Grace Church Bicentennial Program Booklet

1814 - 2014

# Grace Church of Columbiana

140 South Main Street Columbiana, Ohio 44408 September 14 – October 5, 2014

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Trinitarian Grace Church logo designed by Shannon Joy: Rainbow for God the Father, Creator, and for covenant, star cross for Jesus the Son, symbolizing Christmas and the Cross of Calvary, bird for the dove of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

#### **Bicentennial Events**

Timeline of 200 Years: Aug. 2014 – 2015

Columbiana "First Friday": Aug. 1, 5-8:00 p.m.

Grace Church Historical Display: Sept. 27 - Oct. 31

Grace Church Bicentennial Float: Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Rechartering and Historical Service: Sept. 14, 10:45 a.m.

Grace Church Main Hallway

Tours of Grace

Columbiana Library

Street Fair

"The Grace Given to Grace"

#### Celebration Weekend -

Informal Church Social: Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. Grace Church Fellowship Hall Breakfast Buffet Seminar with Dr. Joy: Oct. 4, 8-10 a.m.

"Outfitting Grace Church for the Future"

Community Block Party: Oct. 4, 12-1:30 p.m.

Alumni Choir Rehearsal: Oct. 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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Olde Tyme Sunday School Opening: Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.

Bicentennial Celebration Service: Oct. 5, 10:45 a.m.

Dutch Haus Restaurant

Grace Church Parking Lot

Sanctuary

St. Jude's Catholic Church Hall

Fellowship Hall

Luncheon by AlaCarte to follow the service.

# The Names of Grace Church through the Ages

By God's grace, Grace is who we are and grace is how we live.

Grace Church of Columbiana (NACCC)	2006
Grace United Church of Christ (UCC)	1957
Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church	1934
Grace Reformed Church	1867
Jerusalem Church	1822
School and Meeting House Society	1814

"Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

-4th verse, Amazing Grace by John Newton, 1779

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

#### Grace Church of Columbiana

#### "The Grace Given to Grace"

Rechartering and Historical Service Sunday, September 14, 2014 10:45 a.m.

The sources for this historically based service come from the book *A History of Grace United Church of Christ, 1814-1993* and the Heritage Committee at that time: Everett Warrick and James A. Sitler. Also much historical information and advice came from our church historian, Beverly Richardson. Without these resources this service could not have been put together. I am truly grateful. I hope that, as my title implies, you can get a sense of the tremendous grace God has showered upon Grace Church through 200 years, helping us to survive a shaky start as a nation, community, and church, make it through economic depressions, times when giving was not good, a devastating church fire, theological battles and controversies, endure disgruntled pastors and grumpy church members, and massive societal transformations, such as the 1960s, and wars: a bunch of them from the War of 1812 to our present war on terror. Any one of these difficulties has been known to do in churches and close their doors permanently. But not Grace. NOT YOU. Grace Church is still here, striving to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ as best it can, in ways God shows to proceed. May it always be so, until He comes again.

-Rev. Dr. Rob Joy

Note: All hymns are one verse only, except the National Anthem.

# Scene 1 Prelude to a Founding

Narrator: Becky Stearns

Opening Monologue: The Faith of a Farmer (Pre-1814)

\*Hymn: #43 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Martin Luther (1529)

Second Monologue: A Burning Capitol, a Flag That Still Waves (1814)

\*Hymn: #423 *The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key (9/13/1814, both verses)

# Scene 2 The Founding: Pioneers of the Faith (August 13, 1814)

Invitation to Chartering:

The Rev. John Peter Mahnenschmidt portrayed by Mark Frost

All will be invited to come forward and sign the charter of the "School and Meeting House Society" if you did not sign when you entered. If you want to sign later, you will have an opportunity. This is not an actual legal chartering, only a re-enactment.

# The historical text of the Articles of Association of the School and Meeting House Society August 13, 1814

On this day, August 13, in the year of our Lord, 1814, we hereby do ordain and establish this School and Meeting House Society of Columbiana, Ohio.

To promote adequate oversight and governance, there shall be elected annually, three trustees, a secretary, and a treasurer.

In our gatherings, to promote peace, these conditions of fellowship are required:

- 1.) A practical conformity to the principles of impartial equity.
- 2.) Every member shall be considered as possessing in himself an original and inalienable right to believe and worship God as his own conscience may dictate without being called into question by any other member.
- 3.) It is allowed that any licensed preacher who preaches the gospel in purity, to preach in the above said meeting house if he made application to the trustees, and should it happen that application should be made by two preachers in one day, let one preach in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon so that none may meet with disappointment.

#### Scene 3

#### The Anxious Bench Controversy: New Measures or Old Standards?

Narrator: Dinah Sitler

Monologue: A Time of Great Theological Controversy (late 1820s-1850s)

Choir Anthem: Clap Your Hands and Sing Alleluia, Don Besig and Nancy Price (1991)

Second Monologue: Striving for Peace and Stability (1850s) Hymn: #689 *The Church's One Foundation*, Samuel Stone (1866)

# Scene 4 The Reinhart Renaissance

Narrator: Sam Ferguson

Monologue: A Renewal for Grace Church and a Terrible War (1860-1864)

\*Hymn: #416 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory,* Julia Ward Howe (1862) Second Monologue: Building for the Kingdom, Part 1 (1864-1869) Hymn: #702 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,* Timothy Dwight (1801)

#### Scene 5

#### A Time of Rapid Growth: The Bomberger Explosion

Narrator: Brenda Hanna (for music for this scene, see insert)

Monologue: Modest Growth and Setting the Stage for Progress (1870-1879)

Hymn: *Bringing In the Sheaves*, Knowles Shaw (1874)

Second Monologue: Ring that Bell! (1880-1897)

The Ringing of the Bell

Hymn: Come to the Church in the Wildwood, William Pitts (1857)

#### Scene 6

#### When Everything Changes: Chaos at the Turn of the Century

Narrator: Elizabeth Palette

Monologue: Revolving Door Pulpit and Mission to China (1897-1908)

Hymn: #530 Be Still, My Soul, Katherina A. von Schlegel (1752)

Second Monologue: Church Fire, and a Smoldering Pastor (1907-1909)

The Rev. George Welsh (1905-1907) portrayed by Jack Sitler Hymn: #708 Blest Be the Tie That Binds, John Fawcett (1782)

#### Scene 7

#### Brother Can You Spare a Dime? & The Yanks Are Coming

Narrator: Dr. Alex Heintzelman

Monologue: Ike Slept Here, and a Beat Up Model T (1917-1921)

Second Monologue: The Great Depression and a Budget Crisis (1929-1940)

Offertory

\*Doxology: #808

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Scene 8

#### The Nifty Fifties and the Psychedelic Sixties

Narrator: Chris Eisenbraun

Monologue: Graceful Economic Stability and Long-Term Pastors (1947-present)

Hymn: #710 We Are Called to Be God's People, Thomas Jackson (1973) Second Monologue: Building for the Kingdom, Part 2 (1953-1967)

\*Hymn: #21 How Great Thou Art, Stuart Hine (1949)

#### Scene 9

#### When Everything Changes: Chaos at the Millennium

Narrators: Larry Snyder, Rob Joy Monologue: In Praise of God: Music!

Hymn: #537 Lord, Be Glorified, Bob Kilpatrick (1978)

Second Monologue: The Need for Christian Education

Hymn: #739 Pass It On, Kurt Kaiser (1969)

Third Monologue: Great Challenges That Require Grace (2000-2014)

Hymn: #118 We Will Glorify, Twila Paris (1982)

Final Monologue: The Solution

\*Hymn: #721 Shine Jesus Shine, Graham Kendrick (1988)

(The complete manuscript of this service is available in the church office, upon request.)

#### Thanks to:

The Narrators/Actors:

(in order of appearance)

**Becky Stearns** 

Mark Frost

Dinah Sitler

Sam Ferguson

Brenda Hanna

Elizabeth Palette

Jack Sitler

Dr. Alex Heintzelman

Chris Eisenbraun

Larry Snyder

Rev. Dr. Rob Joy

The Musicians:

The Grace Church Choir Organist/Pianist: Judy Bott

Choir Director: Alaina Cornfield DVD Recording: Jolane Day DVD Processing: Steve Jones

Projection and Creator of the Slide Show: Jolane Day

Sound: Chris Eisenbraun

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty – hold me with thy powerful hand." -1st verse of Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah by William Williams, 1745

#### Beard Growing Contest: July 14 - September 14

Judges: Matt Bell, Brian Cope, Allison Hoskinson Winners:

"Dapper Dan: Neat and Trim"

Herb Roble

"Duck Dynasty: Olde Tyme Whiskers"

Dave Hanna

Participants: Rob Joy, Matt Bell, Tom Bell, Dave Hanna, Carle Greenawalt, Greg

Gustafson, Larry Snyder, Logan Cope, Herb Roble

#### Lady's Hat Contest: September 14

Judges: Patty Lanterman, Brenda Hanna, Vicki Cope Winners:

"Historical" Helen DeLucia

"Most Beautiful and Interesting"

Theresa Greenawalt

Participants: Ginny Snyder, Theresa Greenawalt, Connie Scullion, Anna Joy, Joyce

McKee, Helen DeLucia



# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014 Informal Church Social

Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m.

#### Grace Church Fellowship Hall

Please gather in the Fellowship Hall. Have a fun evening of renewing old friendships and making new ones. Please put on a name tag. We may not recognize you, remember you, or maybe we have never met you! Let's make it easy for everyone. Refreshments are courtesy of the Women's Guild and Grace Reaches Out. Make sure you see all the pictures of days gone by, the historical memorabilia, and the timeline in the main hallway by the church office. There will be periodic tours of the church through the evening, with information about the different areas of the church: the sanctuary, the two Sunday School additions, the gym and lounge, etc., when they were built and what has happened in those places over the years. There is no scheduled ending time for this evening, so take your time and enjoy! If you want, try your hand at ping pong or shoot a few baskets in the gym, or say a prayer in the chapel.

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

# "Outfitting Grace Church for the Year 2020 and Beyond" Where will Grace Church be in 2020?

Breakfast Buffet Seminar with Dr. Joy Oct. 4, 8-10 a.m. at the Dutch Haus Restaurant

Welcome Opening Prayer Breakfast Buffet (\$10) Introduction Indications of Great Change Accretions vs. Traditions What We Can't Do What We Can Do

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountain shake in the heart of the sea."

-Psalm 46:1-2

# Community Block Party

Oct. 4, 12-1:30 p.m. Grace Church Parking Lot

Want a fun lunch? Chris Eisenbraun and the Confirmation Class (Tanner Wessling, Nicole McMaster, Staci Hanna) are making hot dogs, free for all! There will also be a cornhole tournament organized by the Cope Family and face painting for the young ones by Colleen Eisenbraun. The community is invited to this event, so be ready to meet lots of folks!

#### Alumni Choir Rehearsal

Oct. 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### Sanctuary

Do you like to sing? Join us for a rehearsal of music we will sing during the bicentennial service on Sunday. Present choir members, past choir members, and choir member wanna-bes can all participate and help make the Sunday morning worship music truly inspiring! Meet in the sanctuary with our choir director Alaina Cornfield and organist Judy Bott.

# Bicentennial Celebration Banquet

Oct. 4, 6:00 p.m.

St. Jude's Catholic Church Banquet Hall

Toastmaster Jack Sitler
Invocation Tom Bell
Dinner Music DJ Melissa Malcomson

#### The Menu

Roast Sirloin of Beef, Turkey with Dressing, Penne Pasta with Meatballs
Red Skinned Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables
Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea, Punch
Cookies and Cake

Introduction of Guests Jack Sitler

The Singing of America

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesty 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!
- America, the Beautiful, Katherine L. Bates (1893)

Letters of Commendation from our Governmental Leaders
Words of Commendation from our Governmental Leaders:
The Honorable Nick Barborak, Ohio House of Representatives, District 5
The Honorable Bryan Blakeman, Mayor, City of Columbiana
Grace Church thanks these two gentlemen for taking time out of their busy schedules and being present with us during our celebration.

Musical Intermission (10 minutes)

The Rev. John Bartholomew and the Rev. Richard Bartholomew, supply preachers for Grace Church and whom were raised in Grace Church as youth.

The Rev. David Weber, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Mesquite, TX, and whom was raised in the church as a youth Family of the Rev. Ernest Noll, former pastor of Grace Church Note from the Rev. Charles Terrell, former pastor of Grace Church The Rev. Charles Ready, pastor, retired, United Methodist Church and former minister of visitation of Grace Church

The Rev. Earl Crecelius, pastor, St. Paul's UCC, Freeburg, IL, and former pastor of Grace Church

The Singing of Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

-Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound, John Newton (1779)

The Rev. Dr. Pat Hunt, immediate past moderator, Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches, and pastor of Heritage Congregational Church in Berea

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Mauro, director, Center for Congregational Leadership, National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Joy, pastor, Grace Church of Columbiana

"Golden Memories" Remembering the Golden Links Class

Miss Vivian Reemer

A Toast to God's Grace Given to Grace Church Benediction Toastmaster Jack Sitler The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Joy

Table Decorations
Flower Decorations
Dinner Tickets
Music

Bobbi Hughes John Burkey of Quaker Corner Cheryl Bell and Elizabeth Palette DJ Melissa Malcomson

Our thanks to "The Georgetown" who prepared and served our dinner.

"We are now a family of which the Lord is head; though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread." -2<sup>nd</sup> chorus line, Come, Share the Lord, Bryan Jeffrey Leech (1984)

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014 Olde Tyme

# Sunday School Opening Exercises

Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.

Grace Church Fellowship Hall

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song: Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

Announcements

Birthdays

Song: The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 7:24-27

Devotional

Closing Song: The Church's One Foundation

## Bicentennial Celebration Service

Oct. 5, 10:45 a.m. Grace Church Sanctuary

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Dr. Robert Joy

Greeting: (Used at 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of October 8, 1989) Diane Barnes, Liturgist

Let Us Celebrate

Adapted from music and words by Don Besig and Nancy Price

There are roads that each of us must travel,

though we may not be sure where they may lead.

But our Lord is always there to guide us-

He will give us the confidence we need.

We are bound together in His spirit,

and we know we are never alone.

We have shared His love and understanding,

and our faith and fellowship have grown.

Let us celebrate and give thanks to the Lord-

for showing us the way.

Let us celebrate the journey which has lead us here today.

Announcements

Diane Barnes, Liturgist

#### We Gather in the Presence of God

Choral Anthem: *The Time for Singing Has Come* 

Joseph M. Martin, 2006

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Diane Barnes, Liturgist

Leader: You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. (Psalm 90:1)

People: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

Leader: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)

People: You O Lord, have been with us for these two hundred years!

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

People: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

Leader: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:7, 11)

People: You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22, 23)

#### People: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

Leader: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18)

People: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.

Rev. Dr. Robert Joy

Most merciful God,

we humbly admit that we need your help.

We confess that we have wandered from your way:

we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.

You alone can save us.

Have mercy on us:

wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit

that we may live as disciples of Christ.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray,

"Our Father . . ." Amen.

-Australian Prayer Book

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn: #60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness (inspired by John 3:16-17)

How much does God love us?

Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

- written by Thom Shuman,

A Time for Young Christians

Debbie Rohm

#### We Bring Our Praises, Prayers and Gifts

#### A Litany of Thanks:

Diane Barnes, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of founding,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Staff Members, Board Members, and Ministry Team Members,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, visit, counsel, and mentor,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who gave generously of their time, effort, and finances to see that this church was built, maintained, and operated through the many years,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who have been close to our hearts and a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another in tragedy, celebrate with one another in joy, and strengthen each other in all ways,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For baptisms we've celebrated, for times of close communion with you and each other, and seeing heart-felt confirmations when our faith is renewed by witnessing another personally claim Christ in faith,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For a congregation that desires to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For a strong commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For generosity in mission that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the gospel,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For hundreds of children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve around the world,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For a free and prosperous land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

#### People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

\*Hymn: #374 Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart (1636)

(Hymn used at the 175th Anniversary Service, Oct. 15, 1989)

The Anniversary Prayer:

Rev. Dave Weber

The Offertory

The Call to Giving

Jerry Hughes, President of Consistory

Choral Anthem: *Just Pass It On* 

Don Besig (1999)

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Larry Snyder, Chairman of Elders

#### God Speaks to Us Through the Word

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:6-8

The Rev. Charles Ready

Choral Anthem: *Majesty* Jack Hayford, choral arrangement by Jack Schrader (1981)

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\*Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-22a

Sermon: *The Art of Remembering* 

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Mauro, Director of the Center for Congregational Leadership

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### **Invitation:**

Although none should come to this table without a heart of repentance or faith in Christ, we invite all who are sincerely and humbly seeking the presence of God to come to the table.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Congregation responds in bold) Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Countless angels stand before you to serve you night and day, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

We, here today, join with all your people from all times and places, and all of creation and sing:

Sanctus

(The Great Prayer continues)
Hymn of Preparation: #782 Come Share the Lord
The Words of Institution
The Distribution of the Elements
The Concluding Prayer

Bryan Jeffrey Leech, 1984

Our Grateful Response: Reaffirmation of Our Covenant Led by Jeff Cornfield We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We propose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

#### We Go Out to Serve

Closing Intercessions:

Rev. Earl Crecelius

Leader: And now, O Lord, we pray for the children and youth here today that they may be grounded in your truth and learn to love you with a whole heart,

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we pray for the children yet to be born who will sit in these pews in the years to come that they may carry your kingdom to future generations,

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we pray for the mothers and fathers here that they may faithfully tell each new generation of your mercies and your salvation,

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we pray for those unable to be present here this morning, that they may still be aware of your renewing presence with them,

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who labor within these walls, that they may ever be true to your Word and faithful to your calling,

#### People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And we desire, Lord, that you will use us to reach out to many within our community and around the world that in their need, they may know your love and in their sin may find your grace,

# People: O Lord, hear our prayer. To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Romans 16:27)

\*Hymn: Go My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda (1983)

(To the tune of #379 For the Fruit of All Creation)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me; Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children; I will keep you and give peace.

Benediction: The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Joy

Postlude

Participants:

Liturgist: Diane Barnes Organist: Judy Bott

Choir Director: Alaina Cornfield

The Rev. Dave Weber The Rev. Charles Ready The Rev. Earl Crecelius The Rev. Dr. Betsey Mauro

The Rev Dr. Rob Joy

Head Usher: Elder Steve Jones

Communion: Elder Connie Scullion Children's Sermon: Debbie Rohm

Offering: Elder Jerry Hughes and Elder Larry Snyder

Covenant: Jeff Cornfield

Thanks to all these who have put in so much time and effort to make this bicentennial observance happen, be successful, and meaningful.

Bicentennial Committee: Hot Dog Roast: Chris Eisenbraun and Bobbi Hughes, Co-Chair the Confirmands: Tanner Wessling, Nicole McMaster, Staci Hanna

Vivian Reemer, Chairman Emeritus Cornhole Tournament: The Cope Family

Jolane Day, Secretary Face painting: Colleen Eisenbraun

Rev. Dr. Rob Joy, Pastor Ticket Sales: Cheryl Bell

Jack Johnston Grace Church Bicentennial Float:

Jack Sitler McMaster Farms: Wagon

Dick Weber Catalpa Grove (Mercer Family):

Christal Bonsall Mums and Straw

Doris Ogle, Consistory Representative Float Decorations: Jerry Hughes,

Gary Scullion, Diane Barnes, Bobbi Hughes, Brenda Hanna

Women's Guild & Grace Reaches Out:

Jerry Hughes, President of Consistory

Larry Snyder, Chairman, Board of Elders

Cindy Perorazio, Secretary of Consistory

Fri. night (10/3) refreshments

Float banner frame: Jim Nulf

Banquet flowers: Quaker Corner,

Jim Burkey

Janice Heintzeman: Church Treasurer

Matt Bell, Financial Secretary All who rode on the float.

Don Reash, Chairman, Endowment and Memorial

Brian Cope, Chairman of Board of Christian Education

Judy Bott, Organist Jerry Hughes for the pre-service historic

Alaina Cornfield, Choir Director slideshows.

Marcy LaVogue, Church Secretary Tom Bell for the banquet invocation.

This year "Gracie," the Grace Church Chicken, was played by:

Shelby Rupert, Tyler Rupert, Anna Joy

A special thanks to all of you for attending and participating!

Thanks also to:

The Dutch Haus Restaurant for preparing and serving the Saturday breakfast buffet.

The Georgetown for preparing and serving the Bicentennial Banquet.

AlaCarte Catering for preparing the Sunday luncheon.

"Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us, we pray: teach us to trust you, love and obey you, crown you each moment Lord of today."

-4<sup>th</sup> verse, God of the Ages, Margaret Clarkson (1981)

Notes:	
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