

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. *(repeat)*
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat)*
Give thanks!

HOUSE OF GRACE

This is a house of grace. _____ We are a tem - ple of
liv - ing praise. Throw o - pen the doors, - tell the
world Christ is Lord. - Wel - come home. -
(Choir only)
This is a house - of grace. _____

Worship Participants

Guest Speaker, Stanley J. Noffsinger
Music Director, Janet Berkebile
Guest Pianist, David Gilliland
Sound System Engineer, Roger Griffith
Bass, Denny Weaver

Worship Leader, David Bibbee
Organist, Marilee Gilliland
Video Camera, Gary Arnold
Graphics Operator, Brian Arnold



Creekside 
Church of the Brethren

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

September 24, 2006

3:00 p.m.

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Dedication Service

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PRELUDE

“Move in Our Midst” arr. David Gilliland
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
“Brethren We Have Met to Worship”
“Here in This Place”

GATHERING MUSIC (2:55 p.m.)

No. 266 (Renew – words on back of bulletin) *“Give Thanks”*

Chorus *“Cornerstone”* Shawn Kirchner
The stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

WELCOME

Pastor David Bibbee

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God’s presence with singing.

**All: Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us and we are his.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN NO. 37 (Blue) *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”*
(Interlude after vs. 3; please sing vs. 4 in unison.)

*INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN’S CHOIR *“This is Your House”* arr. Claire Gloninger/Don Moen

Edgar Weldy

donated his painting expertise and supervised volunteer painting crews from the church.

New Vistas Landscaping, Goshen, IN

Judy DePue designed the Master Landscaping Plan and coordinated church volunteers who planted trees, shrubs and flowers.

Bruce Barwick

devoted his constructions skills and coordinated volunteers in the construction of the utility building.

The Decor Team

Jan Berkebile, Rosanna McFadden, Sue Noffsinger, Shelly Randall, and Maryann Zerbe donated their time and resources to create an inviting environment in the children's classrooms and the gathering area.

Rosanna McFadden

created and donated the artwork displayed in the gathering area and hallways. The subject matter of these original pieces was inspired by hymn texts from Hymnal: A Worship Book.

Myrtis Justiniano

created and donated the original needlepoint art pieces displayed in the hallway, in the mother’s room, and in the nursery.

The Cornerstone Team

Gary Arnold, John Berkebile, David Bibbee, Sue Noffsinger, Kathy Royer, and Maryann Zerbe, dedicated two and a half years to discerning, designing, and making the myriad of decisions resulting in the beautiful facility we call Creekside.

Members and Friends of the Creekside Church of the Brethren

enthusiastically shared ideas, encouragement, prayer support, labor, and financial commitments that made the dream come true.

Maryann Zerbe

committed untold hours chairing the Cornerstone Team, worked daily with Ancon Construction and its subcontractors, and did a wonderful job of keeping the congregation informed during all phases of the construction process.
Words cannot convey our gratitude for her tremendous leadership.

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Discernment process consultant

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Consultants, first capital campaign

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Mike and Ron Bailey's electrical contracting skill was offered as an expression of their supportive ties to our congregation.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

*HYMN NO. 1 (Blue) *"What is This Place"*

LITANY OF DEDICATION (responsive)

The words are on the next page and will also be on the screen.

You are invited to open your hands when we respond

"We dedicate it/them to your glory, O God."

*HYMN NO. 102 (Blue) *"To God Be the Glory"*

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:1-10 (NRSV)

HOMILY

"Living Stone, Our Voice"

Stanley J. Noffsinger
General Secretary, Church of the Brethren

ADULT CHOIR

"House of Grace"

Joseph M. Martin

The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus
printed on the back of the bulletin.

LITANY OF BLESSING (responsive)

*HYMN NO. 567 (Blue) *"How Firm a Foundation"*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE NO. 118 (Blue) *"Praise God from Whom"*

POSTLUDE

"Praise God from Whom"

arr. David Gilliland

*Please stand as you are able.

Bulletins may be recycled in the baskets located in gathering area.

Please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Area following the service. Meet in front of the offices for a guided walk-through of the building. Pictures taken during construction of the church will be shown in the sanctuary after the service (during refreshment time).

LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: The street sign may be the first thing that people see as they come to this church. Help us to point the way not just to a building, but to a community of Christians committed to seeking, celebrating, and sharing God's love.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

One: This property has seen years of planting and harvesting. Help us to preserve its beauty for meditation and recreation even as we strive to sow the seeds of God's kingdom in this neighborhood for years to come.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

One: The landscaping gives the property shape and order. Help us to honor the thoughtful care which goes into planning, planting, and tending God's good gifts.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

One: The front doors and windows are our welcome. Help us to be open to visitors, guests, and friends, and allow the light of Christ to shine on all who enter.

All: We dedicate them to your glory, O God.

One: The gathering area is a place of hospitality. Through the transforming love of Christ, help us turn strangers into friends, give shelter in time of need, and provide a home for those who are lost.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

One: The kitchen provides food for our bodies, and fellowship for our souls. Help us to receive with joy, and to remember all those who serve in Jesus' name.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

One: The offices are a place for meeting and planning. Help us to listen to each other and to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern the mission and ministries of the church.

All: We dedicate them to your glory, O God.

One: The classrooms are a place for people of all ages to grow in the family of faith. Help us to fill them with a Spirit of learning, sharing, and joy. We give thanks for all rooms of comfort, rest, and fellowship.

All: We dedicate them to your glory, O God.

One: The hallways allow us to move from one place to another. Help us to leave the footprints and fingerprints of children and adults who are empowered by the Spirit to witness to the world.

All: We dedicate them to your glory, O God.

One: This space for worship is at the heart of our building. May it always be too small to contain our adoration of God, our proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our inspiration by the Holy Spirit. Help our prayer and singing, witnessing and discipleship take us beyond the walls of this building and into the world, where we are called to offer hope and healing, and to invite others to walk by faith.

All: We dedicate it to your glory, O God.

LITANY OF BLESSING

*The ancient Christian practice of sprinkling with water for blessing ("asperging") comes from Psalm 50:9, "Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow." Originally used as a cleansing rite, it has come to be associated with baptism and a reaffirmation of God's grace. People and buildings were **sprinkled** as part of the renewal of baptismal vows and celebration of Easter. We hope that being showered with drops of water will be a tangible experience of God's grace, and a reminder that we are all blessed by the river of God's love.*

One: Once you were not a people. To whom do you now belong?

All: We are God's people, chosen and precious in God's sight.

One: A church must be built on something. What is the foundation of this church?

All: Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected, is our cornerstone.

One: A spiritual house is not made of bricks and mortar. With what do you build?

All: We come to God as living stones to offer ourselves to be made into a temple of living praise.

One: You did not come here on your own. Whose faithfulness brings you to this place?

All: We are here because of the vision of the Elkhart Valley Church which began this congregation 113 years ago. We are here because of the saints of the Elkhart City Church of the Brethren who showed us God's love and nurtured us to grow into salvation.

Representative groups will come forward for the blessing

One: Once you were not a people.

All: And now we are God's people.

One: Once we had not received mercy,

All: But now we have been blessed with God's mercy and grace. Amen!