

Service for Wednesday, November 6, 1991  
Preacher: Dr. William Turner

Prelude

Statement about the worship service - Vertie

Call to Worship - Vertie

Opening Hymn #400 - "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Opening Prayer - Vertie

Anthem - Divinity School Choir

Prayer for Illumination - Russell

O Holy God, enlighten us through your word. Open our eyes  
to see your face. Open our hearts to know you. Open our ears to  
hear your voice. Make us your own. Through Christ we pray.  
Amen.

Scripture Lesson - Hebrews 7:23-28

Sermon - Bill

Musical Response - Bruce

Concerns of the Community - Ann

Prayers - Ann

The Peace - Ann

Hymn #526 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Benediction - Bill



### Thanksgiving

O Lord God, whose power and purpose over all life we gratefully acknowledge: In our best moments we seek to thank you, knowing full well that we have nothing you need, since all that we have is a gift from you.

We seek to praise you, but it is in fact your Spirit moving our spirits; your lips which whisper the caticles of creation into our ears; and your gentle urging which give our lips the voice of song.

We seek to honor you, but it is your intention underlying all that may be meaningless, which gives the courage to confront the absurdities of life with the affirmations of faith.

We seek to follow you, but it is nothing less than your yearning for us which is the beacon that guides every faltering step we take.

We seek to serve you, and you have humbled yourself to that meager desire by being born an infant; and living a life with which we can identify; and dying a death which is our death; and rising again to eternal life, which is our hope: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Supplication

O God, whom we can best understand as a parent and a friend: We pray for ourselves at your own invitation. The temptation to be weak and faithless is strong; the opportunities to determine our own destinies are legion; the inclination is appealing to be critical when we ought to be compassionate; tough when our Lord would be tender; miserly when he would show mercy. Is it too much to ask you to meet us in those moments and to make our lives more like his life: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Intercession

Lord Jesus Christ, whose sojourn among us was the living intercession of God for us: On this day do we pray that you would be near and real to those who are struggling with the questions posed by death; to all imprisoned by the temptation toward habits and behavior that threaten their relationships, well-being, and even their lives; to those children of yours for whom life has lost its significance; and to those who suffer debilitating illness and hardship; to the families whose agony runs so very deep; and to the fledgling faithful whose opportunity it is, like your own, to bring the good news of hope and healing, of life and everlasting life to all who would hear it.

### Communion of Saints

Savior Christ, give strength to affirm your goodness in the face of the mystery of death, which we can accept only because you accepted it, and defeated it, and even now wait to guide us through it into your nearer presence, where with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we will glorify and magnify your holy name, evermore praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory:

Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Amen.