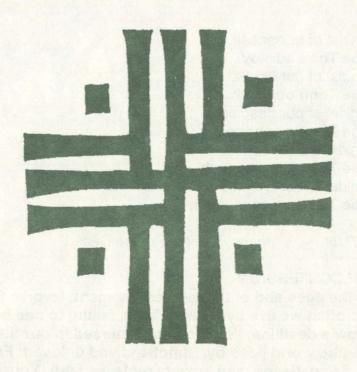
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CROSSROADS

March 9, 2003 8:45 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

#2032

*GREETING

In the midst of our praise,
be Thou our joy.

In the midst of our doubt,
be Thou our faith.

In the midst of our despair,
be Thou our hope.

In the midst of our fear,
be Thou our strength.

In the midst of our worship,
be Thou present. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

#2105

MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

God of the ages and of this present moment, forgive us. We confess that too often we live by tunnel vision, failing to see beyond tomorrow's deadline. We become immersed in our little worlds, and let an entire world pass by, unnoticed and unloved. Frustration overcomes patience, and anxiety replaces faith. Your promises come easily to our lips, but are more difficult in our lives. We confess our sins, O Lord, asking that in Your forgiveness we receive a wider vision, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time. Grant to us faith to accept Your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives. Amen.

LESSON ONE Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all the flesh that is on the earth."

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE "Lead Me, Lord"

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

LESSON TWO Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

SILENT REFLECTION

SOLO "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

MEDITATION "Danger Lurks at Every Turn" Ruth Harper Stevens

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

SOLO

"We Must Walk This Lonesome Valley"

OFFFRING

"Give Thanks"

#2036

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens Preacher.

Pianist/Nine@9:00 Director Rev. R. Julian Irvine