

WINGED WORDS

May there be winged words spoken here that shall echo far, and touch with power, widening circles of those who grope for the way of life and blessedness.

In all that is here spoken may there be the restraining and the quickening spirit of the great teacher, Jesus Christ, to whose cause and service this house of worship is itself dedicated.

And bless, we pray, the congregations which listen here for the accent of heavenly words, to nourish and to sustain their spirits.

May men and women, youths and little children, find here, according to the measure of their need, the beauty and the wisdom of the kingdom of God in its fullness and redeeming power.

May the voice which utters itself here be the voice of the common faith and the aspiration of all hearts.

And as, through the years, there are sounded forth the words of life and death, of challenge and instruction, may there also arise deeds of love and devotion which shall make this world a better place and fill it more and more with the peace of heaven. Amen.

EDWARD SCRIBNER AMES

September 29, 1929. Dedication of the pulpit of the University Church of the Disciples of Christ, Chicago, Illinois, expressing the spirit of the new sanctuary and building (dedicated in 1923).