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DEDICATION SERMON

BY REV. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, D.D.

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"This I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers."—ACTS xxiv. 14.

WE have assembled to-night to dedicate this building as a house of worship, a home for Christian work, a school of Christian education. It is a Unitarian Church which meets here for the worship of one God, the Father. It is a Christian Church, which takes Jesus of Nazareth as the leader of the human race in its ascent toward God, and in its brotherhood of love. This is not the first time that a Unitarian Church has been dedicated in Philadelphia. February 14, 1813, seventy-three years ago, the first Unitarian Church in this city was opened for the worship of the one true and living God. The society having outgrown the original building, a second was erected, and dedicated November 5, 1828. And now we meet to offer a third building to the service of God and man. But the Unitarian Church existed here long before its first house of worship was erected. In 1796 fourteen persons united for Unitarian worship in one of the rooms belonging to the University of Pennsylvania. For some years they were a church