



December 6, 2015

Christ Church's Consecration Service

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Declaration of Purpose – Pastor John Speight

Presentation of the Building - Jeff Hetherington, Church Council Chair
Pamela Nelson, Church Council Member

Jeff: *“On behalf of the church leadership and all the people of the church...*

Pamela: *We present this building to be consecrated for the worship of God and the service of all people.”*

Naming of the Building

Bishop Cho: *“By what name shall this house be known?”*

Congregation: **“It shall be known as Christ Church.”**

Consecration of the Building

Bishop Cho: *Friends, we are thrilled that God so moved the hearts of people that this building has been built for praise and prayer. Let us now consecrate it for service and celebrate its holy use.*

Pastor Monica: *That we may be a church where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness, and in favor with God and all people,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Pastor Monica: *That we may be a church where youth shall be inspired to pray and serve,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Jeff Mickle: *That we may be a church where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Jeff Mickle: *That we may be a church where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the living Word, and the Sacraments so celebrated that all life shall become sacramental,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Pastor John: *That we may be a church where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from the bondage of addiction, and redeemed from sin,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Pastor John: *That we may be a church where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christ-like love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Pastor John: *That we may be a church from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all peoples,*

Congregation: **we consecrate this church today.**

Bishop Cho: *Now, O God, sanctify this place, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the dominion, and you are exalted as head above all.*

Congregation: **Amen.**

Greetings

Rabbi Amy Perlin, Temple B’Nai Shalom
Bill and Amy Mierley, Charter Members of Christ Church
Hailley and Travis Towne, New Members of Christ Church

Luke 11:1-13 (NRSV)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵*And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.*

⁹*“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*