

Legacy Park Dedication

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009



Prelude Music – Messiah College Brass Choir

Welcome and Introductions – Eunice Steinbrecher, Chair of Messiah College Board of Trustees

Recognition of Tashya Leaman Dalen, park designer

Recognition of Galen and Boots Oakes – Jon Stuckey, Director of Development

Litany – lead by the current and past Board of Trustee Chairs

Leaders: This park is not just trees, grass, dirt and pebbles...

People: **It is more; it is much more.**

Leaders: It is not just slabs of cement, or pieces of rock...

People: **There is something else that makes this park unique, even sacred.**

Leaders: This park represents the sacrifices, vision, and leadership of the Presidents of Messiah College...

People: **It is a product of our rich heritage, and our hopeful vision for the future vision of Messiah College.**

Leaders: This park is a resting place for our bodies, minds, and spirits...

People: **It is a place of respite and safety, where hearts and imaginations are free to connect.**

Leaders: This park represents a space where the traditions of Messiah College meet and embrace the new challenges and circumstances of today...

People: **It is a place where truth can be sought, ideas reflected upon, and challenges prayed for...**

Leaders: Today we dedicate Legacy Park as it represents the rich heritage and legacy of the Presidents of Messiah College. It is much more than a physical space – it is a sacred place offered in service to the Messiah College community.

Hymn: "Great is thy Faithfulness" Lead by Messiah College Brass Choir

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Prayer of Dedication – Eldon Fry, College Pastor