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RIVERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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RIVERS, ARIZONA

Whosoever thou art that interest
this Church
Remember it is the House of God.
Be reverent, Be silent, Be thoughtful
And leave it not without a prayer
to God
For thyself, for those who minister
And for those who worship here.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 6, 1944

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 6 A Mighty Fortress is our God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION
After prayer of invocation,
let the people say together

Most holy and merciful Father, we
acknowledge and confess before
Thee: Our sinful nature prone
to evil and slothful in good: And
all our shortcomings and offences
Thou alone knowest how often we
have sinned; In wandering from
Thy ways, In wasting Thy gifts
In forgetting Thy love. But
Thou, O Lord, Have pity upon us
Who are ashamed and sorry for
all wherein we have displeased
Thee. Teach us to hate our
errors. Cleanse us from our secret
faults; And forgive our sins for
the sake of Thy dear Son. And
most holy and loving Father;

Help us we beseech Thee; To live
in Thy light and walk in Thy ways;
According to the commandments of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GLORIA PATRI

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
I Corinthian 1:18-25

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY Doxology

HYMN 165 Mid All the Traffic of
the Ways

THE SERMON
GOD'S DANGEROUS OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN 112 Make Me a Captive, Lord

BENEDICTION

After the benediction it is fitting
that the People be seated in silent
prayer, beseeching God that none may
leave His House without blessing.

"For the preaching of the cross is
to them that perish foolishness;
but unto us which are saved it is
the power of God.

I Corinthian 1:18

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Memorial Day

Times of remembrance are necessary. How easy it is to forget—unless our minds are refreshed by the recurrence of anniversaries. We would call to memory the men and women whose lives have been given so freely in peace and war. But more than this is the stimulus to consecration for the Christians of today in a war-torn world to bring a gospel for the healing of the nations.—*The Plan Book*.

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"Shall be in everlasting remembrance." Psa. 112:6.

Let us on this day "be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; . . . that this nation (and the world), under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"NONE OF US can feel wholly our own while we remember the price at which we have been rescued. We are greatly impressed with our own providential preservation and cannot help being humbly grateful to God."—From a missionary released from internment in the Philippines.



"MY CUP RUNNETH OVER for I know that God is working in the heart of my boy," a mother wrote to our missionaries, who had entertained her soldier son, in Kunming, Free China. This boy wrote his mother that he had found "real Christians" in whom he could place full confidence.



THREE OR FOUR YEARS ago there were no groups of "believers" in the region 56 miles northwest of Ponte Nova, Brazil. Now, there are three or four groups meeting regularly. A campaign is under way to erect a chapel.



WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST, is a slogan the average African has never practiced. Africa offers a tremendous challenge to the small missionary force in this vast field.



Maltbie Babcock offered good counsel when he said: "Be religious in your business, and business-like in your religion."

MEMORIAL DAY is a day of remembering those who gave "their last full measure of devotion" that justice and freedom may not perish from the earth. Today we have our Christian heritage and our democratic heritage because of these brave and courageous men.



IF THE CHURCH is to meet her responsibilities in this hour, it will be by sacrificial support of Kingdom enterprises. If the stewardship of democracy calls for every sacrifice on the part of the average citizen, the stewardship of Christianity challenges greater sacrifice from the Christian citizen. Christian stewardship in war time will be the acid test of the reality of our conviction that the church of Jesus Christ is of supreme worth in our world.



IN THE PHILIPPINES, organs, Bibles, song-books, and other church equipment have been destroyed in 181 native churches and 183 other buildings, according to Professor Robert B. Silliman.



Students in Allahabad, India, crave education. The thirst for knowledge is so strong, they will forego the necessities of life to attain it. Many live on the most meager of diets and wear their clothes until they are literally in rags.

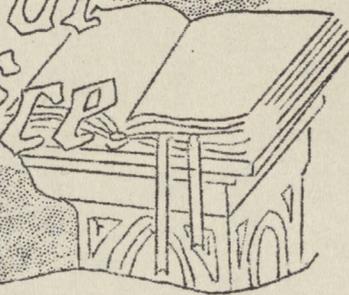
Gracious Heavenly Father, we commend to Thy loving care our sons and daughters who have gone forth to serve their Country and the cause of freedom, on land and sea and in the air. Shield them from danger; keep them strong and steadfast; give them courage and chivalry; inspire them with devotion to the cause for which they are offering their lives; and help them to achieve a just and lasting peace for the whole world. Cleanse them from the stain of sin; help them to live victoriously, and hold in Thy Holy keeping all those dear unto them whom they have left behind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*In the cross of Christ I glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers 'round its head sublime.*

—Sir John Bowring.

Order of Service



February 18, 1945
Chapel 40
Rivers, Arizona

Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa, Minister

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Behold, I stand at the door and knock
(saith the Lord): if any man hear my voice
and open the door, I will come in to him,
and will sup with him, and he with me.

--Rev. 3:20

Hymn 5

We praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

Invocation, followed by the Lord's Prayer,
in unison.

Gloria Patri

Reading of Holy Scripture
Matthew 4:1-11

Morning Prayer

Offertory Service

Hymn 164

Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Sermon

DIALOGUE IN THE DESERT

"...in that he himself hath suffered
being temped, he is able to succor
them that are tempted."

--Hebrews ii:xviii

Hymn 204

Fight the good fight with all thy might
Christ is thy strength

Benediction

Postlude

Let me remember that WORSHIP is ascribing
worth to God--"worth-ship." Therefore,
he will be first in my thinking; the
attainment of knowledge concerning his
will for my life and for human society
will be my goal.

7:00 P.M. Tonight

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, Hospital Library

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDY

GROUP at 7:00 P.M.

A THOUGHT--As Christian young people we have
no right to hide our faith, and we have a
definite responsibility to share it. The
beauty of it is that the more we share with
men the more we grow in the understanding
and experiencing of God and the greater
becomes our power.

THIS IS THE PRE-EASTER SEASON with all its hallowed associations, and the church invites us to come apart for a season of spiritual contemplation. The Lord Jesus bids us turn our eyes anew to the cross of Calvary. That cross has a two-fold message for mankind. It reveals the depth of human depravity, but it also gives us a vision of divine love that passeth knowledge. It speaks of man's transgression, and it also speaks of the mercy of God. It tells the story of a broken law and of outraged justice, but it brings a message of reconciliation and peace in the Crucified One.

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"THOUGH your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow," says the Book, and Africans, listening to Bible women, missionaries and pastors, have found it so. As pagans surrender to the will of God, new creatures are born; where there was filth, we now see cleanliness; where fear prevailed, there spring faith and hope; ambition displaces indolence; and a community and family pride supercede indifference. And that is possible only through a living faith in Christ, and a desire to follow God's will.

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WE BELIEVE

We believe that our first duty as Christians is to repent. We believe our second duty is to renew our faith in, and our

devotion to Jesus Christ and His gospel in all that this means for individuals and nations. We believe the things for which the Christian faith stands are more important now than ever and that these things must be supported. Let us see to it that spiritual values are kept alive in war times. As Christian citizens we believe in the righteousness of our nation's cause and pledge our support to it. We call upon all to gird themselves for the long grim days that are ahead. However, let there be no hysteria and no hating. Let us pray and think and plan for the new days which will follow the war. Let us keep unbroken the fellowship of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, in every land.

Let us do this in the Name of Him who is the Way and the Truth and the Life and place ourselves in His will and remind ourselves that "underneath are the Everlasting Arms."

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THE GREATEST NEED of the world is Christ. He is the Light and the Church is the Lighthouse, and we are the keepers of that Light. To this end the Church exists and its members live. Only this purpose and passion will ever justify the Church's continuance. The Church is only worth saving as it saves.—Louis H. Evans.

*Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a rabble cry,
A man went forth to die,
For me!*

*Tborn-crowned his blessed head,
Blood-stained his every tread,
Cross-laden on he sped
For me!*

*Thus wert thou made all mine,
Lord, make me wholly thine,
Give grace and strength divine,
To me!*

*In thought and word and deed,
Thy will to do, oh! lead my feet
E'en though they bleed,
To thee.*

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CHAPEL 59
RIVERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MARCH 18, 1945
7:30 P.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE ...

TRUMPET SOLO ...

"The Lost Chord".....Sullivan
Trumpet...Paul Suzuki
Piano.....Manabu Fukushima

INVOCATION ..

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Psalm 150

PIANO DUET ...

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Ruth Kikuta and Ida Takasugi

VOCAL DUET

"Back of the Clouds".....C. R. Freeman
Margaret and Marjorie Mori

VIOLIN DUO

"Belle Nuit".....J. Offenbach
First Violin...Martha Koda
Second Violin..Mr. T. Yagura
Piano.....Mary Kimata

VOCAL SOLO

"Besides Still Waters"....Bernard Hamblen
Mrs. Gayle Seater

MESSAGE

Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa

CHOIR

"Abide With Me".....W. H. Monk
Issei Church Choir

STRING ENSEMBLE

"Largo".....A. Dvorak
"Serenade".....Toscelli
First Violin.....Ichiro Ino
Second Violin.....Toyoko Toppatta
Third Violin.....Symon Satow
Fourth Violin.....Mr. T. Yagura
Piano.....Manabu Fukushima

VIOLIN DUO

"Andante Cantabile".....P. Tschaiakowsky
"Larghetto".....Beethoven
First Violin...Ichiro Ino
Second Violin..Mr. T. Yagura
Piano.....Manabu Fukushima

VIOLIN SOLO

"Meditation".....J. Massenet
Ardyce Hansen

CHORAL

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....Aeolians

TRIO

Violin.....Mr. T. Yagura
Flute.....Mr. S. Matsumoto
Piano.....Lily Odaka

VOCAL SOLO

"He Shall Feed His Flocks".....Handel
Mrs. Gayle Seater

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

Rev. Y. Oshita

ORGAN POSTLUDE

After the Benediction it is fitting that the congregation be seated and remain in silent prayer during the Postlude.



Ride On In Majesty

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

*Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

*In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ Thy triumphs now begin,
O'er captive death and conquered
sin.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

*Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own Anointed Son.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

*In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and
reign.*



PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 1945
Clifford Nakadegawa,
Minister

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, O ye gates:
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory will come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord
of hosts.
He is the King of glory.
--Ps. 24:9-10

HYMN 53.
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

INVOCATION, followed by the Lord's Prayer,
in unison

GLORIA PATRI

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
Matthew xxi, 1-12

THE MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY SERVICE

HYMN 38
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

THE SERMON

PRAYER

HYMN 88
Saviour, Thy Dying Love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TONIGHT 7:00 P.M. Pilgrim Fellowship
Chapel 40

TOMORROW NIGHT--Monday Choir Rehearsal
Chapel 40, 7:00 P.M.
COME AND HELP US

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY DAILY
Early Morning Devotional
Services at the Monument
6:00 A.M. You are welcome.

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS
At Hospital Library

MONDAY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:30 P.M.
Chapel 40
Impressive candlelight
Baptism and Communion Service

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 5:45 A.M.

EASTER JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
High School Auditorium

Palm Sunday

THIS day of the triumphant entry stands at the beginning of Holy Week with its plaudits, threats, tears and its messages of Hope. Palm Sunday calls to mind the cheering multitudes who hailed Jesus as a conquering King. It is a day of victory but Jesus was not deceived by the words of any for He knew that, all too soon, these same followers would be shouting, "Crucify Him!"

Jesus had set His feet upon the path that led to a cross-crowned Calvary. He was free from fear and indecision because of His unparalleled devotion to the will of God; and for a soul of such heroic stature there could be no turning back. The road required eyes unwavering and a heart unflinching. And, this Palm Sunday, Jesus would have us keep close to the events of Holy Week and thus come to Easter Day with a triumphant song in our hearts, being like Him forgetful of self in our love for others.



Holy Week Meditations

SUNDAY—*Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosannah in the highest.*

—Matthew 21:9.

MONDAY—*Jesus said, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."*

—Matthew 21:13.

TUESDAY—*This poor widow cast in more than they all.*

—Luke 21:3.

WEDNESDAY—*She hath wrought a good work on Me.*

—Mark 14:6.

THURSDAY—*Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Thine be done.*

—Luke 22:42.

FRIDAY—*There they crucified Him.*

—Luke 23:33.

SATURDAY—*Ye have a guard . . .*

—Matthew 27:65.



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'TIS WHERE MY HOME LIES UNESPIED

Embedded in eternal sands
Embalmed with nature's scented skies,
Emblozed by desert sunset strands--
'Tis where my home lies unespied.

Embraced by stars that dance at night,
Embossed on flattened lands, sun-dried,
Enchanting hills, a stately sight---
'Tis where my home lies unespied.

Eluded from life's daily trends,
Embezzled rights, which Hate did hide,
Extorted minds, yet many friends,
'Tis where my home lies unespied.

Oscar Inouye

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT 7:30 P.M. P.F. Council Meeting
at Chapel 59
8:30 P.M. Vesper Service at
Chapel 59

TUESDAY 8:00 P.M. Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. Bible Study--Hospital
Library

This is the House of God. It is for
prayer, meditation, and worship of God.
A spirit of reverence becomes it. Let us
avoid all whispering, visiting, levity,
and fix our thoughts on our Lord Jesus
Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 23, 1944

- PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....
- CALL TO WORSHIP.....
- HYMN 12 "We Gather Together
- PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER.
- READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.....
- MORNING PRAYER.....
- OFFERTORY.....DOXOLOGY
- HYMN 94 "I Need Thee Every Hour
- THE SERMON.....by Rev. J.R. Jenkins
- HYMN 132.....Lord Jesus, I Have Promised
- BENEDICTION.....
- POSTLUDE.....

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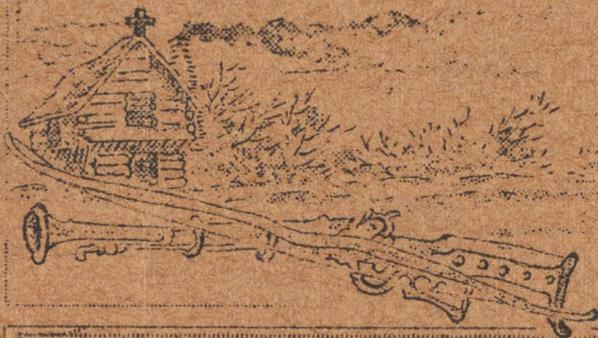
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Thanksgiving

Order of Service



BIYERS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THANKSGIVING

November 23, 1944
9:30 A.M.
AT THE BUTTE AMPHITHEATRE

Chairman Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa

TRUMPET PRELUDE

READING OF THE THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

DOXOLOGY Japanese hymn No. 566

INVOCATION..... Rev. C. Nakadegawa

SCRIPTURE READING..Psalms 104..Rev. K. Satow

HYMNHigh School Glee Club

THANKSGIVING MESSAGES.....
Mr. Davidson
and
Rev. Y. Tsuda

HYMN.."For the beauty of the earth"..No. 359

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Y. Oshita

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory
of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and
around us lies,

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and
of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and
moon, and stars of light

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister,
parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For
all gentle tho'ts and mild,

For Thy church, that evermore Lifteth holy
hands above,
Offering up on ev'ry shore Her pure sacri-
fice of love,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This
our hymn of Grateful praise.

Offer unto God
Thanksgiving,

Psa. 50:14



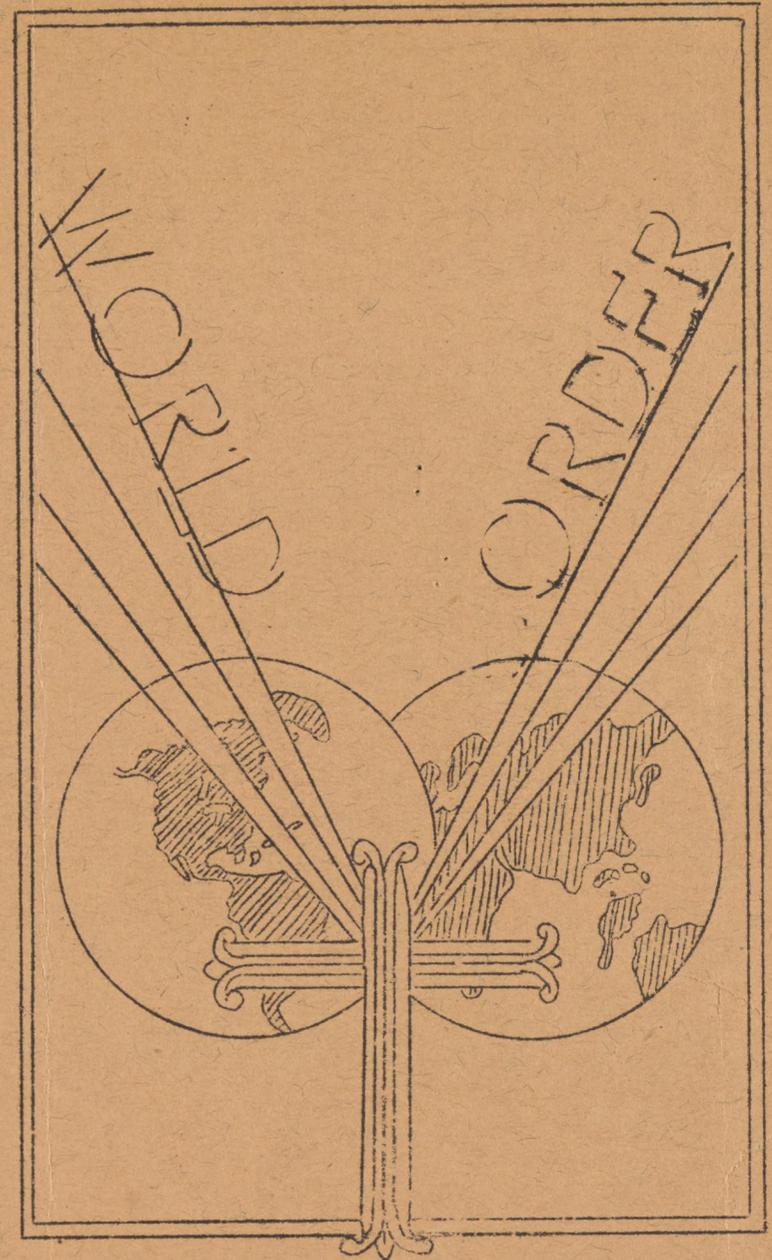
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WORLD ORDER MOVEMENT

Traditionally, the American citizen feels little personal relation to the foreign policy of his country. He looks upon this as the responsibility of a few individuals in Washington. Such is the opinion of Mr. Sumner Welles, expressed in his book, "The Time for Decision", and few would deny that it is an accurate picture. But equally few would say it is a healthful condition. Perhaps international relations have not been better because we, the people, have been too content to be little more than spectators, and sometimes not even that! As the waging of war is not a matter of a few top officials, but instantly becomes the concern of all the people, so the waging of peace through every possible channel and means must be the task and the concern of all and especially of Christians.

It is not that Christian people know all the answers to problems such as the future of the islands of the Pacific, the Polish-Russian border; but through God's gift to men of Jesus Christ, the Christian knows in what direction lies the finding of those answers, and a few first steps toward them. Peacemaking calls first for convictions about God's purpose and man's role in history.

Such is our faith as Christians, and we must act upon it now. The World Order Movement stands for the discipline of study issuing in the test of action by those who know that "without me ye can do nothing," for without Christ at the center of their national and international life, the nations can only continue to walk the treadmill of recurring world wars. from Social Progress





November 12, 1944
World Order Sunday

"This Nation Under God"

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

Lo, in these days to all good men and true
God speaks again: "Launch out upon
the deep
And win for me a world of righteousness!"

Response:

Can we, free men, at such an hour still
sleep?
O God of Freedom, stir us in our night
That we set forth for justice, truth,
and right.

HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

INVOCATION, followed by the Lord's prayer,
in unison

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN 197 The World's Astir! The Clouds
of Storm

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY SERVICE

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness
thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
-Psalm 24:1

Presentation of Offering
Doxology
Offertory Prayer

HYMN 228 America the Beautiful

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. C. S. Reifsnider

HYMN 210 Lead On, O King Eternal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to welcome Bishop Reifsnider
to our Church. We appreciate his interest
in our work and welcome him with our
Christian love.

TONIGHT-----6:30 P.M. Pilgrim Fellowship

MONDAY.....7:30 P.M.....Chapel 59
Mrs. Carl Downs, noted Negro singer
will appear in a concert at our Church.
Both Mrs. Downs and her husband are
outstanding leaders of their race.
You are all invited to come and hear
her. Come yourself and spread the
word around to your friends.

A thought--If you did today all that you
had planned, you did not plan enough.

U.S. War Reloc Auth Rivers

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is to let you know of our Rivers Christmas Party of 1943 in which you had a part in making it a great success. The Christmas Present Committee in behalf of the Gila River Relocation Center wishes to thank you for extending to us your warm Christian friendship with gifts and by your prayers.

The thousands of gifts sent to us were distributed in the thirty-three blocks of our camp. Preceding the distribution of gifts, a program was held in the respective Mess Halls (the locale of each block party) featuring that block's talent, carol singing etc. followed by refreshments. My, how the children rejoiced when Santa Claus made his appearance! Not only children were made happy, but parents, lonely widows, bachelors, young men and women etc. also experienced the spirit of Christmas joy. One bachelor said, "I have been in America thirty years but this is the first time I have received a gift from a Christian."

After the block parties, a group of one-hundred fifty young people joined the church caroling group and made the rounds of the camp.

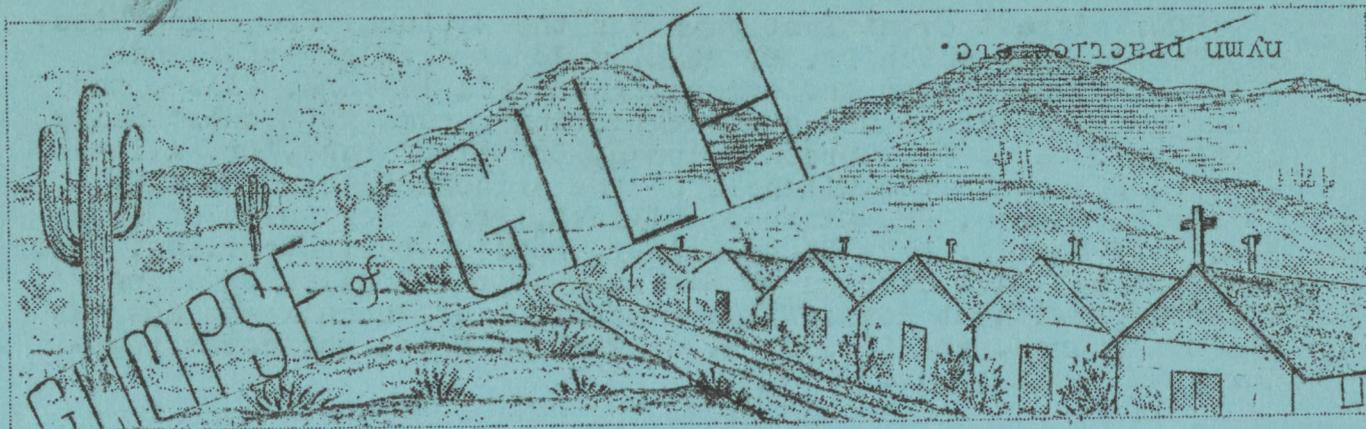
The Young People's group, the Sunday School pupils and the church choir presented to the community at the outdoor amphitheatre a wonderful and inspiring program. A Christmas pageant, telling of the old but ever new story of His birth, was depicted in tableau form by the pupils of the Junior Church School, and a play "Why the Chimes Rang" was dramatized by the young people's group.

We cannot fully express to you the deep gratitude and thankfulness in our hearts. I believe that through the Christmas spirit which reigned here, as well as in your hearts, we have come closer in the realization of His great love that binds us altogether as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Yasaburo Tsuda

Chairman



We Want to Acquaint You With Our Church Activities --

Looking at Sunday---

In the morning we have:

- 6 A.M. Morning Watch, adults
- 8 A.M. Communion Service
- 9 A.M. Sunday Schools which are held in three different chapels throughout the camp.
- 10 A.M. Worship Service (for the younger generation).

In the afternoon we have:

- 2 P.M. Worship Service for the older generation in their native tongue
- 3 P.M. Laymen's League and Women's Auxiliary
- 7 P.M. Young People's Fellowship
- 8 P.M. Evening Service, Adults

Our church is divided into three chapels located in convenient sites in the center so we can serve the people more effectively in that are. We refer to them as follows: Chapel 32, Chapel 40, and Chapel 59. All young people's meetings take place at Chapel 40 and our adults always meet at Chapel 59. Chapel 32 is used for special services.

There is an average attendance of about 125 children in each chapel. We have thirty-one teachers in all serving altogether in the three Junior Churches, and they include nine Caucasians as well as the Niseis.

From empty barrack rooms and scrap lumber, we have made a place to worship where we can unite in prayer and praise to our Lord and Savior. We have made our own equipment such as pulpits, benches, tables, curtains, etc. Our churches are decorated with fresh flowers when we can get them, otherwise, beautiful artificial flowers created by members of the church are used up on the altars. A beautiful cross made from tin cans adorns one of the chapels.

During the Week---

During the week, the church carries on a full program with its regular weekly Bible classes, home prayer meetings, ministers and teachers' meetings, church council meetings, choir practice, hymn practice etc.

Our biggest event last year was the National Preaching Mission Week during which Dr. E. Stanley Jones gave powerful and spiritual messages to the community and its leaders. Also, the Young People's group has had interesting forums with outstanding speakers such as Dr. Gordon Chapman, Dr. Kirby Page, Dr. Allan Hunter, Bishop Walter Mitchell of the Arizona Diocese of the Episcopal Church, Dr. Clarence Gillett, Prof. Roy Smith of Kobe, Rev. Fred Fertig, Rev. Glenn Smiley, Rev. Herbert Nicholson, etc. We could not have carried on the work of the English speaking department without Revs. William McKnight of Phoenix who now has his own church, and Rev. S. A. Stewart of Mesa, who comes regularly to speak to us.

Community Participation

Aside from the church activities, our leaders are partaking in many of the community activities of which we wish to state a few. Eight thousand of our boys are in the Service out of which four hundred are from our center. Since some are already in the Pacific and others in the Atlantic, we have a strong service men's association here. This group takes in the parents and close kins of the boys as well as veterans of World War I. At the present time, an honor roll monument is being erected on the highest hill of the center with the names of these service men inscribed upon it. Some of them have already distinguished themselves and have come home on furloughs. One such person is Sgt. Kazuo Komoto of our center who has received the distinguished Purple Heart Award.

The USO has received a new recreation hall in the newly formed community center. The room will have to be equipped with our own ingenuity, but any second-hand furniture from the outside will be welcomed. This is also true of our church office which was recently opened.

As in any other community we have the PTA group, the Nurses Aides, Social Service, YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. and we are endeavoring to keep in touch with the outside through this means.

The Rivers Christian Church is starting the New Year by moving into our new church office which we have just acquired. The office is located at 42-10-D, and we would appreciate it if any future correspondence be sent to the above address.

Note

Many of our people are from the fertile valleys of sunny California, and others are from the cities and have worked as gardeners, domestics, and various others professions such as in business, medical etc. It would be wonderful if farming positions and other offers could be open to them so that together with their family they can once more live unrestricted on the outside.

We are happy to have made this Christian contact with you, and we hope that this fellowship will "be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love so that the fellowship of kindred minds will be like to that-above".

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The Project Administration extends its hearty thanks and appreciation to all the kind donors of Christmas gifts to the families and children at the Gila River Relocation Center. The fact that they have been remembered has been a great boost to their morale individually and to the morale of the Center as a whole.

L. H. Bennett

PROJECT DIRECTOR

GIFTS FROM UNKNOWN FRIENDS

Of all the gifts we've ever received
And of all we'll ever get,
We'll treasure most the ones from you
You, whom we've never met.

Our eyes will fill with tears of thanks
For the kind thoughts behind,
For we know in you we've found a friend
You're a friend to all mankind.

Lily Matsuura
A high-school student

MY CHURCH

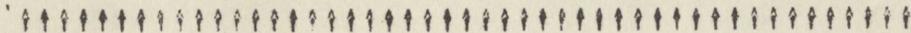
My church is not of marble
With damasks hanging rare;
It has no rich warm carpet
On which to kneel in prayer;
Nor has it deep-toned organ,
But it's God's house and He is there.

Our windows are not spacious
Nor made of gold-stained glass
But they keep out the noises
And let the sunlight pass.

I've seen some churches elsewhere
With golden candlesticks
Where ivy climb great oaken doors
And moss kiss walls of brick.

But now each Sunday morning
When we give to God our gloom,
We see Him much much closely
In our church, a barrack room.

by Tokiko Inouye
A high-school graduate



LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the entire residents of the Butte Community, Gila River Relocation Center. May we express our deepest appreciation in remembering us during the Christmas season. We wish you to know that we had a cozy but jubilant Christmas party centered around the gifts received from you.

Cordially yours,
Toshio Kinoshita
Keiso Ishizu, ass't
Central Block Managers