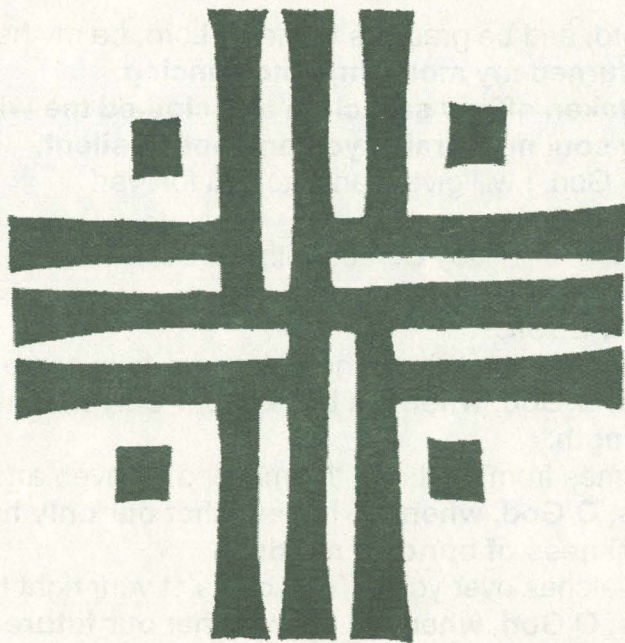


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CROSSROADS

February 16, 2003

8:45 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC "What Does the Lord Require of You" #2174 (sing part 1)

*GREETING

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*OPENING HYMN

"Joy Comes with the Dawn"

#2210

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I lift my eyes unto the hills – where does my help come from?
Forgive us, O God, when we believe our only help is in our own strength.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Forgive us, O God, when we believe that our only hope is in the quickness of our own minds.

The Lord watches over you – The Lord is at your right hand.
Forgive us, O God, when we believe that our future is in our hands alone.

The Lord will keep you from all harm; he will watch over your life.
Forgive us when we believe that we can live without Your grace.
The Lord will watch over your coming and your going both now and forevermore.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LESSON ONE

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE

"Joy in the Morning"

#2284 (verse 1)

LESSON TWO

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE

"Joy in the Morning"

#2284 (verse 2)

MEDITATION

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Ruth Harper Stevens

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

RESPONSE

"Joy in the Morning"

#2284 (verse 3)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

OFFERING "Give Thanks" #2036

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN "My Life Flows On" #2212

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Preacher Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens

Liturgist Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

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