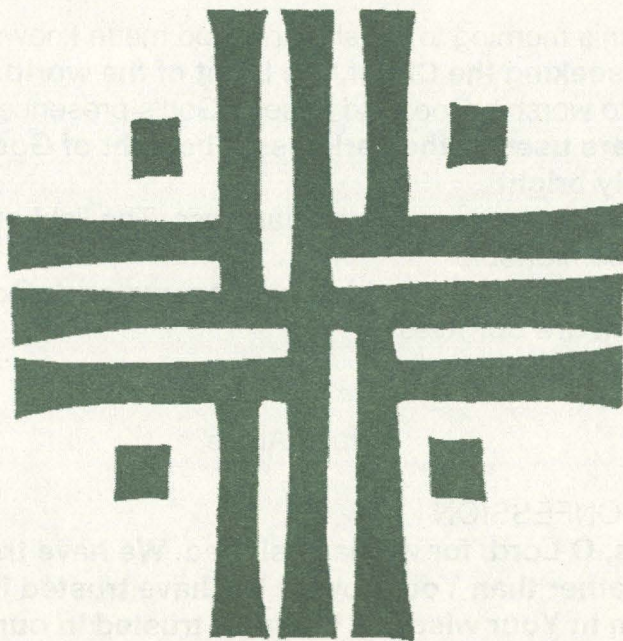


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CROSSROADS

March 30, 2003

8:45 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

"We Are Called"

#2172

*GREETING

We come this morning to worship the God made known in Christ Jesus.

We come seeking the Christ, the Light of the world.

We come to worship God, and to seek God's presence.

Our eyes are used to the darkness. The light of God's presence may be painfully bright.

Our lives have grown easy in the darkness. The light of God's presence may be uncomfortable.

Even so, we come to worship. Even so, we seek God's presence, for in this Light are our lives.

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN

"Grace Alone"

#2162

MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. We have trusted in our strength rather than Your power. We have trusted in our cleverness rather than in Your wisdom. We have trusted in our deeds rather than Your grace. Merciful God, forgive us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

LESSON ONE

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE

"You Are Mine" (refrain only)

#2218

LESSON TWO

John 3:14-21

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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MEDITATION

"Love Divine"

Ruth Harper Stevens

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

RESPONSE

"You Are Mine" (refrain only)

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OFFERING

"Give Thanks"

#2036

HOLY COMMUNION

(Responses #2257 - b, c, & d)

*HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#2214

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Preacher Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens

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