



# *Duke Memorial United Methodist Church*

## *Early Worship Service*

*July 22, 2001*

Theme: "Neighbors?"

### **\*Praise Music**

### **\*Greeting**

Come let us worship the Lord with songs and praise and thankful spirits.

We are grateful that this is a place where our doubts are as welcome as our beliefs.

### **\*Opening Hymn #2126**

"All Who Hunger"

### **Prayer for Guidance**

O God, just as the disciples heard Christ's words of promise and began to eat the bread and drink the wine in the suffering of a long remembrance and in the joy of a hope, grant that we may hear your words, spoken in each thing of everyday affairs:

Coffee, on our table in the morning;  
the simple gesture of opening a door to go out, free;  
the shouts of children in the parks;  
a familiar song, sung by an unfamiliar face;  
a friendly tree that has not yet been cut down.

May simple things speak to us of your mercy, and tell us that life can be good. And may these sacramental gifts make us remember those who do not receive them:

who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from the table;  
in the door of the hospital, prison, the welfare home that does not open;  
in sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope;  
in war hymns that glorify death;

in deserts where once there was life.  
Christ was also sacrificed; and may we learn that we participate in the saving sacrifice of Christ when we participate in the suffering of his little ones. Amen.

### Thanksgiving for God's Word

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Meditation "Do You Know Your Neighbor?" Delores Langley

A Time of Prayer and Praise

Invitation to Communion (see insert)

Offering Ourselves to God

The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

\*Closing Hymn #2222

"The Servant Song"

\*Benediction

