

Consecration Liturgy UMC Libertyville January 10, 2016

Declaration of Purpose

Pastors Steve & Jamie

Sisters and brothers in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing.

We have come together to consecrate the new building renovations of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville.

Let us give thanks and praise to God, as we invite the outpouring of God's Spirit upon our congregation and this beautiful new space God has helped us to create. May our community and this church be a holy temple as we gather together in love.

Presentation of the Building Renovations

Mike Foley & Herb Spooner

We present these building renovations - the revitalized sanctuary, the new front entrance and the community room - for the worship of God and the fellowship and service of all people.

Consecration of the Building Renovation

Bishop, DS, Pastors

Dear friends, rejoice that God so moved the hearts of people
that this house has been revitalized and renovated for the glory of God.
Let us now consecrate it for service and celebrate its holy use.

O eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty
whom the heavens cannot contain,
much less the walls of temples made with hands,
you have promised your special presence
whenever two or three are assembled in your name
to offer praise and prayer.

By the power of your Holy Spirit consecrate this house of worship
and all these wonderful renovations.
Bless us and sanctify what we do here,
that this place may be holy for us and house of prayer
and hospitality for all people.

Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit
the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Sacraments,
the pouring out of prayer and the singing of praise,
professions of faith and testimonies to your grace,
warm expressions of invitation and welcome,
loving experiences of grace, growth and community.

Save us from that failure of vision
which would confine our worship and fellowship within these walls,
but send us out from here to be your servants in the world,
sharing the blessings of Christ with the world he came to redeem.

Now, O God, sanctify this place,

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the dominion, and you are glorified as God above all!

Response of the People

**We now, the people of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville,
grateful for the many gifts we have received in this building renovation and
grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the community of Christ,
God's holy temple,
rejoice together with great joy
and dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service
of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**