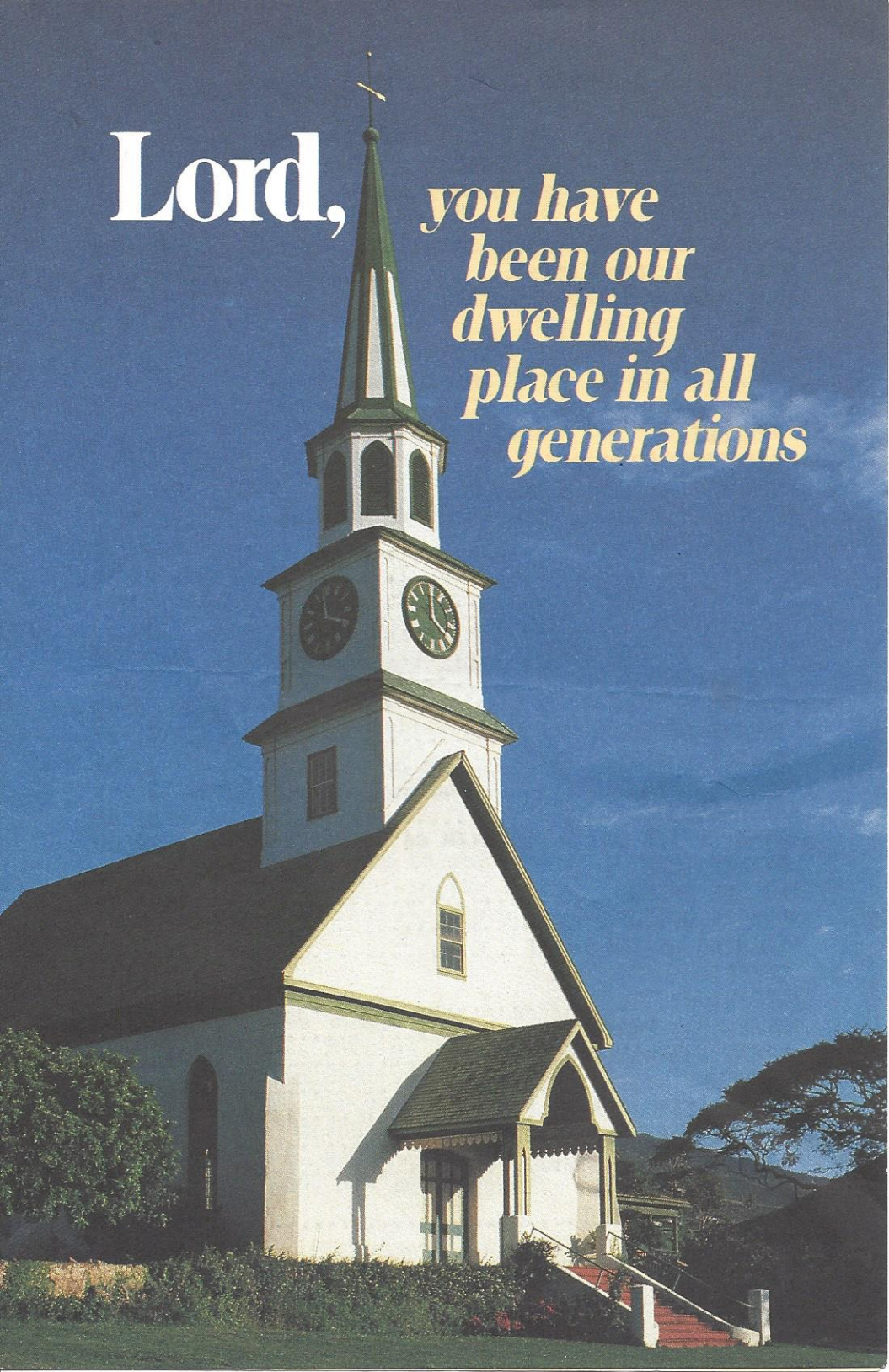


Lord,

*you have
been our
dwelling
place in all
generations*



CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAREWELL SERVICE TO
ST. PETER'S CHAPEL, LAVELLE
SEPTEMBER 13, 1992
7:00 P.M.

Rev. Joseph A. Serafin.....Pastor
Mrs. Judy Stepulitis.....Secretary
Mrs. Alma Walter.....Organist

THE SERVICE
(* Please stand)

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*** THANKSGIVING AT THE DISPOSITION OF A
CHURCH BUILDING**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Let us give thanks for this church building, which was dedicated for the ministry of God's Word and holy Sacraments, but which we will no longer use for that purpose.

P: Moses said to the Lord: "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

The Lord replied: "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:15, 14)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You fill the entire world with your presence; your name is to be hallowed through all the earth.

Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this house.

Continue your mercies to your Church, that we may be conscious of your unchanging love as we take leave of this place of worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

HYMN DURING STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR.....#474
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

During the final hymn, the altar will be stripped by
the Pastor and the Choir.

Congregation is asked to sing the versus of the hymn.

At the conclusion of the hymn, you are welcome to re-
main for conversation and greeting friends.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Given to the glory of God in memory of Frank and Cath-
erine weikel by granddaughter, Patti Smith.*

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

*Given to the glory of God in honor of Alma Walter for
all her years of service as organist and the Choir for
all their music by Wendy Chuplis.*



REFLECTIONS.....That is what this evening is about. Tonight we take some time to reflect, to remember, to cherish this building and the place it has held in our lives. All of us feel a certain amount of sadness and loss as we close the doors to a place that has been so very important in our lives. It was here that we heard God's Word spoken and ate and drank and were washed. It was here that we felt the mysterious awesomeness of God's presence. It was here that we formed new relationships and learned about our family in Christ. It was here that we laughed and cried, prayed and sang, and in beautiful moments, felt the overwhelming love of God touch our souls. In weddings and funerals, baptisms and socials, worship services and fellowship events, outreach and ministry, we were the people of God in this place, together. And it was good. But this goodness is not to be grieved. The past is not to be mourned. Even now we move on to new ministries, to new events, to new meals and worship services, and baptisms and beautiful moments. Rather than grieve, we rejoice. We rejoice in the memories we hold, in the service this building provided, in the family we share and, even more, in the ministry we do. To all who gather here tonight, members present and past, family and friends, former pastors and their families, we say rejoice! Share with us in this special event, and pray with us as we thank God for our past & leap boldly into the future, bringing to fruition the vision we share.

