

STUDENT CHURCH

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"Jackie is well educated... He is a good sportsman and a gentleman. On the field he has proven himself to be a good player with fine physical abilities and most unusual aptitudes... His greatest achievement... in my judgment, was his tactful handling of his relationship with his fellow players, as well as his opponents; and the fact that he was able to maintain the favorable regard of the press and the public... Jackie is naturally a competitor - a combative competitor. He resents unfairness or unsportsmanlike play directed toward the team or himself. Under no circumstances, however, could he allow himself to show resentment. Only those on the team know the great patience and self-control he exercised continuously throughout the season. For this exemplary conduct, displayed both off and on the field during the entire season, he deserves the commendation of everyone.

"I believe that a man's race, color, and religion should never constitute a handicap. The denial to anyone, anywhere, anytime of equality of opportunity to work is incomprehensible to me. Moreover, I believe that the American public is not as concerned with a first baseman's pigmentation as it is with the power of his swing, the dexterity of his slide, the gracefulness of his fielding, or the speed of his legs."

Branch Rickey, Manager
Brooklyn Dodgers

- From the foreword of "Jackie Robinson, My Own Story".

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 255 - "God Send Us Men"

God send us men whose aim 'twill be,
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of Christ
In every tho't and word and deed.

God send us men alert and quick
His lofty precepts to translate,
Until the laws of Christ become
The laws and habits of the state.

God send us men with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the state. Amen.

Scripture - II Timothy 4:1-8, 2:1-7

Litany

- L. Teach me, O Lord, to play! Others have taught me the rules. But do thou teach me the inner spirit.
- C. Let me learn of thee to throw all that I have into the game I play. For this has always been thy will.
- L. Grant me skill to play well. For mind and nerve and muscle from which skill comes are thy gifts to me.
- C. Enable me, my Lord, to play fairly, and always with honor. For whence come the laws of all fair dealing but from thee?
- L. Make me chivalrous to my opponents, loyal to

my companions, and generous in giving praise. For these are the qualities that thou hast blessed in the dealings of men with each other everywhere.

- C. Thus I come to thee, my Lord, to learn the spirit of play. For I know that thou hast made play a part of this world of thine.
Amen

- From "Prayers for Young People" by Percy Hayward

Hymn - "Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
The hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea. Amen

Speaker - Mr. Jackie Robinson
"MY STORY IN BASEBALL"

Question Period

Hymn - "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life"

O Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Show me the living way,
That in the tumult and the strife,
I may not go astray.

Teach me thy truth, O Christ; my light,
The truth that makes me free,
That in the darkness and the night,
My trust shall be in thee.

The life that thou alone canst give,
Impart in love to me,
That I may in thy presence live,
And ever be like thee. Amen.

Benediction

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The leaders for tonight's service are
Bob Camac, Jeanette Bowling, and Art Raynor.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT MR. ROBINSON - at UCLA, he won All-American honorable mention as half-back; for two years leading scorer in basketball in Pacific Coast Conference; reaches semi-finals in Negro National Tennis Tournament. - "Rookie of the Year" at first base with the Dodgers in 1947 (first time to play this position); in 1948 selected as outstanding second baseman of National League. Here he had the best fielding average. On the Dodger team he holds record last season for runs batted, runs scored, and stolen bases. - Army Lieutenant with 27th Cavalry. - Between seasons, "Jackie" is devoting his time to coaching boys at the Harlem Y.M.C.A., talking to boys in the New York City schools, and is doing a daily Radio Sports Review, 7:15 over WMCA. - Mrs. Robinson is also our guest today. They were married in 1946, result of a college romance.

ALEX MILLER ON "COMMUNISM AND CHRISTIANITY"

Next Sunday at Student Church, Mr. Alex Miller of New Zealand and Britain will speak on "Christianity & Communism". Mr. Miller, a former sec'y of the N.Z.-S.C.M., will lead a conference at Cowan over the weekend on "Marxism & Christianity". C.A. office for information.