

Dedication of Columbarium

Sunday, April 11, 2010

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

PSALM OF PRAISE (Based on Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, hear our prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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HYMN OF PROMISE (UMH 707)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of all eternity, we dedicate this columbarium to your glory in joyful celebration of the lives of your people, who at the end of service in the earthly life find their rest in you. May their witness continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, that all may come at last to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Give us your peace in Christ Jesus that we may live for him untroubled and unafraid. And as we dedicate this place for God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.