THE CALVIN LIBRARY

PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

KNOLLCREST CAMPUS • FINE ARTS CENTER • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1970 • 7:15 P.M.
I Greet Thee,  
who My Sure  
Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake,  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway,  
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
Comfort us by Thy faith and by Thy power,  
Nor daunt our hearts when comes the trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;  
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in Thee  
And ever stay in Thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee,  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
Come, give us peace, make us so strong and sure,  
That we may conquerors be and ills endure.

John Calvin
We urge you to tour the Calvin Library building immediately after the Ceremony of Dedication. Members of the Library staff and Administrative staffs will be on hand to greet you.
CEREMONY OF DEDICATION OF THE CALVIN LIBRARY

FINE ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1970 • 7:15 P.M.

Organ Prelude
  John Hamersma, S.M.D.
  Trumpet Voluntary — Anonymous, 18th Century
  Now Thank We All Our God — Georg Kaufmann
  Voluntary On Old Hundredth — Henry Purcell

Hymn, “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” — John Calvin

Invocation
  The Reverend Seymour Van Dyken, Th.D., Secretary, Board of Trustees

Scripture Reading — John 1:1-14, 21:24-25
  William Spoelhof, Ph.D., President, Calvin College

Introduction of Speaker
  The Reverend John Kromminga, Th.D., President, Calvin Theological Seminary

Dedictory Address, “Philobiblon”
  Lester De Koster, Ph.D., Editor-elect, The Banner

Service of Dedication
  The Reverend Arnold Brink, President, Board of Trustees

Charge to the Faculties and Students
  The Reverend Arnold Brink, President, Board of Trustees

Responses on Behalf of the Faculties and Students
  Seminary Faculty Representative, The Reverend John Kromminga, Th.D.
  College Faculty Representative, William Spoelhof, Ph.D.
  Student Representative, Bryce Mensink

Prayer
  The Reverend Henry Vander Kam, Vice-President, Board of Trustees
A Litany of Dedication

Leader: It is fitting that buildings erected by Christian people for use in the service of God be set apart in solemn ceremony. We are thus gathered to dedicate this library building to Christian higher education. Knowing that we cannot truly offer to God the works of our hands, unless with them we offer our hearts, let us dedicate our lives to His service, even as we dedicate this structure.

To God the Father, who made us in His image, who reveals His power and divinity in all that He has made and who calls us by His Word into the light of His Truth,

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: To God the Son, Eternal Word Incarnate, Light of the World, who enlightens every man that comes into the world, and by whom we come to the knowledge of the Truth.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: To God the Holy Spirit, Creator of life, whose power permeates the world, whose presence purifies the soul, and whose guidance leads us to the Truth.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: To the greater glory of God, Blessed Trinity, Source of all life and light, in whom there is no darkness at all, who made an everlasting covenant with His children, and offers us the fellowship of His grace and truth.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building in grateful tribute to all who by their willing gifts have fulfilled a noble vision, born of faith.

People: In tribute to all who have brought vision into reality, we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building as the vital center of Christian and humane learning on this college and seminary campus.

People: As the center of this community of scholars, we dedicate this building.
Leader: We set this building apart for the gathering of books, that there may be available to all a treasury of the pious, humane, and scientific letters of the past and the present, a ready source of the noblest and best that has been thought and said, by learned and saintly men of all ages.

People: As a store of universal learning, we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building to research by ministers, theologians, scientists, teachers, artists, and all others who seek to know the truth.

People: To the service of research, we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building to the collection and distribution of the documents of our tradition, that through them the generations of the future may find roots for their faith, and guidance for their visions, in the resources of their past.

People: To the living heritage of the Reformation, we dedicate this building.

Leader: We dedicate this building to the continuing dialogue between students of this time and place, and the teachers, poets, and prophets of all time and every place, the dialogue of seeking mind and open book, all books, and preeminently The Book.

People: To earnest seeking and constant finding, we dedicate this building.

Leader: Finally, we dedicate this building to the development of complete Christian men and women, who, through the disciplined use of this facility, are equipped to serve Jesus Christ effectively as ministers of the Gospel, as educators, as members of the learned professions, as stewards of our Lord, through whom He administers His Kingdom.

People: To the service of Christian higher education, to the good of human society, and to the expansion of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this building. May God our Father, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier be praised in this hour and through all times to come.

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