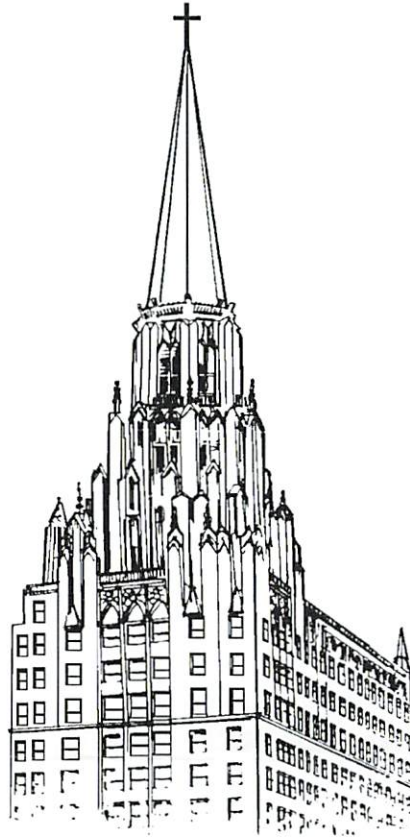


THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT THE CHICAGO TEMPLE



Nothing that is worth doing
can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful
or good makes complete sense
in any immediate context of history;
therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous,
can be accomplished alone;
therefore we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is as virtuous
from the standpoint of our friend or foe
as it is from our standpoint.

Therefore, we must be saved
by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

Reinhold Niebuhr

Saturday, July 21, 2012
at 1 p.m.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Frank Vernon Hilliard

October 13, 1931- June 6, 2012

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Dr. Barry J. Wenger

WORD OF GRACE

The Reverend Claude R. King

HYMN #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

Please stand, as you are able, on the first note of the hymn and join in singing

PRAYER

The pastor and people praying together

Eternal God,

**we praise you for the great company of all those
who have finished their course in faith
and now rest from their labor.**

**We praise you for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before you.**

**Especially we praise you for Frank,
whom you have graciously received into your presence.**

To all of these, grant your peace.

Let perpetual light shine upon them;

**and help us so to believe where we have not seen,
that your presence may lead us through our years,
and bring us at last with them
into the joy of your home**

**not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLO

"Burdens Down"

The Reverend Kelly Tiebout

The Word

Romans 8

Ann Wehmeyer

II Corinthians 6:3-10

The Reverend Cerna Castro Rand

John 14

The Reverend Wendy A. Witt

Please stand, as you are able

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SOLO

Robert Trautvetter

WITNESS

Jim Mathews
Steve Townley
Kathy Schaeffer
Lillie Fox

SOLO

“We Shall Overcome”

The Reverend Kelly Tiebout

HOMILY

The Reverend Philip L. Blackwell

HYMN #378 “Amazing Grace”

Please stand, as you are able, on the first note of the hymn and join in singing

The Commendation

WORD OF COMMITTAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #711 “For All the Saints”

Please stand, as you are able, on the first note of the hymn and join in singing

BENEDICTION

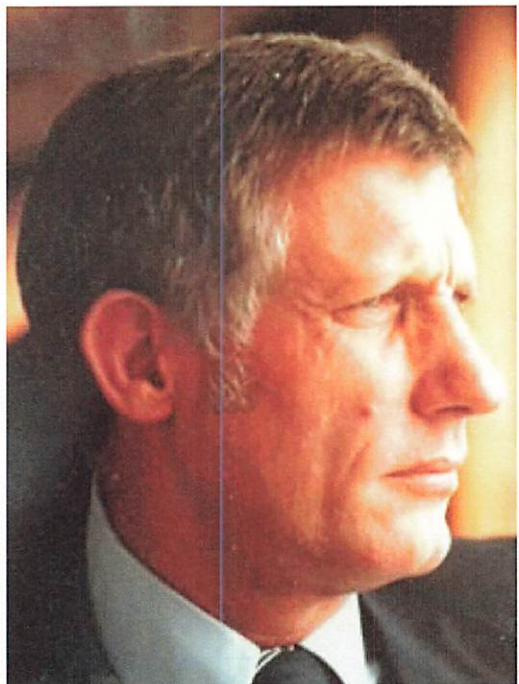
The Reverend Robert Fishel

POSTLUDE

Dr. Barry J. Wenger



Following the service the family invites you to a reception in the James Parlor on the 2nd floor.



The Reverend Frank Vernon Hilliard, 80, of Oak Park, died at his lake side home in Greenwood, Louisiana, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. He passed away just a few miles from where he grew up in Waskom, TX.

Rev. Hilliard was born to Eugene L. Hilliard and Annie Mae Jordan Hilliard in Marshall, Texas, but spent most of his childhood and adolescence in Waskom, Texas. Rev. Hilliard graduated from Waskom High School as president of his class. He was an accomplished athlete and a beloved member of his small town community. In his youth, Rev. Hilliard developed a strong purpose in serving others through the church. After graduating from East Texas State, he pursued his calling at Perkins Seminary, Southern Methodist University, where he earned his Master's of Divinity Degree.

During the height of the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, he joined the Ecumenical Institute/Institute of Cultural Affairs (EI/ICA) and dedicated himself to human and community development. Through the ICA, Rev. Hilliard and his wife, Aimee Hilliard, lived and worked with the Fifth City community on the West Side of Chicago to improve and create services in the areas of pre-school education, health care, housing renovation, job training and leadership development.

During that time, Rev. Hilliard participated in the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama and served as a liaison between communities in the aftermath of the 1960s riots that devastated much of the West Side of Chicago. Rev. Hilliard maintained his love and connection for the Fifth City community throughout his life and was honored to serve on the Fifth City board until his last days. Rev. Hilliard then went on to serve as area director in the ICA's London and Hong Kong offices.

From this experience, Rev. and Mrs. Hilliard founded the non-profit organizations of Ecumenical Ventures, based in Chicago, and Island Ventures, based in the Cebu area of the Philippines. Through these two organizations, American and International college students, faculty and professionals have been able to serve rural island communities in the Philippines while learning from its tremendous culture.

Locally, Rev. Hilliard was active in teaching and leadership roles at the First United Methodist Church of Chicago. He was a retired member of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Hilliard was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Eugene Louis Hilliard, Jr.; and his nephew, Michael Hilliard. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Aimee; daughter, Li Lin Hally and husband, Mark Hally; two granddaughters, Maya and Simone; nephew, Gene Hilliard, III and wife, Pat; great nephews, Gene, IV and John, their wives and children; and his many cousins.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Chicago at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602; and Fifth City Redevelopment Corporation, 3350 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60624; or Ecumenical Ventures, 159 N. Marion St. # 287, Oak Park, IL 60301.

