

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
Wednesday, February 17, 1993  
York Chapel

*Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

Donna

The Lord's love is surely not exhausted,  
nor has God's compassion failed;  
they are new every morning;  
so great is God's constancy.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

*Invocation*

Donna

Lord God, we pray that as the Holy Spirit came in wind and fire to the apostles, so she may come to us, breathing new life into our lives, and setting our hearts aflame with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*\*Hymn:* #77, "How Great Thou Art"

Donna announce

*Prayers of Confession*

Donna

Minister: Let us make our confession to God.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Personal Confessions in Silence

Corporate Confession:

**Loving God, in the security of quiet prayer we confess to you that we have failed to live up to the reasonable expectations of others; we have fallen short of our own modest standards and we are far from being all that you would have us to be. We have hurt our brothers and sisters, disappointed ourselves and added to your suffering. In the name of Jesus Christ who welcomed sinners and lifted up the downcast, we ask you to forgive us for what we have done and what we have made of ourselves. Refresh our faith in your willingness to accept us and enable us to live lives in which you can take delight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister: God reaches for us with mercy and compassion. Praise the Lord!

Choral Assurance:

Wellesley

**There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.**

*Scripture Reading:* Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Donna

*Choir Anthem*

*Scripture Reading:* I Corinthians 3:1-9

Furman

*Sermon:* "Life Would Be Great If I Didn't Have to Choose!"

Furman

*Silent Prayer*

Stan

*Prayers of the People*

Stan

*\*Hymn*

(Tune: "I Need Thee Every Hour")

Stan announce

We seek your ways, O God,  
Your law and grace.  
fulfill your prophet's word  
With love's embrace.

Refrain:

O feed us, as your children,  
Growing and maturing.  
We seek to live as neighbors  
To all we meet.

We seek an end to strife,  
To jealousy and pain,  
That by the Spirit's power  
We may be whole again.

Refrain

We seek to live in peace,  
Fulfilling your command,  
Co-workers with our God,  
In this and every land.

Refrain

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*\*Benediction*

Stan

The blessing of God, life-giver, pain-bearer, love-maker, be with us all, now and always.

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**Preacher:** Dr. Furman Hewitt  
**Organist:** David Arcus

**Liturgist:** Donna Fowler-Marchant  
**Liturgist:** Stan Wilson

\*(Congregation standing. Please announce the hymn and ask the people to stand. Do not forget to ask them to be seated again.)

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*(Portions of this liturgy were adapted from  
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