



## The Legend of the Dogwood

Before the time of Christ the stately dogwood tree proudly reached toward heaven. Its trunk stood as straight as a sentinel. Because of this the dogwood tree was chosen as the timber from which the cross of Christ was fashioned.

So great was the tree's shame that it grew twisted in agony and gnarled with disgrace. Its true grain was stained by Christ's blood.

On Easter morning the tree caught the radiance of new Life. Its lowly branches burst forth in an array of soft white splendor. Four delicate petals in each bloom formed a cross—each edged with brown nail prints. A crown of thorns formed the center of each bloom.

And down through the years the dogwood tree has reminded man of Christ and the first Easter.

M O R N I N G   W O R S H I P

April 25, 1954

10.45 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude                                    "Melodie"                                    Karganoff  
Invocation  
\*\*Hymn                                    "Ye Servants Of God"                                    169  
  
Collect, the third prayer of confession                                    Page 510  
Silent Prayer                                    Words of Assurance  
                                  The Lord's Prayer  
\*\*Responsive Reading "Love Never Fails"                                    page 584  
\*\*The Gloria Patri  
\*\*Affirmation of Faith                                    no. 3                                    page 512  
  
Duet:                                    "Beloved, Now Are We"                                    McCranahan  
  
Reading from the Scriptures                                    Luke 24:13-35  
The Call to Prayer                                    318  
      "O Love that wilt not let me go,  
      I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
      I give Thee back the life I owe,  
      That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
      May richer, fuller be."  
The Pastoral Prayer                                    Choral Response  
Worship in Offering  
      Offertory                                    "Dreaming"                                    Norris  
\*\*The Doxology                                    Dedicatory Prayer  
\*\*Hymn                                    "The Light of God Is Falling"                                    468  
  
Sermon:                                    "The Extravagance of Love"                                    The Pastor  
  
\*\*Hymn                                    "Love Divine"                                    372  
\*\*The Benediction                                    Choral Response  
\*\*Prelude                                    "March Of The Priests"                                    Mendelssohn

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\*\*Indicates when worshippers should stand  
Mrs. E.R. Sharman, Organist  
                                  Mrs. Earl Gilbert, Choir Director  
9.30 a.m. Sunday School. E.E. Kissinger, Jr., Supt.

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Today

5.30 p.m. Intermediate MYF. The picture: "Am I Trustworthy", will be shown.

7.00 p.m. Senior MYF. Report on the Denver trip will constitute part of the schedule, plus plans for future activities.

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Wednesday, April 28

7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.

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Thursday, April 29

8.30 a.m. Delegation to the Pueblo District W.S. C.S. meeting will depart. Meeting will be held in First Methodist Church, Pueblo, beginning at 9.30.

6.30 p.m. Monthly Family Night Pot-Luck Supper. Bring something for the meal and your table service. A skit by the Intermediate MYF will be part of the entertainment, to be followed by the showing of the movie "Honor Thy Family". Dave Batchelor will lead the Fellowship Singing. Come prepared to have a good time. We always do!

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Sunday, May 2

9.30 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages.

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon: "Family Fellowship". This marks the beginning of National Family Week which will culminate with Mother's Day, May 9.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK is April 26- May 2. The public school authorities extend an invitation to the public to visit the schools during this week particularly, altho they welcome visitors anytime. Morning hours will be the best to observe the school teaching program. Each school will be scheduled for visitation this week. See the local paper for the suggested day to visit the school you are particularly interested in.

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WE WELCOME THE MEN AND WOMEN of the Odd Fellows and Rebecca Lodges at the service this morning.

ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATED MOTION PICTURES of 1953 was the outstanding film, "Martin Luther". It is showing at the Skyline Theatre Tues., Wed., and Thurs., of this week - April 27, 28, 29 - and it is your pastor's belief that every Protestant ought to see the film. In order to help our people to see it, special discount coupons are available at the church which will effect about a 25% saving when you purchase your admission ticket at the theatre.

The Protestant Reformation is one of the great movements of history, and while we trace our Methodist heritage from Wycliffe and the English, the spirit of reform which is portrayed in this picture is of the same pattern and one which we need to understand more fully. You are urged to see this picture.

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THE FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, the annual business meeting of the church, is scheduled for May 17 at 7.30 p.m. Dr. Ben Christner, the District Superintendent, from Pueblo will be present to conduct the meeting. This is to be an all-church conference, which entitles every member of the church 18 years of age or older, to vote. The pastor's report for the year will show several gains and will be illustrated with colored slides, taken of various functions which the church has engaged in during the year. Plan to be on hand for this important meeting.

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