



# *Duke Memorial United Methodist Church*

## *Early Worship Service*

*November 18, 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 #2218**

"You Are Mine"

### **Prayer for Guidance**

God who has created all things and who has loved all of creation, we have gathered to worship you. Hear our prayers, O Lord. Hear the prayers of hearts overflowing with gladness. Hear the quiet prayers whispered in gentle faith. Hear the stuttering prayers of those who doubt, and the clenched-teeth prayers of those who hurt. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and in this hour of worship speak to us. Let us give thanks for what has been. Let us yet hope for what shall be. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. 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**

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Luke 21:5-11

**Meditation**

“Faith for the Long Haul”

Maurice Ritchie

**A Time of Prayer and Praise**

**Invitation to Communion** (see insert)

**Offering Ourselves to God**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

**\*Closing Hymn #2211**

“Faith is Patience in the Night”

**\*Benediction**

*Thought for the Week...*

Spirit God give us faith.



