

PEOPLE - BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL: O LORD, MY GOD, THOU ART GREAT INDEED, CLOTHED IN MAJESTY AND SPLENDOR AND WRAPPED IN A ROBE OF LIGHT. THOU HAST SPREAD OUT THE HEAVENS LIKE A TENT AND ON THEIR WATERS LAID THE BEAMS OF THY PAVILION. MAY THE GLORY OF THE LORD STAND FOREVER, AND MAY HE REJOICE IN HIS WORKS.

Leader - We took away rights and we admitted rights; we practised human slavery; we abolished slavery.

PEOPLE - WITH ALL MY HEART I WILL PRAISE THE LORD. HIS WORKS ARE TRUTH AND JUSTICE; HIS PRECEPTS STAND ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS, STRONGLY BASED TO ENDURE FOREVER, THEIR FABRIC GOODNESS AND TRUTH.

Leader - Our people rose up and claimed justice; women, black, red, brown -- American Revolution continues.

PEOPLE - ARISE, O GOD, AND JUDGE THE EARTH; FOR THOU DOST PASS ALL NATIONS THROUGH THY SIEVE.

Leader - We became powerful and mighty, a victor in 1776, 1812, victors over Mexicans, Germans, Japanese. We won all declared wars. Our power prevails.

PEOPLE - HAPPY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEARNT TO ACCLAIM THEE, WHO WALK, O LORD, IN THE LIGHT OF THY PRESENCE; IN THY NAME THEY SHALL REJOICE ALL THE DAY LONG; THY RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL LIFT THEM UP. THOU ART THYSELF THE STRENGTH IN WHICH THEY GLORY; THRU THY FAVOUR WE HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH. THE LORD, HE IS OUR SHIELD; THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, HE IS OUR KING.

Leader - We survived great depression, celebrated economic revival, developed powerful trade unions and multinational corporations.

PEOPLE - GREAT IS THE LORD AND WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE; HIS GREATNESS IS UNFATHOMABLE.

Leader - We have seen assassination and scandal; the nation survives.

PEOPLE - O LORD, WHO SAVEST MAN AND BEAST, HOW PRECIOUS IS THY UNFAILING LOVE!

Leader - We remain a people of hope.

PEOPLE - GOD BE GRACIOUS TO US AND BLESS US, GOD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON US, THAT HIS WAYS MAY BE KNOWN ON EARTH AND HIS SAVING POWER AMONG ALL NATIONS.

Leader - Lord of all Nations, Judge of all States, Victor over the Powers of Darkness, Healer of the People.

PEOPLE - WE CELEBRATE OUR NATION, WE AFFIRM YOUR RULE, WE OFFER SOLEMN THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR HEALING PRESENCE IN OUR PEOPLE'S YEARS. WHERE WE ARE BROKEN, MEND US; WHERE WE ARE UNRIGHTEOUS, JUDGE US; WHERE WE ARE BLIND, RESTORE OUR SIGHT; WHERE WE ARE DEAF, OPEN OUR EARS; WHERE WE ARE LAME, HELP US TO MOVE AGAIN.

Leader - Holy, Holy, Holy is God the Sovereign Lord of all.

PEOPLE - WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME.

ALL - AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

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HYMN

"America The Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,
 Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

SOUTHSIDE BI-CENTENNIAL
Sunday, February 22, 1976

HYMN

"O God Our Help In Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

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PSALM 85

Leader - A psalm of the sons of Korah.

Right - You have favored, O Lord, your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Left - You have forgiven the guilt of your people; you have covered all their sins.

Right - You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have revoked your burning anger.

Left - Restore us, O God our savior, and abandon your displeasure against us.

Right - Will you be ever angry with us, prolonging your anger to all generations?

Left - Will you not instead give us life; and shall not your people rejoice in you?

Right - Show us, O Lord, your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Left - I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord - for he proclaims peace. To his people, and to his faithful ones, and to those who put in him their hope.

Right - Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land,

Left - Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

Right - Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

Left - The Lord himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.

Right - Justice shall walk before him and salvation, along the way of his steps.

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LITANY

"A LITANY FROM FAITH STORY AND NATION STORY"

Leader - Our nation has a story. We declared our independence and revolted from England in 1776.

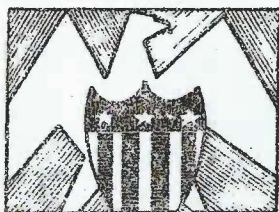
PEOPLE - WITH ALL MY HEART I WILL PRAISE THE LORD. GREAT ARE THE DOINGS OF THE LORD; HE SENT AND REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE.

Leader - We moved West. We developed the resources of a fruitful continent.

PEOPLE - THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND ALL THAT IS IN IT, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN. FOR IT WAS HE WHO FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS AND PLANTED IT FIRM UPON THE WATERS BENEATH.

Leader - We brought technology from steam engine to atomic energy.

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BICENTENNIAL SUNDAY
- for -
SOUTHSIDE CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 22, 1976

Continuous Afternoon Program
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

CONKLIN AVENUE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
269 Conklin Avenue

FILMS ... MUSIC ... HISTORICAL SLIDES
TOWN MEETING ... CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN
BAKING DEMONSTRATION ... FOLK DANCING
DISPLAYS

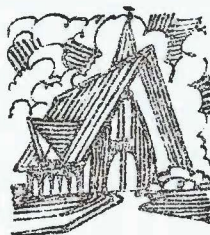
5:40-6:00 - FLAG CEREMONY

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6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Catholic Church
370 Conklin Avenue

DESSERT AND BEVERAGE-TIME

(Anyone desiring to bring a
box supper for their fam-
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7:30 P.M.
ECUMENICAL SERVICE
St. Andrew's

Southside Clergy Participating
Combined Choir

The Rev. Earl Brill, Speaker
Director of Studies,

College of Preachers, Washington, D.C.

A SOUVENIR BOOKLET WITH CHURCH HISTORIES
and complete program available for all.

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