THE NEW YORK CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST



SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1993, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

hen we came to Manhattan in 1983 with 16 other people our theme message was Ezekiel 36:38: "So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the Lord." Our ambition was to preach Jesus, make disciples, and build a church that would make a difference in what we consider to be the greatest city in the world. Ten years and 3,000 disciples later we can thank God and stand amazed at having lived out a dream.

For those of you visiting us today on our 10th anniversary, welcome! We hope the service will inspire you as well as arouse your interest in both the Bible and us. Our aim is to engage as many people as possible in intense study of God's word because only through the Scriptures can saving faith be born. And we

hope you'll intrigued with the church; a church composed of people from over 100 different nations, diverse backgrounds and the whole tri-state area. Though we follow a perfect Savior, we make no claims to be a perfect church. But as sinful men and women devoted to God we encourage you to examine us in the light of Scripture. We strive to imitate



the first church which Leading the Way: Steve and Lisa Johnson (seated at right, with daughter McCall) lead the N.Y. ministry began nearly 2,000 along with Sam and Cynthia Powell, seen here with daughters Lauren and Christina.

years ago, as recorded in Acts chapter 2, and be devoted to the apostle's teaching, our fellowship with one another, observance of the Lord's Supper and prayer. And like that early church, evidence of God's presence is the growth experienced over 10 years. What began as a tiny band of disciples, with Lisa and I as the sole evangelist and women's counselor, has become the equivalent of 13 different congregations (we call them sectors) with a full-time ministry and administrative staff of nearly 100 men and women. Our evangelistic outreach includes specialty ministries aimed at helping people with chemical dependencies, food disorders and HIV positive or AIDS.

The New York City church of Christ also serves as the home church for what we call the ACES Sector of our international fellowship (an acronym for Africa, the Caribbean, the Eastern Seaboard and the Southern United States). The New York church has provided leadership and financial support for evangelizing a dynamic portion of the planet and is privileged to have been the trying-ground for Mike and Anne-Brigitte Taliaferro, who spearhead our work in Africa, as well as Steve and Kim Sapp in Atlanta and Jeff and Florence Schachinger in Nashville, Tennessee, to name just a few of the ACES in this deck.

One of the greatest blessings for the church this past decade has been adding Vivian Hanes as Chief Financial Administrator. Through her hard work and integrity the church in New York as well as the other congregations throughout the ACES Sector have been beyond reproach as non-profit organizations. Our support of HOPE, the benevolent arm of our worldwide fellowship, has led to us starting and supporting one of the only free AIDS hospices on the continent of Africa. And beginning this summer, Bud and Kitty Chiles as well as Mike and Brenda Leatherwood, the

founders of our Chemical Dependency program, will begin a landmark project targeting a large area of inner city New York to make a dent in crime and drugs and create housing and job opportunities.

The church has distinguished itself in service to the community, especially in being the largest donor organization in the history of the New York Blood Center. And annually we save the city what Emory Jackson,

President of We Care About New York, estimates to be nearly \$70,000 by picking up trash, proving that we'll give our blood and get our hands dirty for New York.

Certainly one of the proudest moments of our lives was appointing Sam and Cynthia Powell co-leaders of the New York City church. Their appointment gives us new leadership, new hopes and new dreams for the next ten years.

Kip McKean trained us for the ministry, sent us here to start a congregation and continues to inspire and lead us in service to the Lord. We can't celebrate today without thanking him for his confidence is us and his vision for world evangelism. And as part of a fellowship of disciples of Christ aspiring to the Lord's command of going into all the world with the gospel, we are confident that by the end of this decade we will see numerous cities filled with flocks of people. People committed to God. People with hope. And people with a purpose.

To take Christ to every nation.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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3pm: Hallelujah!Cong	gregational Chorus
Congregational SingingSh	nerwin Mackintosh & Darryl Howell
Welcome, Special Presentations & Opening Prayer	Sam Powell
Nearer, Still Nearer	Sherrie Curtis
Communion & Baptisms	
Anniversary Sermon	Steve Johnson
Men Who Dream	Teresa Davis Brown
Entertainmentproduced by Sh	nerwin Mackintosh Perry Lawrence & Larry Salberg
Closing Prayer	

# ANNIVERSARY

#### 1. WHAT A FELLOWSHIP Elisha Hoffman, 1887/ Anthony Showalter, 1887

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **CHORUS:**

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarm; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **CHORUS**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### CHORUS

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Making Music: In 1986 we began the Daytime Zone, a performing artists fellowship. Here, Darryl Howell performs "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables.

#### 2. REJOICE IN THE LAW OF THE LORD! Greg Petit, 1989

#### i. (Sopranos & Altos)

Rejoice! Rejoice in the law of the Lord! Rejoice! Rejoice in the law of the Lord! Meditate on the law all the day and the night.

Meditate on His law all the day and the night.

(Men)
Happy is the man who is like a tree,
Planted by a stream, in season bearing
fruit.

#### ii. (Sopranos & Altos)

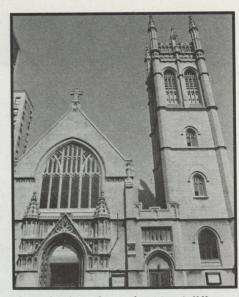
Come on! Come on, won't you join us today?

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Our God, like chaff blows the wicked away.

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(Men) Celebrate today! Celebrate always! Celebrate today! Celebrate always!



The Road to the Garden: As the ministry in N.Y. grew we moved house several times to compensate. The Universalist Church at 76th St. and Central Park West was home from June '83 to March '86.

#### Isaac Watts, 1707/ Lowell Mason, 1824

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my Lord; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### 4. MEN WHO DREAM Steven L. Johnson, E. Sherwin Mackintosh, Noel Scott, 1989

#### INTRO:

Captives came back into Zion, from their freedom came a scheme. While the city, it lay in ruins, We believe they had a dream. When our souls were like the desert, And we stumbled on the stream, And found revival in the water, We became like men who dream.

Yes, our mouths were filled with laughter,

And our songs rushed like the stream. Where He washed our sorrows under, We became like men who dream.

It shall be said among the nations, "There's a God who shares our dream,"

The Spirit moves our generation, Shed your tears, and fill the stream.

#### CHORUS:

Men who dream,
We are shedding tears that flood the thirsty waters.
Men who dream,

We are planting seeds of men who dream.

God has done great things among us, In every eye now shines a gleam. A spark of light reveals the wonder, We became like men who dream.

It shall be said among the nations, "There's a God who shares our dream,"

The Spirit moves our generation, Shed your tears, and fill the stream.

#### **CHORUS**

So let us go into the nations, Plunging souls into that stream, And singing songs that stir the angels, We became the men who dream.

#### **CHORUS**

#### 5. LORD OF ALL Larry Jackson, 1989

If life is just a song I will sing for you, If life is just a path I will walk for you.

#### 6. NEARER, STILL NEARER. Leila Morris, 1898

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art:



He's The Deke: Sherwin Mackintosh, the N.Y. Church's "Deacon of Soul," will lead today's song service. He's pictured here with his wife Debbie and children Carrie and Chase.

#### CHORUS:

Jesus, Jesus, Lord of All Jesus, Jesus, Lord of All

Down upon the earth to set me free, To break the chains that had a hold on me

#### **CHORUS**

Always by my side to comfort me, Always by my side to carry me.

#### **CHORUS**

The world that we know will pass away, The life that you give will forever stay.

#### **CHORUS**

Fold me, O fold me, close to Thy breast, Shelter me safe in that haven of rest, Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, Naught as an off'ring to Jesus my King, Only my sinful, now contrite heart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart,

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Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine; Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign, All of its pleasures, pomp, and its pride;

Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified, Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, Till safe in glory my anchor is cast; Thro' endless ages, ever to be Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

#### 7. GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH!

Julia Ward Howe, 1862/ Kevin Darby, 1986/ William Steffe, 1852

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 has loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

#### CHORUS:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! 'His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never sound retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer Him, Be jubilant, my feet, Our God is marching on.

#### CHORUS:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Our God 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.

#### CHORUS:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! While God is marching on.



Broken Chains: The church's Chemical Dependency Groups have an enviable record in helping people overcome addiction. Above, one of the groups in session.

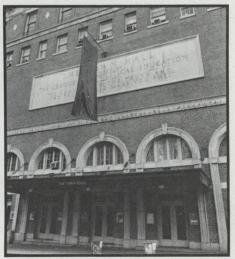
#### 8. JESUS IS LORD

Larry Simpson, 1974/ Kevin Darby, 1987/ Anonymous

Jesus is Lord, my Redeemer; How He loves me, how I love Him; He is risen, He is coming; Lord come quickly, hallelujah.

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear; What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah; Hallelujah, hallelujah; Lord come quickly, hallelujah.



Second Home: In 1986 we traded the harsh wooden pews of 76th St. for the plush velvet of the Town Hall on West 43rd St. By late '87 it, too, had been outgrown.

#### 9. I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES Fred Fillmore, 1917

I know that my Redeemer lives, and ever prays for me; I know eternal life he gives, From sin and sorrow free.

#### **CHORUS**

I know, I know that my Redeemer lives, I know, I know eternal life he gives; I know, I know that my Redeemer lives.

He wills that I should holy be, In word, in thought, and deed; That I his holy face may see, When from this earth life freed.

#### **CHORUS**

I know that unto sinful men His saving grace is nigh; I know that he will come again To take me home on high.

#### **CHORUS**

I know that over yonder stands A place prepared for me; A home, a house not made with hands, Most wonderful to see.

#### **CHORUS**

#### 10. I HEAR GOD SINGING TO ME

Steven L. Johnson/ E. Sherwin Mackintosh, 1990 (Swahili Translation by Catherine Bangeranye)

Well, I hear God singing to me, Every nation must be saved.
Well, I hear God singing to me, Every challenge must be braved.
Well, I feel God's spirit in me, Quench it not, too much at stake.
Well, I hear God singing to me, Hear God sing for Jesus sake, Hear God sing for Jesus sake.

#### CHORUS:

I hear God singing to me, I hear God singing to me. I hear God singing to me, I hear God singing to me.

I hear God singing and rejoicing, And I love my Father's song. I hear God singing and He's saying Everyone should sing along. Righteous singing scares the devil So let's shout our anthems loud. A soldier choir in holy concert, Voices lifted, faces bowed.

#### **CHORUS**

Gather us and start a movement, Scatter us we scatter seeds. Planting Christ in every nation, As our great crusade succeeds. Criticize us, we grow stronger, Kill us and for sure we win. For our battle isn't earthly, And our souls will never end.

#### **CHORUS**

#### BRIDGE:

Suh-kee-ah moong-goo ah-kee-yeem-ba Hear God sing for Jesus' sake. Suh-kee-ah moong-goo ah-kee-yeem-ba Hear God sing for Jesus' sake.

#### **CHORUS**

### 11. AMAZING GRACE John Newton, 1779/ E. Sherwin Mackintosh, 1989

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.



Fame at Last: We moved uptown to the Beacon
Theatre and appeared live every Sunday on 74th and
Broadway. By 1990 the Beacon was a sell-out and
we moved to our present home at the Jacob Javits
Convention Center on West 34th St. and 11th Ave.

#### 12. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY. Reginald Heber, 1826/ John Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God over all, and blest eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee.

Casting down their golden crowns around the crystal sea;

Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wast, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee.

Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy! There is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God over all, and blest eternally.



Positive, but positive: In 1992, the church responded to an ever-increasing need by forming a support group for disciples with the HIV/AIDS virus.

# We hope you enjoyed today's service. If you are interested in finding out more about the ministry in New York, please contact someone in your area.

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