YOUTH CHOIR

"SURELY THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN #365  
"Faith of Our Fathers

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OCCASION Mr. Lyman T. Johnson  
Chairman, Deacon Board, Plymouth

CALL TO PRAYER #533

PRAYERS FOR THE OCCASION Rev. Berry

CHORAL RESPONSE

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GREETINGS FROM THE KENTUCKIANA ASSOCIATION  
Reverend Arwood J. Sterrett  
Pastor, Zion United Church of Christ

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. Elmer J. Schmied, Chairman, Settlement House Board

HYMN #391  
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THE SERMON Dr. Howard K. Thurman

THE ANTHEM The Chancel Choir

REMARKS Reverend B. D. Berry

THE CLOSING HYMN #93

BENEDICTION Dr. Thurman

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Plymouth Church was organized in the fall of 1877 and held the first worship on Jefferson near 9th Street. During this early stage, several men ministered to this little group: The Reverends Smith, McCleelan, Snell and Johnson.

In 1891 the Reverend E. G. Harris was sent by the American Missionary Association to take charge as pastor. Shortly after his arrival a lot was purchased at the corner of 17th and Chestnut Streets on which a frame structure was erected. It is upon the foundation laid by these early members that the present institution rests.

In 1911 the Settlement House was conceived, and by 1917 it became a reality.

The small frame structure proved inadequate to meet the needs of the growing congregation. Working with groups from the entire Louisville community, Mr. Harris began planning for a new building. The present edifice was erected and dedicated in 1929.

Plymouth has had the service of four ministers: Rev. E. G. Harris, Rev. T. S. Ledbetter, Rev. A. D. Pinckney, and the present minister, Rev. B. D. Berry. Each has, in his own way, sought to carry on the tradition begun with Rev. Harris - the tradition of being a church for the community. The church has come far since its beginning in 1877. The Settlement House itself is now 50 years old. But through these years the concept of service is ever before the church. May God grant His continued guidance.

## THE STORY OF PLYMOUTH SETTLEMENT HOUSE

Plymouth Settlement House at 1626 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky was started in 1917 to serve the Negro population of the West End of Louisville. It was built and supported originally by private funds, and sponsored by Plymouth Congregational Church. A small paid staff, consisting of the church's pastor as the Executive Director and many volunteers led an extensive recreational geared program for adults and youth.

In 1956 Plymouth Settlement House changed from a solely church sponsored Agency to a city-wide, Community Chest and Church sponsored agency...becoming incorporated and establishing a Board of Directors as its policy making body.

Today, 50 years later, the Settlement, a member of the United Church of Christ family, is still a vital force..helping the community to improve itself through joining forces with others in society who can make their actions effective and meaningful. The services (Family counselin, Child development, Neighborhood Youth Corps for High School Drop-outs, Community Organizations, Club Services, Senior Citizens) are provided. Committed to the Christian precepts of love and charity, Plymouth is administering a ministry geared toward the goal of increasing perception, opportunity and desire so that each person touched knows what it means to be a "Child of God."