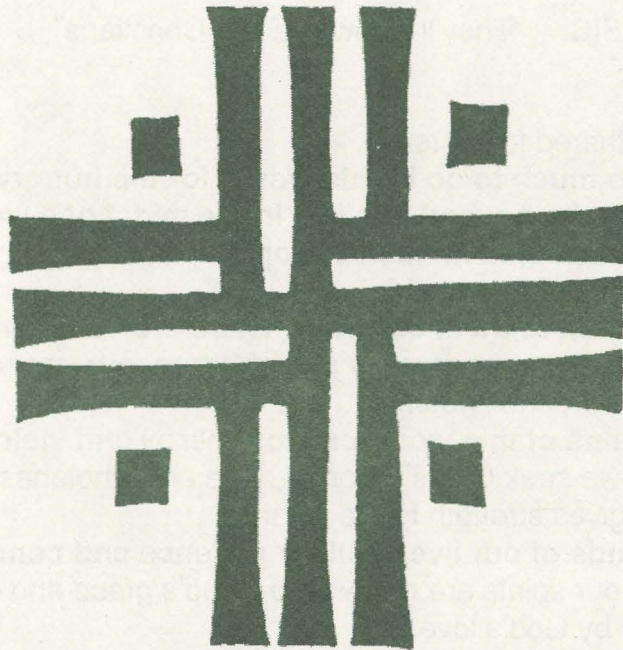


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# CROSSROADS

August <sup>24</sup>~~17~~, 2003

8:45 a.m.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC "They'll Know We Are Christians"

#2223

### \*GREETING

We are gathered for worship.

**There is so much to do in this world, for the hungry cry to be fed, the homeless to be housed. We live in the midst of a world in need of peace and a people in need of hope.**

We are gathered for worship.

**There is much to do in our lives. There are commitments to fulfill, jobs to do. We must care for our children, our parents, our homes.**

We are gathered for worship.

**The problems of this world call for energy and vision.**

In worship we seek God's vision of hope and wholeness and meet the Spirit who gives strength to the weary.

**The demands of our lives call for patience and compassion.**

In worship our spirits are renewed by God's grace and our hearts are made wide by God's love.

**We have gathered for worship.**

Come, let us worship God in this hour that we may live as God's people in days to come.

\*OPENING HYMN

"We Are God's People"

#2220

## OPENING PRAYER

God of infinite love and particular compassion, who loves all of us and each of us, we thank you for the gift of this moment, and we offer it to you as a gift of praise, of gratitude, of worship. We come bringing a patchwork quilt of hopes and fears to this worship, all bound together by the stubborn belief that what we do in this place and in this hour may make a difference in the rest of our lives. And so we offer this worship to you, wanting to believe, daring to believe that you would speak, even to the likes of us. May the fresh wind of your Spirit blow through this worship so that we might know your Presence. Amen.

## EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

\*HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

#2208

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:56-69

MEDITATION

"Whose Sword Will You Carry?"

Houston Blair

## PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

OFFERING

"Give Thanks"

#2036

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"

#2281

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

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Preacher ..... Houston Blair  
Liturgist ..... Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens  
Liturgist ..... Rev. Lisa Brown Cole  
Pianist ..... Julie Covach