" Give Thanks Unto The Lord

June 19, 1994

SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.

Adoration of God

PRELUDE

"Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major"
"Trio and Fughetta"

Bach

Ralph Ehlert, Guest Organist

MOMENTS OF BECOMING

A time to share the joys and concerns of our church family.

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

J. Fred Rennebohm

\*HYMN 43 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

\*INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name, You will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world, knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come, life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say . . .

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)
\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 513)

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ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Rutter

UNISON READING Psalm 100

Bible, page 520

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Communion With God

CALL TO PRAYER and SILENT MEDITATION PASTORAL PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN 239 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1, 2, 5-16

Bible, page 1050

SERMON

"A Daring Thing To Do?"

The Reverend Robert Woodbury, Chaplain of Congregational Home

**Dedication To God** 

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM "In This Very Room"

Harris

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 515)
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Jubilate"

Douglas

Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of the 20th Anniversary of Congregational Home.

\* \* \* Seating interval

\* Congregation please stand.

## Please join us at a reception in Friendship Lounge following the worship service to celebrate Congregational Home's 20th Anniversary.

## JUNE 19, 1994

This is a very special day for the members of First Congregational Church and all those associated with Congregational Home. It was 20 years ago this month, that the first residents moved into the Home. This opening in June of 1974 followed a groundbreaking ceremony held approximately 18 months earlier, on Sunday, December 17, 1972.

Located at West Burleigh and Lilly Roads in Brookfield, Congregational Home, including some 100 residents, was conceived by the Rev. Dr. Norman S. Ream and members of First Congregational Church. Initial gifts and pledges by church members totaled more than \$850,000, far in excess of the estimated \$600,000 needed to proceed with this Christian endeavor.

From the outset, the Home has been an extension of the church. Members of the Board of Directors are members of First Congregational Church, being elected to their respective terms by the Church Council. Also, serving as directors of the Home by virtue of their positions within the church, are the Moderator and Senior Minister.

The Home's staff of 130 persons is ably assisted by more than 150 volunteers who devote thousands of hours each year toward the care and comfort of residents.

Recognizing a need for independent living facilities which adjoin assisted and health care living, management of the Home directed the construction of Congregational Apartments, completed in 1986. These 24 units provide a combination of privacy and security, with a feeling of community.

From its beginning 20 years ago, Congregational Home is an outstanding testimony to the generosity of our church's membership and the basic goodness in the many people who gain a deep sense of well-being by serving others.