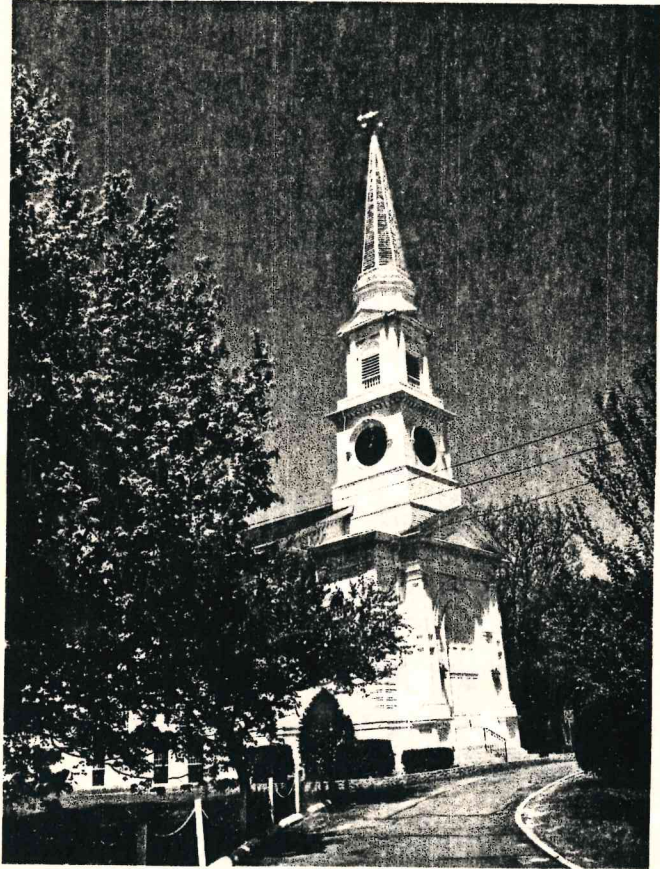
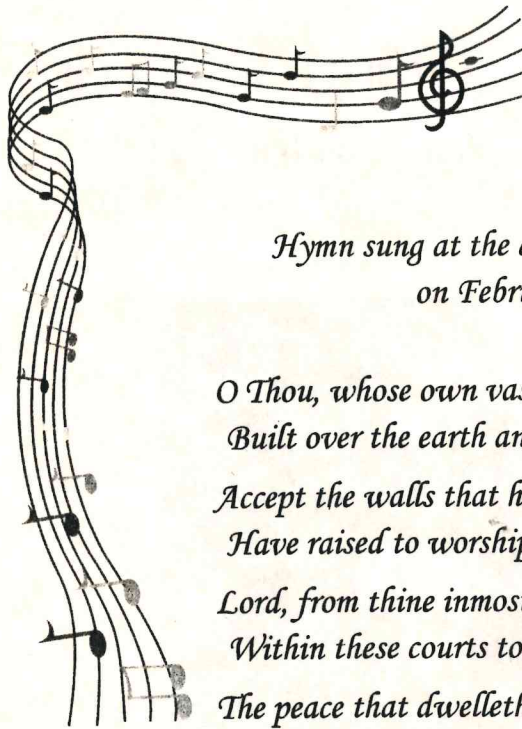


The Congregational Church
Wilmington, Massachusetts



275th Anniversary Celebration
1733 ~ 2008

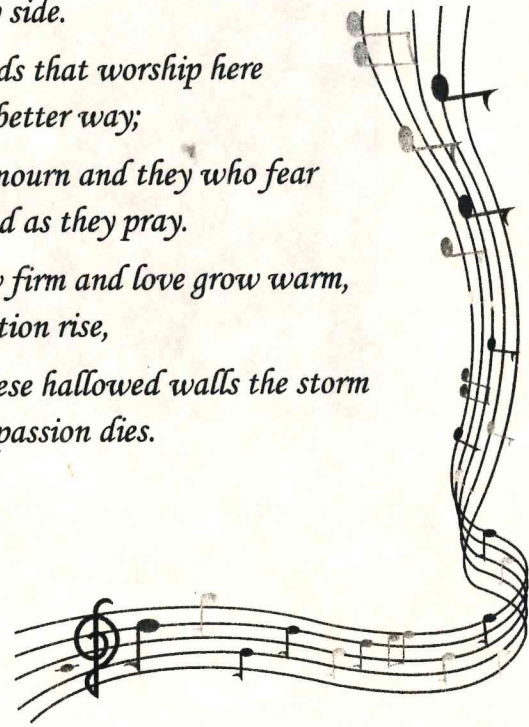


*Hymn sung at the dedication of our Church
on February 15, 1866*

*O Thou, whose own vast temple stands
Built over the earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised to worship thee.
Lord, from thine inmost glory send,
Within these courts to abide,
The peace that dwelleth without end
Serenely by thy side.*

*May erring minds that worship here
Be taught the better way;
And they who mourn and they who fear
Be strengthened as they pray.*

*May faith grow firm and love grow warm,
And pure devotion rise,
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earth-born passion dies.*





at the dedication of our Church
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275th Anniversary Dinner
October 25, 2008
6:30 PM

Welcome



Invocation



Dinner & Dessert



Entertainment

The Sacred Dance Ministries



Songs by William Merrill
Accompanied by Serena Joyce

A Closing Thought

In 1908 the church celebrated its 175th anniversary. In connection with the event a minute was entered into the records, intended for future anniversaries. It was read and re-inspired at the time of the 250th anniversary and now may we inspire it again and send it along to the year 2033, when the 300th anniversary will be celebrated:

“When that period of time is reached, the work will be carried on by other hands; and the duties and cares, as well as the satisfaction, the interest and the joys, which this occasion brings, will be transferred to them. May the fulfillment of our most confident hope become their possession.”

The 275th Anniversary Committee

Elaine Bertwell
Barbara Buck
Shirley Sullivan
Don Armstrong
Andrea Houser

The Anniversary Year In Review

April

Easter Program

May

May Brunch

June

*Church Picnic & Dedication of the Ethel
Ross Memorial Picnic Ground*

July

*"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"
Lowell Spinners*

August

Pool Party

September

*Homecoming Church Picnic &
275th Anniversary Quilt Unveiling*

The Anniversary Year In Review

November

*Nov. 8th: 275th Anniversary Church Fair ~
9 am to 3 pm*

*Nov. 30th: Advent Series
Sweet Adelines Choral Concert followed
by a Dessert Social*

December

*Dec. 7th: Advent Series
Brass Band Christmas Concert*

*Dec. 14th: Advent Series
Christian Ed Christmas Pageant*

*Dec. 21st: Advent Series
Open*

January

Movie Night

February

Valentine Social

March

Spring Fling