



BETA THETA PI

Theta Chapter Centennial

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CONVOCATION

GRAY CHAPEL
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

Sunday, April 26, 1953
10:30 A. M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CENTENNIAL CONVOCATION

Theta Chapter — Beta Theta Pi

Presiding James Allen Kestle, D.D., Theta '24
Emory Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Director of Music and Organist William Alten Hazlett, Theta '32
Chicago, Ill.

Prelude: Pastorale, Recitativo et Corale, by Karg-Elert Mr. Hazlett

Processional: Hymn 7 Now Thank We All Our God
(Congregation Standing)

Call to Worship: (Congregation Standing)

Minister: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts with our voices unto God our Father.

People: We lift them up unto God, our strength and our redeemer. Amen;

Unison Prayer: (Congregation Standing)

O God, we pray for Thy Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, face to face with a great new task. We remember with love the nurture she gave to our spiritual life in its infancy, the tasks she set for our growing strength, the influence of the devoted hearts she gathers, the steadfast power for good she has exerted. When we compare her with all human institutions, we rejoice, for there is none like her. But when we judge her by the mind of her Master, we bow in contrition. Oh, baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus! Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophet's scorn of tyranny, and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavy-laden and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that like her crucified Lord she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory. Amen.

Silent Meditation, Words of Assurance and the Lord's Prayer.
(Congregation Seated)

Anthem: All Glory Be to God on High O. W. U. Men's Chorus

Old Testament Lesson

Lewis O. Hartman, D.D., Theta '99
Bishop of the Methodist Church
Brookline, Massachusetts

Solo: Psalm Ninety-one

John Clinton Miller, Theta '54

New Testament Lesson

Bishop Hartman

Prayer

Hymn 164 (Diadem) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(*Congregation Standing*)

MESSAGE

Seth R. Brooks, D.D., St. Lawrence '22
Universalist National Memorial Church
Washington, D. C.
General Secretary, Beta Theta Pi

Prayer

Presentation by the Alumni and members
of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi
to Ohio Wesleyan University of a
Centennial Gift, memorializing
Frank W. Gunsaulus, Theta '75,
D.D., L.L.D., minister of the
Congregational Church, Chicago,
founder and first President
of Armour Institute of Technology
in Chicago

Welles K. Stanley, Theta '95
Lawyer, Cleveland, Ohio

Acceptance of Gift by
Ohio Wesleyan University

Joseph J. Somerville, Delta '12
Dean of Men,
Ohio Wesleyan University

Recessional: Hymn 279 God of Grace

Benediction

Bishop Hartman

Postlude

Mr. Hazlett

APPRECIATION

Theta Chapter and Alumni

wish to express appreciation to the Ohio Wesleyan University and its President, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, for the generous and wholehearted recognition of the Theta Chapter Centennial, and to Professor Rexford Keller and the Men's Chorus for participation in this service of worship.