A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Tuesday, September 14, 1993 - 10:00 a.m.

Entrance

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn: Opening Prayer "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal, p. 127

* Doxology:

Hymnal, p. 94

Proclamation & Response

Prayer for Illumination

* First Reading

* Second Reading

Psalm 114 (Lined)

Matthew 18: 21-35

Sermon:

"Dancing With the Mountains"

Prayer of Intercession:

Leader: Remember, O Lord, your whole Church throughout the world and continually enrich it with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

People: That in faith and unity we may constantly be renewed by the Holy Spirit for witness and service.

Leader: Look with compassion upon the peoples of the world and give wisdom and grace to their leaders.

People: That they may promote justice, freedom and peace for all.

Leader: Remember also, in your mercy, our own country and all who are in positions of authority and influence.

People: That they may serve with wisdom, honesty and compassion.

Leader: Give wisdom and grace to all teachers and students in our institutions of learning.

People: That among them true knowledge may increase and our future as a people may be safeguarded.

Leader: Remember, O Lord, in your mercy all those of our society who are unemployed, all who are overworked, those whose work is not appreciated, those who do not like the work they do or who work under undue strain and temptation.

People: That they may receive the gift of faith to cope with the present and the patience of hope to strive for a better future.

Leader: Send your blessing, O Lord, upon our families and fill our homes with love and peace.

People: That we may have in this present life a foretaste of the life to come.

Leader: Remember also, in your mercy, those of our fellowship who are in trouble, anxiety, sickness, grief or any kind of need. Relieve the oppressed, support the neglected and recall to yourself those who have erred and strayed from your way.

People: And so increase in us the spirit of compassion and care that we may be ministers in your name for their recovery and relief.

Leader: O God, in whom we are one family in earth and heaven, we now call to mind those who have died, giving thanks also for those who have revealed to us your grace in Christ Jesus. Help us to follow the example of your saints in light and bring us with them into the fullness of your eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(from the *Prayer Book of the United Methodist Church* published for the United Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, 1992)

Confession and Pardon
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 8

* Closing Hymn:

* Benediction Postlude Sending Forth
"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Hymnal, p. 454

^{*} those who are able, please stand