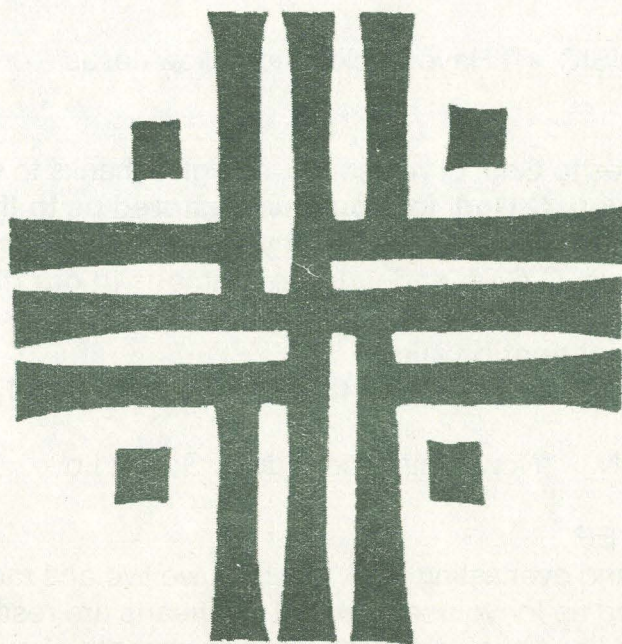


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# CROSSROADS

July 27, 2003

8:45 a.m.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#2129

### \*GREETING

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing!

**Our souls cannot be silent!**

**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\*OPENING HYMN "Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"

#2027

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it.

In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

*In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

*It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."*

*So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite ." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, " You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.*

*In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him so that he may be struck down and die.*

\*HYMN

"O How He Loves You and Me"

#2108

## EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3: 14-21

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

MEDITATION

"Bath-Watergate"

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PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

OFFERING "Give Thanks" #2036

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN "Grace Alone" #2162

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING



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