

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Luke 12:49

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church Early Worship Service August 19, 2001

*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 #2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Prayer for Guidance

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Thanksgiving for God's Word

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7 Luke 12:49-56

Meditation

"Standing Outside the Fire"

Roger Loyd

A Time of Prayer and Praise

Invitation to Communion (see insert)

Offering Ourselves to God

The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

*Closing Hymn #2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Benediction

Thought for the Week...

"Life is not tried...it is merely survived if you're standing outside the fire."