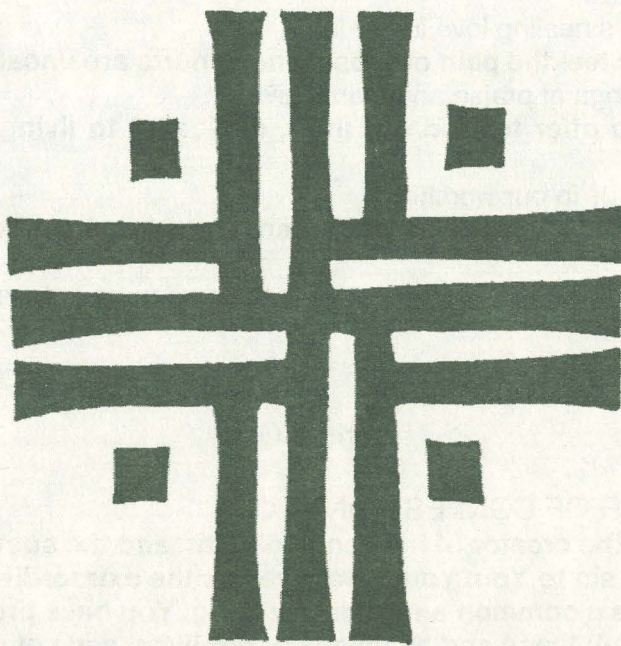


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CROSSROADS

June ²⁹~~22~~, 2003

8:45 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC "Great is the Lord" #2022

*GREETING

May the God of all grace and compassion be present among us as we worship this day.

Listening for the voice of God, may we also hear the cries of our brothers and sisters in need.

Seeking God's healing love in our lives,

May we also feel the pain of those whose hurts are uncared for.

Lifting our songs of praise and thanksgiving,

May we also offer to God our lives, dedicated to living out the gospel of peace.

God, be with us in our worship

Lest in shutting the doors of this sanctuary we also shut the doors of our hearts.

Lest we believe that in closing our eyes to pray, we can close our eyes to a world in need.

God be with us.

*OPENING HYMN "Spirit of God" #2117

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is the creator of heaven and earth, and the sustainer of all life, we confess our sin to You. You have given us the extraordinary gift of life, yet we treat it as a common and ordinary thing. You have promised us Your presence in all times and all places of our lives, and yet we casually stroll over holy ground, unthinking and unmoved. You are the Word in our midst, but we are so full of the chatter of our own lives that we do not hear You. Forgive us, O Lord, when we receive so great a mystery with indifference. Forgive us, O Lord, when accomplishing our agenda becomes more important than dreaming Your dreams and following Your vision. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her so that she may be made well, and live. So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talithacum, which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE "People Need the Lord" #2244

MEDITATION Houston Blair

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

RESPONSE "People Need the Lord" #2244

OFFERING "Give Thanks" #2036

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #2151

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Speaker Houston Blair

Liturgists Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens
..... Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

Pianist Rev. R. Julian Irvine