



Did you know Walter Judd...

Dr. Walter H. Judd, a physician and missionary, rose to national prominence as a crusader against Chinese Communism and Japanese expansionism in the years before World War II and later became a United States representative.

Dr. Judd went to Nanjing, China, in 1925 as a medical missionary for the Congregational Board of Foreign Missions. A year later, he set out on a 12-day river journey to a mission hospital in Shaowu in Fukien Province and stayed five years before severe malaria forced his return to the States. He went back to China in 1933 as a hospital superintendent in Fenchow, where his mission became a haven for thousands of Chinese fleeing the advancing Japanese armies. He remained in the city for five months after it was captured by Japanese before negotiating his release. He returned to the United States and immediately began a two-year campaign warning of Japan's military expansionism. Before resuming his medical practice in Minneapolis, he spent his savings traveling to 46 states to speak to 1,400 groups.

He was elected to Congress in 1942 after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and became one of the most influential members of the House on foreign policy. After the war, he was credited with playing an important role in American efforts to build stability in Europe through economic relief and development programs.

He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, who called him "an articulate spokesman for all those who cherish liberty and a model for all Americans who aspire to serve mankind as physicians, spiritual leaders and statesmen."

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Call To Worship

L: Each day will have its trials

C: Each day we'll see God's grace

L: For God has promised surely

C: To bless us in our place

L: May we live with a pilgrim's spirit

C: This hour and every day

L: To cast our lot upon the Lord

C: In work, in worship, and in play

Invocation (in unison)

We thank You, good Lord, as we pray, for your blessings on this day and this hour of worship. We thank you for the pilgrim spirit which You have instilled in us from the beginning of the Christian church, through the time of the Pilgrims of our shores 400 years ago, and into this congregation. May our worship honor their faith and their spirit. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen

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