

A Service For the Breaking of Ground

Christ United Methodist Church

30 July 2006

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. John Wunderlich

Rev. Terri Rae Chattin

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Chattin

BREAKING OF GROUND

Revs. Chattin and Wunderlich

To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation, I now direct that ground be broken for the sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church. The responsibility and privilege rest upon us to cause a building to rise here that shall be a house of this people of God and a place devoted to the worship of almighty God and to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

That a church may meet here where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and good ness, and in favor with God and all people,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where youth shall be inspired to pray and serve,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the living Word, and the Sacraments so celebrated that all life shall become sacred,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christ-like love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord,

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all people,

We break this ground today.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Wunderlich

Lord God, you fill the whole world with your presence that your name may be hallowed everywhere. Bless us who meet here, on this ground made holy by your worship. Consecrate those whose vision and work provide this site. Help us to rejoice in this work just begun and to persevere to its completion, so that this place may resound with your praises and become for us a home where we may together be nurtured in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG

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BENEDICTION

Habakkuk 3:2

“Lord, I have heard the news about you; I am amazed at what you have done. Lord, do great things once again in our time; make those things happen again in our own days.”

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