

Inaugural Services

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Grand Bend United Church

White Church, Mollard Road

WHICH INCLUDES

Methodist Congregation

Organized 1874

Presbyterian Congregation

Organized 1872



June 27, 1926

Order of Service

Minister

Oh, Come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Invocation

O, Lord our God, Father everlasting and full of compassion, Who satisfiest the desire of every living thing, quicken our hearts to desire those good things for which Thou hast spread a table for the children of Thy love. Help us to yield our whole being to the ministrations of Thy good Spirit. Take away all blindness of apprehension and so illumine us that our souls shall burn inwardly towards Thee and our lives shine openly as lights in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 135, Holy, Holy, Holy R. Heber

Prayer of General Confession (in unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But Thou, oh, Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, Oh, God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord, And grant Oh, most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 417, Jesus Lover of my Soul Chas. Wesley

Scripture in Haison

Psalm 118, verses 1—4; 19—26.

(All standing)

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good
Because His mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say

That His mercy endureth forever.

Let the house of Aaron now say

That His mercy endureth forever.

Let them that fear the Lord now say,

That His mercy endureth forever.

Open to me the gates of Righteousness; I will go into
them, and I will praise the Lord.

This gate of the Lord into which the Righteous
shall enter.

I will praise Thee; for Thou hast heard me and art become
my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head-
stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.

Save now I beseech Thee, Oh, Lord; Oh, Lord I beseech
Thee send now prosperity.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; We have
blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Scripture Lesson

St. John, Chapter 17, verses 1, 2, 6, 17, 23.

Minister

These words spake Jesus and lifted up His eyes to Heaven and said, 'Father the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee. As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou has given Him. I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world. Thine they were and Thou gavest them me; and they have kept the word. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is Truth. As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. And the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one even as we are one. I in them and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me and hast loved them as Thou hast loved me.'

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Self Consecration: For
Church Unity and Prosperity; For all Peoples and
For Our Country.**

Presentation of Church Rolls

Consecration of Church Union

(All Standing)

MINISTER—To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace; and of His Son Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us; and of the Holy Spirit, Who illumines and sanctifies us;

ALL—This Church of Christ is consecrate.

MINISTER—For the worship of God; for the preaching of the everlasting gospel, and for the administration of the Holy Sacraments;

ALL—This Church of Christ is consecrate.

MINISTER—For the edifying of the body of Christ; for the evangelising of the world; for the promotion of Righteousness and goodwill.

ALL—This Church of Christ is consecrate.

MINISTER—In the unity of the Faith; in the bonds of Christian brotherhood; and in charity to all.

ALL—This Church of Christ is consecrate.

MINISTER—Having part among the brethren in the inheritance of apostles and prophets, Fathers and teachers; martyrs and Evangelists.

ALL—We give thanks unto the Father Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

PRAYER—(All standing).

Declaration of the Union of the former Presbyterian and Methodist Churches at Grand Bend, and now continued as one Church to be known as The Grand Bend United Church.

Anthem.

Announcements.

Offering and Dedication.

Hymn 261, Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ... Chas. Wesley

SERMON: "A Great Adventure."

Hymn 599, O God of Bethel Philip Doddridge

Benediction.