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Lake Erie College, 1941.

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Lake Erie College

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Painesville, Ohio



Vesper Service

Sunday afternoon

April 27th, 1941

at 4 o'clock

ORGAN PRELUDE

Melodie



Peter Tschaikowsky

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"O Beautiful for spacious skies Samuel Ward, 1882

(Congregation rise and join in the singing)

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.

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

INVOCATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation read in unison)

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together,

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O most High;

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night.

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
My King, and my God; for unto thee do I pray.

In the abundance of thy loving-kindness will I come into thy house;
In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness:
Make thy way plain before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice,
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them.

(Congregation sit)

ANTHEM—"God in Nature" *L. Van Beethoven*

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Through all the earth his praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story,
O man repeat that glorious sound!
The starry host He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumbers;
O man, adore the king of kings!

What power and splendor, what wisdom and order,
In nature's mighty plan unrolled.
Through space and time, to infinity's border,
What wonders vast and manifold.
The earth is his, and the heaven's o'er it bending,
The Maker in his works behold.
He is and will be through ages unending,
A God of strength and love untold.

The heavens he orders, all earth knows his favor,
His power in all things thou dost see,
The Lord of hosts, forever and ever,
Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy maker, whose love shall not waver,
A God of wisdom ever kind;
O praise and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation thou shalt find.

HYMN—"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" Old Netherland Melody

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Julia Bulkley Cady, 1992

Responsive Reading *(Congregation rise)*

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth:
By understanding he established the heavens.

By his knowledge the depths were broken up
And the skies drop down the dew.

The works of the Lord are great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honor and majesty:
And his righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
*A good understanding have all they that do his commandments:
His praise endureth forever.*

Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
Or ever the evil days come, and the year draw night,
When thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

Jesus said: The hour cometh and now is,
When the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth:
For such doth the Father seek to be his worshipers.

God is a spirit: And they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth,
*Now unto the King Eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only God,
Be honor and glory for ever and ever.*

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable,
Whatsoever things are just,
*Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,
Whatsoever things are of good report;*

If there be any virtue, and there be any praise,
Think on these things,
*The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me,
These things do; and the God of Peace shall be with you.*

GLORIA PATRI—*The Choir and Congregation*

ANTHEM—"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" *Clarence G. Hamilton*

Praise my soul the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Ever more His praises sing:
Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor,
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes,
Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him!
Ye behold him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before Him!
Gathered in from every race,
Alleluia! Praise with us the Father,
O praise the God of grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ANTHEM—"Be Strong In The Lord" *Cuthbert Harris*

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might,
Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips, and with harps,
Bless the Lord in all His ways,
Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens.
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children,
So is the Lord merciful to them that fear Him.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
Even so is the Lord round about His people.

HYMN—"The King of love ml Shepherd is" John B. Dykes, 1858

(Congregation rise and join in the singing)

The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

ADDRESS by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple, Cleveland

VESPER HYMN—"God, that madest earth and heaven" Welsh Melody

(Choir sing, sitting)

God, that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night;
May thine angel-guards defend us,
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us;
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night.

And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still whate'er be fall us,
Thy will obey.
From the power of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Nor Thy smile be e'er denied us,
The livelong day.

BENEDICTION

WRHS



SEVEN-FOLD AMEN

John Stainer

RECESSIONAL HYMN—"God of the nations, near and far" C. W. Pool, 1875

(Congregation rise and join in the singing)

God of the nations, near and far,
Ruler of all mankind,
Bless Thou Thy people as they strive
The paths of peace to find,
The clash of arms still shakes the sky,
King battles still with king.
Wild through the frightened air of night
The bloody tocsins ring.

But clearer far the friendly speech
Of scientists and seers,
The gathered statesmen's wise debate,
The shouts of pioneers,
And stronger far the clasped hands
Of labor's teeming throngs,
Who in a hundred tongues repeat
Their common creeds and songs.

From shore to shore the peoples call
In loud and sweet acclaim,
The gloom of land and sea is lit
With Pentecostal flame.
O Father! from the course of war
We pray Thee give release,
And speed, O speed the blessed day
Of justice, love and peace.

John Haynes Holmes, 1914

ORGAN POSTLUDE—Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

Mr. Kraft's next Organ Recital of the season will be given on Thursday, May 8th, at 8:15 p. m.

You are cordially invited to worship with us at our next Vesper Service to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 18th at 4 o'clock. The address will be given by The Rev. Philip Smead Bird, D. D.