Litany of Groundbreaking

Leader: “For everything there is a season,

People: and a time for every matter under heaven:

Leader: . . . a time to break down, and a time to build up”

Ecclesiastes 3

People: . . . a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together,“

Leader: “Unless the Lord builds the house,

People: those who build it labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1

Leader: In the name of God, our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer:

People: We gather to break this ground and commit ourselves to creating new opportunities for people to know and be drawn to God.

Leader: We stand on this sacred ground once again dedicated to Christ, the Head of the Church.

People: We are grateful that this new building will purposefully bear witness to our faith within this community.

Leader: We are grateful that this building will be a place of teaching and learning, of worship and fellowship, of recreation and prayer.

People: We pray that this building will be a safe place where God’s people are fed spiritually and physically.

Leader: We pray that this building will be a place of grace where all will be welcome.

People: Let this building serve as a place of education, a place of worship, an emergency shelter, a welcome place of faith and more.

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the faithful stewardship of the members and friends of this church.

People: With grateful hearts we commit ourselves to the continual leadership, the necessary planning, and the prayerful financial support to complete this project.

Leader: With grateful hearts we praise you, O God.

People: As members of the Christian Church, We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ’s name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in God’s covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.
At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Hymn

“Weave”

Weave, weave, weave us to – geth – er.
Weave us to – geth – er in u –ni-ty and love.
Weave, weave, weave us to – geth- er.
Weave us to – geth – er, to – geth – er in love.

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Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and glory, the skies and highest heavens cannot contain you, much less a structure made by human hands. You chose to dwell among your people and make yourself known in sacred space and time. We seek for your holy love to shine as a lamp on a stand that leads others to a redeeming relationship with Christ.

As we break this sod we pray that you will bless this place again as holy ground. This ground already belongs to you, we seek to be worthy servants of your good news and faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

Teach and guide our children and youth, lift up and inspire people of all ages that the ministry that takes place in this building will build, strengthen and nurture the Body of Christ. Thus, we dedicate this act of groundbreaking and the construction of this building in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Lord and Savior and of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, Amen

The Act of Groundbreaking

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

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