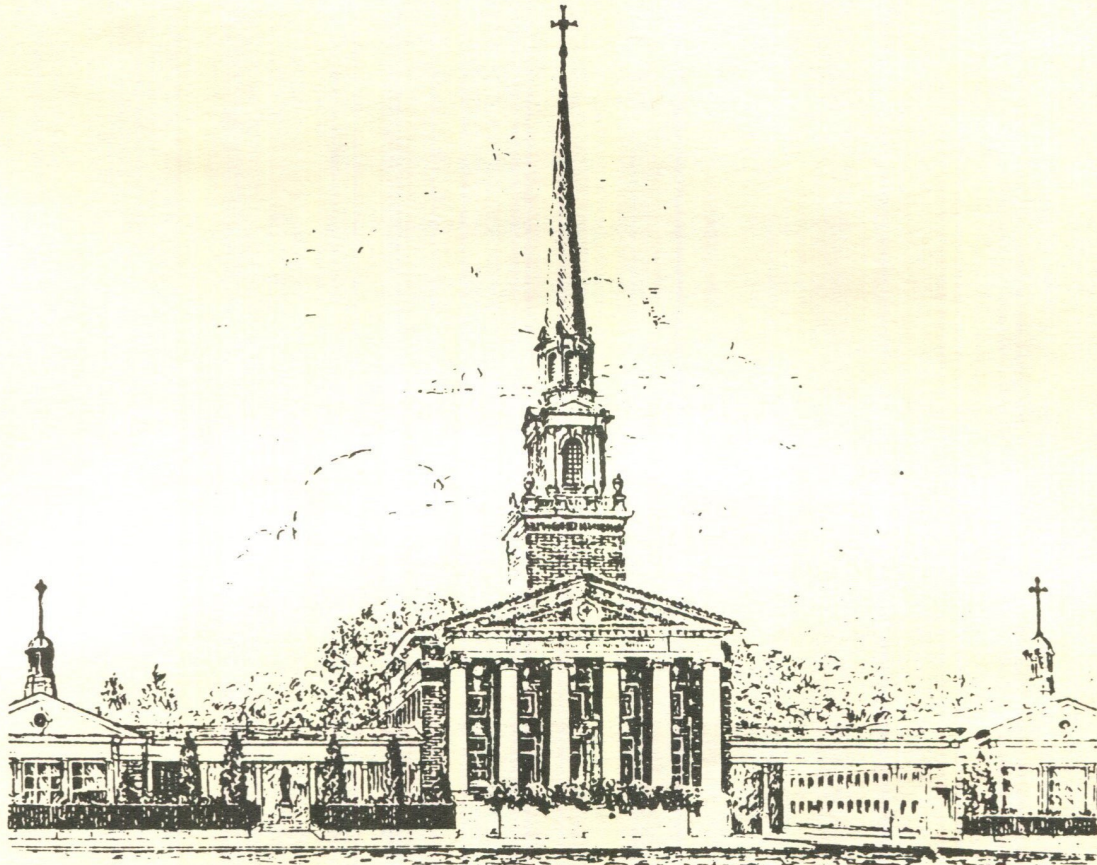


# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Shreveport, Louisiana



Walter L. Underwood  
Bishop, Louisiana Area  
1984-1987

Benjamin R. Oliphint  
Acting Bishop  
Louisiana Area

W. Odell Simmons  
Superintendent, Shreveport District

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John E. Fellers  
Pastor

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Curtis A. Chambers  
William F. Mayo

Will K. Andress  
Minister of Music

D. L. Dykes, Jr.  
Pastor Emeritus

Arie Tubb  
Organist





The Sanctuary Organ



# Service of Dedication

May 17, 1987

Telecast on KSLA, Channel 12 at 11 a.m.  
and on Cablevision 16 or 17 at 11:30 a.m.  
Broadcast on KWKH-AM Radio (1130) at 11 a.m.

*Fourth Sunday after Easter Day*

*Eight-thirty and Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

PRELUDE	"Processional" from <i>Louisiana Suite for Organ</i>	Gilbert Martin
CALL TO WORSHIP	"We Sing the Power"	Fredrick Swann
HYMN	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"	Regent Square

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en, To his feet thy  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa-vor To our fa-thers  
3. Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; Well our fee-ble  
4. An-gels in the height, a-dore him; Ye be-hold him

trib-ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en,  
in dis-tress; Praise him, still the same as ev-er,  
frame he knows; In his hands he gent-ly bears us,  
face to face; Saints tri-um-phant, bow be-fore him,

Ev-er-more his prais-es sing. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Res-cues us from all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Gath-ered in from ev-ery race. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly yet his mer-cy flows.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace. A-men.



LITANY OF PRAISE (*Said Responsively*)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
    **to sing praises to your name: O Most High;**  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
    **and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
    **to the melody of the lyre.**  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad;  
    **at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.**

GLORIA PATRI

Meineke

ANTHEM

"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"

Parry

I was glad, glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace, peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. (Psalm 122:1-3, 6,7)

ACT OF DEDICATION

*Mr. and Mrs. Sharp:* We present this organ to be dedicated to the Glory of God and for service in First United Methodist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana.

*Dr. Simmons:* I dedicate this organ to the Glory of God. May this instrument always be used for the praise of God's people and the blessing of all who worship in this place. May its majestic sound lift men, women and children heavenward; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** We receive this organ with joy and gratitude. We give thanks for Sam and Mildred Sharp who give this gift and we vow to always hear it gladly and sing with it joyfully.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*In Unison*)

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be present with us as we gather on this day to dedicate the organ placed in this church. By the gift of your grace, let its melody perfect the praise we offer to you. Grant that in the music it makes, we and all who



worship here, may see glimpses of your glory and at length behold it forever. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord...

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HYMN

"Come, Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song"

Duke Street

1. Come, let us tune our loft - iest song And raise to  
2. His sov-ereign power our bod - ies made; Our souls are  
3. Burn ev - ery breast with Je - sus' love; Bound ev - ery  
4. Ex - tol the Lamb with loft - iest song; As - cend for

Christ our joy - ful strain; Wor-ship and thanks to him be -  
his im - mor - tal breath; And when his crea - tures sinned, he  
heart with rap - turous joy; And saints on earth, with saints a -  
him our cheer - ful strain; Wor-ship and thanks to him be -

long, Who reigns, and shall for - ev - er reign.  
bled, To save us from e - ter - nal death.  
bove, Your voic - es in his praise em - ploy.  
long, Who reigns and shall for - ev - er reign. A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

"Aria" from *Louisiana Suite for Organ*

Gilbert Martin

## ANTHEM

"Lift High a Majestic Song"

Dale Wood

Lift high a majestic song in praise, in praise to our mighty creator!  
Give life to his story in music which glorifies his name. Let organ



and chorus unite in a proclamation of his love. Let the walls of this holy place ring out with a joyful alleluia. We sing alleluia in praise to the king; our spirits rejoice in the Lord as we sing. Musician and poet have given us song; the organ and trumpets now join with the throng. Our hearts are united through music and word, and each is a gift from above. We thank our heavenly father for music, sent of his love. Our spirits rejoice in the Lord! We celebrate him in our lives and return to him the music he created. As instruments that herald forth his glory, we magnify his name and shout to the heavens that he reigns, that he reigns supreme in our hearts. Unite in a strong affirmation of faith in our all gracious Lord. Through music, release to all generations the joy of his word. The song that we sing will be unending. Alleluia, alleluia!

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory...Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, the Father through him.*

SERMON

"Sometimes We Need a Song"

Dr. Fellers



## HYMN

## "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That  
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He  
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, New  
 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread thro' all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - oner free; His blood can make the  
 life the dead re - ceive; The mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your

God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
 earth a - broad The hon - ors of thy name.  
 sin - ners' ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.  
 hearts re - joice; The hum - ble poor, be - lieve.  
 Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy. A - men.

*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to unite with First United Methodist Church are invited to meet the pastor at the altar. You may join our church family by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of vows.)*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS



BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE      "A Blessing of Peace"      David Schwoebel

POSTLUDE      "Toccata" from *Louisiana Suite for Organ*      Gilbert Martin

*(For those who wish to remain, Communion is served at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 12:00 noon in Couch Chapel. It is also available in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m.)*

\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated at times thus marked in the service.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

You are cordially invited to the office area immediately after the 11 a.m. service to meet with the ministers, members and visitors, so that we may become better acquainted while sharing a cup of coffee or tea.

*Louisiana Suite for Organ* by Gilbert Martin was commissioned of Mr. Martin to be premiered as a part of the Service of Dedication of the Sanctuary Organ.