

Leader: We rededicate this church:
In loving memory of all those whose hearts and
hands have served this church;
With deep gratitude for the loyal work which has
made this spiritual venture;
And with high hope for those who shall walk this
way in the days to come;

People: We rededicate this church.

Hymn # 483

"We Are God's People"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Look graciously, O Lord, on this Your holy place, which
we now rededicate to the glory of Your holy Name. Blest
and rededicated be this building, its furnishings, the
windows which so gloriously let Your light shine through,
and the instruments which play to your glory. May this
building serve and its people served far into the future.
Amen**

Hymn #27

"How Great Thou Art"

Benediction

Postlude

On a Sunday morning, March 2, 1913, a fire consumed our meet-
inghouse which was constructed in 1883. Everything was de-
stroyed—the loss being about \$10,000.

The story is told that the night was windy and cold (below zero).
Mr. W. A. Newton, who lived a block northwest of the church, dis-
covered the fire when he arose early to fix his own furnace. When
he arrived the entire basement was in flames. He sounded the
fire alarm and several hundred people responded. Unfortunately,
in a few hours the wood frame structure was gone with many
cherished memories.

Plans were immediately taken for the erection of a new and mod-
ern structure. In a short time, the total amount called for in the con-
tract was pledged. The cornerstone was laid by December 7,
1913, - less than ten months from the date of the fire. In the cor-
nerstone, there is a copper box fifteen inches square. In this box,
there is a Bible, a historical sketch of the church, a list of officers
and members, reports of building and finance committees, the
architects, an issue of the Stark County News, and some Lincoln
head pennies.

During the time of construction, members met in McClenahan's
Hall until the Christian Church offer to share their church, They
were without a pastor and we were without a church. We wor-
shipped together for nearly a year, and were very helpful to one
another. Seventeen months from the date of the fire, the church
was dedicated on October 15, 1914. It was a stormy night, how-
ever 600 people attended the service—with many standing. The
Reverend Harry P. Dewey of Minneapolis was the speaker with
pastor of the local churches assisting. Miss Irene Nowlan was the
organist. Mr. Harry Wrigley, chairman of the building committee,
gave a report—the final cost of the building being \$30,000.