Dear Friend,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of all our members to this Sixth Annual Service of Patriotism. I join with my fellow parishioners in wishing you a hearty welcome and pray this service will be a memorable experience for you in this church "where old-fashioned friendliness still survives."

With warmest personal greetings, and a prayer for God's richest blessings, I am

In Jesus' name, yours,

Pastor R. Gary Heikkila

We are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Del) Loika, directors of the W. A. TWOMBLY FUNER-AL SERVICE (Maynard); and to Mr. John A. Kennedy, director of the FOWLER FUNERAL SERVICE (Maynard) for sponsoring the printing of today's bulletin.





This Is Our Prayer...Our Goal...Our Wish.
May God Save and Bless America!
Sunday, November 11, 1973
SIXTH ANNUAL SERVICE OF PATRIOTISM
Divine Worship at 8:30 O'clock



Rev. R. Gary Heikkila, Minister

Mission Evangelical Congregational Church
Maynard, Massachusetts

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. Amen.

(Prayer of George Washington after his inauguration)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Charlotte Reynolds

Pianist: Elaine White

CHURCH BELLS CALLING ALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes: Robert Kangas, Stanley Chapman, III

\*INTROIT

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the

earth keep silence before Him.

People: God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him

must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who

made heaven and earth.

People: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holi-

ness; fear before Him all the earth.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION (in unison)

Almighty God, Thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift, we praise Thee for all of the bountiful blessings that we have received from Thy hand. We thank Thee for the opportunity that is ours to live in a land wherein we may worship and serve Thee freely. For those gifts that are spiritual as well as material we are grateful. Inspire us, O Father, that we may utilize these benefits to make our nation a greater leader of democracy and peace in our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father ... "

\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

\*THE HYMN

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side Let freedom ring!

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break; The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen. THE FLORAL CROSS is given to the greater glory of God in loving homor of our service personnel, living and dead, by the family of the late Reno Aho. THE ALTAR ROSES are in honor of the seventh anniversary of the installation of the Rev. R. Gary Heikkila as pastor of Mission Evangelical Congregational Church. He was formally installed on Sunday, November 6, 1966; however, he began preaching in this pulpit the first Sunday of February, 1966.

YOU WERE GREETED today by Mrs. Lillian Wick and Mrs. Elsie Pinolehto. USHERS today are Mr. Onni Hyden, Mr. Eino Eklund, Mr. Richard White, Mr. Ronald Joki, Mr. Paul Hyden, Mr. Kauno Rauhala, Mr. John Warner and Mr. Jon Allan.

WE ARE FORTUNATE to have, for the musical part of our service, the famed Heritage Singers of Fort Devens. This outstanding choir is one of the finest singing groups in this area. We are delighted to have them with us today.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 P.M. - Midweek "Hour of Power". We return to the astonishing book of Acts and continue our Bible study beginning with Chapter 8.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 P.M. -"KING OF KINGS" in cinemascope and beautiful color. By popular demand, we are screening one of the most moving religious pictures of all time -- the Samuel Bronston production of "KING OF KINGS" starring Jeffrey Hunter as Jesus. The epochal events of the life of Christ, depicted with reverence and sincerity. Here is a motion picture for all peoples, regardless of sect, it remains perhaps the finest of the attempts to portray Christ in the motion picture. In every sense of the word, "KING OF KINGS" is an epic! All seats are free, and a free will offering will be taken to aid our forthcoming missionary convention. Be sure to see "KING OF KINGS" on our large theatre-size screen in cinemascope and color - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 P.M.



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 A.M. - Morning service. Pastor Heikkila turns to Hebrews 12:3 -- "Consider him (think upon Jesus)" -- and makes some amazing observations about our blessed Lord in a sermon entitled, "COMMENTS CONCERNING CHRIST."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7:30 P.M. - Our wonderful annual Family Candlelight Thanksgiving Worship Service. The church will be decorated in a harvest motif by the Flower Committee. Thanksgiving fruit from the altar will be given to all worshippers as a token of God's continued goodness to us. Hear the great music of Thanksgiving, and the pastor's special Thanksgiving message. New members will be received into our fellowship during the service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - The First Sunday in Advent when we light the first candle in the Advent Wreath and sing our first Christmas carol.

\*THE HYMN

"God of Our Fathers"

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine. Amen.

SERMON: "THE 'IF' CONDITIONING NATIONAL HEALING"

or "God's Answer to Man's Dilemma"

Pastor Heikkila

TEXT: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

II Chron. 7:14

\*THE HYMN

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed His fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Glory! glory, Hallelujah!

Glory! glory, Hallelujah!

Glory! glory, Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free; While God is marching on.

### \*BENEDICTION

THE CHURCH BELLS PEALING

POSTLUDE

Please stand where indicated with an asterisk. We ask worshippers to remain seated until our guests have left the sanctuary. Ushers will dismiss the communicants row by row.

# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare.

# \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (use "debts")

THREEFOLD AMEN (to be sung in unison)

ANTHEM

The Heritage Singers of Fort Devens

\*THE LITANY OF ALLEGIANCE

Stanley Chapman, Sr.

Minister: Being mindful of the religious faith of my fore-

fathers, who were among the founders and early lead-

ers of this nation,

People: I will cherish this proud heritage, and will endeavor

to build upon it for future generations.

Minister: Knowing that the leaders of our nation today face

great problems as they seek to preserve freedom in

the world,

People: I will pray for them, that they might seek to follow

Thy divine guidance, especially in time of decision.

Minister: Believing that liberty is something not easily won

and something to be preserved for the children of the

future,

People: I will give my support and allegiance to those great

principles upon which my country was founded.

Minister: Realizing that the principles of Christian morality

are necessary to undergird the preservation of liberty,

People: I will endeavor to follow the teachings of Christ in

thought, word and deed each day.

Minister: Knowing that one easily lowers his moral code when his

faith is weakened,

People: I will endeavor to sustain my soul with spiritual

power regularly through my attendance and participa-

tion in the services of my church.

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 thorough-fare 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 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. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

Pastor Heikkila

## A MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Heikkila and the members of Mission Evangelical Congregational Church want to extend a very warm welcome to all of those who have come to attend this Sixth Annual Service of Patriotism this morning. We are greatly pleased to have with us many distinguished religious, political, military and social leaders as our special guests. We welcome you all. We are delighted that you could come. Because of the time element, Pastor Heikkila will conduct a second Service of Patriotism at 11:00 a.m. at Mission Street Congregational Church in Gardner to be broadcast "live" over the facilities of WGAW (1340 kc). We have asked four of our guests to give a brief word of greeting at this time.

Rep. John Loring, Acton, representing Governor Francis Sargent

Father Robert F. Drinan, Member of Congress, 4th District

Colonel Robert J. Chant, U. S. Army and Natick Laboratories

Selectman Thomas Coco, Chairman, Maynard Selectmen

This very distinguished company of guests include:

Rep. John Loring, for Governor Sargent Senator James DeNormandie Rep. Wilfred E. Balthazar Rep. Robert F. Drinan Chaplain (Col.) Robert E. Rockwell, Ch. of Chaplains, Fort Devens Col. Robert J. Chant, USA Commander Francis Geraway, District #4, VFW Selectman Thomas Coco, Maynard Selectman Edward J. Allard, Maynard Selectman Richard White, Maynard Selectman Roland Wright, Stow Publisher and Mrs. Earl Tuttle Professor and Mrs. Franklin Rose Police Chief Albert C. Crowley Fire Chief George Whalen American Legion, Frank J. DeMars, Unit #235, Cmdr. Robert Murray American Legion Auxiliary President Betty Murray

The John J. Mulvanys
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Maynard Post #1812, Cmdr. Carl Mansfield
VFW Auxiliary, President Mary Ann Mansfield
Columnist Arthur and Mrs. Elbathal
Mr. and Mrs. Worsley Fardy (Beacon)
Columnist "Pat" Farrell (Beacon)
Grand Lodge of Ladies of Kaleva, Mrs. Martha Wickstrom
Assabet Village Minutemen, Captain William Boothroyd
Maynard Emblem Club, Mrs. Ann Jarmulowicz
Cub Scouts of Maynard, Mr. Harold Godfrey, Cub Master
Masonic Lodge of Maynard, Mr. Raymond McCarthy, Jr. Master

Delegations are with us from the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries, the Masons, Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Maynard Emblem Club No. 205, the Knights of Columbus, the Assabet Village Minutemen, the Ladies of Kaleva, Maynard Cub Scouts, and other patriotic, fraternal and civic organizations.

## GREETINGS

(to be read by Mr. Stanley Chapman)

President Richard M. Nixon
Governor Ronald Reagon, State of California
Lt. Governor Donald Dwight
Attorney General Robert H. Quinn
Senator Edward W. Brooke
Senator Chester G. Atkins
Senator Robert Hall
Col. Guy R. Goodwin, Jr., Commander, Fort Devens, Mass.
Mr. Bob Hope
Mr. Robert Young

# THE PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

(to be read silently)

George Washington was concerned about religious freedom. In 1738, he said concerning his decision to accept the presidency, "The establishment of civil and religious liberty was the motive that induced me to the field." He firmly believed that God was the guiding hand behind the origin of our country. In his First Inaugural Address, he stated: "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency." The important relationship between morality and faith is also seen in his Farewell Address, in which he warned that "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

# \*A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

Pastor Heikkila

WORSHIP WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

The Heritage Singers of Fort Devens

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DOXOLOGY