

WITH CHURCHES CLOSED, OPEN AIR SERVICE RULED

Community Service on Centre Square Yesterday—Masses in Front of Catholic Churches.

The services on Centre Square yesterday at 11 a. m. brought out the faithful in numbers exceeding all expectation and those who were unable to attend their regular indoor church services found a pleasant hour of prayer, music and sermon. The service was held on the south side of the community kiosk and opened with the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Rev. Simon Simple, of Zion's Reformed, pronounced the invocation after which the hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung by the worshippers.

Rev. C. D. Huber, of Selbert U. E. church, read the 19th Psalm. The hymn, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. J. T. Satchell, of Linden Street M. E. church. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung and Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, of Muhlenberg College, preached the sermon. Dr. Haas took his text from the 36th Psalm, a part of the sixth verse: "Thy righteousness is like the great mountains." He made a strong appeal for personal, national and international righteousness particularly fitting at this time. In illustrating an example of this he drew a vivid parallel with the great mountains and asked his hearers to match their towering strength with a figurative strong basis of righteousness. "We must be inoculated against the contagion of greed," he emphasized. He finished up with a strong plea for civic righteousness. During his sermon he took occasion to point with pride to the fact that at the communion service at Muhlenberg yesterday morning, 90 boys out of the 200 in the Student Army Training Corps partook of the sacrament.

Rev. W. L. Bollman, presiding elder of the Evangelical Association, led in prayer and Rev. E. A. Yehl, of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Rittersville, delivered the benediction. The hymns "Lead Kindly Light" and "God Bless Our Boys" were sung in conclusion, concluding with "The Star Spangled Banner."

Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. H. W. Elvidge and Rev. G. A. Greiss made a few announcements. One of these was to the effect that the service will be continued every Sunday until the quarantine is lifted. A Thanksgiving service will be held there if the ruling remain until then. The singing was finely led by the H. Leh & Co. department store chorus, with R. P. Reinbold conducting and with the store orchestra accompanying. G. W. Nagle led the community singing.

The Immaculate Conception Church at Ridge avenue and Liberty street, and the Church of the Sacred Heart, on North Fourth street, gathered their faithful yesterday morning at open air services.

Three masses were celebrated at the regular hours at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. An altar was erected within the center door of the parochial school opposite the church building while the people heard the devotions from the pavements on both sides of the streets.

At the Sacred Heart an altar was erected on the plaza between the church and the rectory and masses were celebrated at the regular hours with the members of the congregation grouped about and standing. All the services were low masses and all extra parts of the ritual were foregone for the occasion.