

OPENING COMMUNION SERVICE

8:30 - 10:00 AM

(* indicates that the congregation should stand)

Songleader for this service is the Rev. Jane Carl - Pomona, CA, U.S.A.

Welcome and Announcements (The Rev. Pepper Shields, General Conference Coordinator, and Len Shelton, MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, Texas)

*Call to Worship (based upon Psalm 107:1-9)

(David Tomkins, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA)

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of God say so,
those whom God has redeemed from trouble,
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

Leader: Some of us have wandered in desert wastes,
and we could not find our way to a place in which to dwell.
We were hungry and thirsty and had given up all hope.

People: Then in our trouble, we cried to you, O God,
and you delivered us from our distress.
You led us by a direct way to a place where we could live.

Leader: Therefore, we thank you, O God, for your steadfast love,
for the wonderful things you have done for us.

People: O God, you satisfy those who are thirsty,
and the hungry you fill with good things.

*Processional Hymn #35, "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"Prayer of Invocation (The Rev. Marge Ragona - Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.)Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah 8:7-13 (New International Version)

(read by Richard Wolf - Redwood City, California, U.S.A.)

"This is what YAHWEH Almighty says: 'I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God.'

This is what YAHWEH Almighty says: 'You who now hear these words spoken by the prophets who were there when the foundation was laid for the house of YAHWEH Almighty, let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built. Before that time there were no wages for human or beast. No one could go about their business safely because of their enemies, for I had turned everyone against their neighbors. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past', declares YAHWEH Almighty. 'The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people. As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.' "

Flute Solo (Joyce Baxter - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)New Testament Reading - Ephesians 6:10-18 (New International Version)

(read in Spanish by Ernesto Borges)

"Finally, be strong in Christ and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the evil powers of this world, and

against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Anthem - "O Jesus, My Savior" (Frodo Okulen - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)

Sermon - "Be Strong in Jesus Christ" (The Rev. Charles Larsen - Houston, Texas, U.S.A.) Eph 6:10
Alvin Lamb, Fred Howell, Howard Wells

*Hymn, "Be Strong"

- 1) Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it - 'tis God's gift.
Be strong, be strong!
- 2) Be strong! Say not the days are evil - who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce - O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely in God's name,
Be strong, be strong!
- 3) Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long.
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
Be strong, be strong! Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession (read in unison, led by the Rev. Jeffrey Pulling - Oakland, California, U.S.A.)

Eternal and merciful God, we come to you this day very much aware of the many ways that we have failed to live as your children and your servants. By our thoughts and our intentions, by our actions and our words, we have made our own pleasures and our own security the chief ends of our lives. We have forgotten that we belong to each other, for we deny our neighbor the same love which we have sought. We have ignored you, God, by placing our own interests at the center of our lives. We have turned to you only when we wanted something for our happiness. We cannot excuse ourselves for these failures. We can only ask your forgiveness as promised by the life, death, and rising again of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response: "Love lifted me, love lifted me. When nothing else could help, love lifted me." (Repeat)

*Sharing God's Love and Peace

Offering of Our Gifts (*John Barboni* - *Beach City* ~~Lee Marshall~~ - San Jose, California, U.S.A.)

Offertory Hymn #7, "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

*Presentation with Doxology: "Praise God the source of all we know.
Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give,
That we in love with God shall live. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

MONDAY MORNING WORSHIP (page 3)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Celebrant - The Rev. Candace Naisbitt, MCC Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)

- Open Invitation

- Sursum Corda ("Lift Up Your Hearts")

Celebrant: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to our loving and liberating God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the One who draws together people from all over the world into one body - the Body of Christ.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

Celebrant: Yes, it is our right and our joy that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to God. Therefore we join all creation in singing the holiness of our Savior.

Sanctus (all sing): "Let all that is within me cry holy.
Let all that is within me cry holy.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb that was slain."

- Words of Institution

- Prayer of Consecration

- Affirmation Of Our Faith (all sing): "Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come. Christ will come again."

- Sharing the Sacrament

(The servers are all the District Coordinators. The five stations on the congregation's left have chalices of grape juice. All the others have chalices of wine.)

- Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Hymn, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms", #25

- Benediction (The Rev. James Glyer, Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.)

Opening Hymn "Our God Our Help In Ages Past" Text: Psalm 90 Isaac Watts, alt. (1719)
Tune: St. Anne William Croft (1708)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints shall dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all of us away;
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help, in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Communion Hymn "Break Now The Bread Of Life" Text: Mary A. Lathbury, alt. (1888)
Tune: Bread Of Life Sherwin (1888)

Break now the bread of life, dear friend to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you now;
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Bless your own truth, dear friend, to me, to me,
As when you blest the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all!

You are the bread of life, O friends, to me.
Your holy words the truth that rescue me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

O, Send your spirit, God, now unto me,
That it may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your word,
And in your book revealed I see my God.

Closing Hymn "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" Text: Deut 33:27 E. A. Hoffman (1888)
Tune: Anthony J. Showalter (1888)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning...
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning...

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning...
I have blessed peace with my God so near, leaning...

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (George Olds - Toronto, Ontario, CANADA) - *Bel.*

*Call to Worship (The Rev. Delores Berry)

(based upon "For Those Tears I Died", a hymn by Marsha Stevens)

Leader: Your goodness so great I can't understand,
And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.
I know you're here now and always will be.
Your love loosed my chains and in you I'm free -
But Jesus, why me?

People: And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

Leader: Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul.
I know that without God I'd never be whole.
Savior, you opened all the right doors,
And I thank you and praise you from earth's humble shores -
Take me, I'm yours.

People: And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

*Hymn #40, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (Jim Kerber - Oakland, California, U.S.A.)

Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Scripture Reading - Romans 8:31-39 (Jerusalem Bible)

(Sharon Love - San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.)

"After saying this, what can we add? With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare God's own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will not refuse anything God can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! Christ not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand Christ stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. As Scripture promised: 'For your sake we are being massacred daily, and reckoned as sleep for the slaughter.' These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of the One who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no ruler, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."

*Hymn #48, "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

Sermon - "For Those Tears I Died"

The Rev. Delores Berry - Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

District Coordinator of Mid-Atlantic District

Offering of Our Gifts (The Rev. Joseph Gilbert - Tallahassee, Florida,
Special Music - "Amazing Grace" U.S.A.)
(John Logan - Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.)

*Doxology: "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #49, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*Benediction (The Rev. Anne Keast, Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A.)

Songleader for this service is Terry Snowden - Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.)

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*Singspiration (New Freedom Evangelistic Team, U.S.A.)

Welcome and Announcements (The Rev. Alice Dee Lamb - Houston, Texas, U.S.A.)

*Call to Worship - John 8:12 and Matthew 5:14-16

(Betty Pederson - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)

Leader - Hear the words of Jesus, our Head and Savior: I am the light of the world. They who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

People - We see the light that Jesus the Christ radiates in our world, and we want to walk in this light ourselves. This is why we are here.

Leader - Jesus said to those who followed him: You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others.

People - We can be a bright light in a dim world if we radiate the light of Jesus. We are here to receive the light and to learn to shine ourselves.

Leader - Then let us start.

People - Amen. We are ready.

*Hymn, "COME OUT" (by Jim Kerber)

Refrain) Come out, come out in the sun-light, come out and be made free.
Come out, come out in the sun-light, come out and live again.

- 1) Laz'rus lay inside the tomb, thinking there was no more.
Then Jesus came along and wept, and said, "Come out, come out."
- 2) Martha busy with her chores was thinking she held the place.
But Mary knew where joy was kept, and felt Christ's love on her face.
- 3) Shed your graveclothes all of you. Seek and find the light.
Open up your hearts to peace, and God will ease your plight.

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Rev. Roger Webb - Long Beach, CA, U.S.A.)
Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Dance Solo - "Lord of the Dance" (Jim Kerber - Oakland, California, U.S.A.)

Offering of Our Gifts (The Rev. David Gunton - Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA)

Offertory Anthem (New Freedom Evangelistic Team)

*Doxology: "Praise God the source of all we know.
Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give,
That we in love with God shall live. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading - 1 John 4:7-13 (Revised Standard Version)
(read in Spanish by Vilma Torres)

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and those who love are born of God and know God. They who do not love do not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent God's only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Christ to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us of God's own Spirit."

Anthem (MCC Houston Choir)

Sermon - "The Cosmic Lover" (The Rev. Charlie Arehart, Elder - Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.)

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*Hymn, "THE CHURCH ALIVE" (by Jack St. John)

- 1) We are the Church alive, Christ's presence on this earth.
We give God's Spirit body in the act of our new birth.
As yielded, open channels for God's descending Dove,
We shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all-inclusive love.
- 2) We are the Church alive, our faith has set us free.
No more enslaved by guilt and shame, we live our liberty!
We follow Christ's example, and freedom now proclaim,
Destroying myths of doubt and fear in Jesus' mighty name!
- 3) We are the Church alive, the body must be healed.
Where strife has bruised and battered us, God's wholeness is revealed.
Our mission is an urgent one; in strength and health let's stand.
So that our witness to God's light will shine across the land.
- 4) We are the Church alive, all praise to God on high,
Creator, Savior, Comforter! We laud and magnify
Your name, Almighty God of love. Pray give us life that we
May be your Church, the Church alive, for all eternity.

*Benediction (The Rev. James Sandmire - San Francisco, California, U.S.A.)

MORNING WORSHIP

9:00 - 10:00 AM

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Prelude (Danny Ray - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.; also songleader for this service)Welcome and Announcements (Alan Fox - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.)*Call to Worship - Ephesians 4:1-6 (New International Version)

(The Rev. Anne Montague - Santa Monica, California, U.S.A.)

Leader: I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling which you have received. Be completely humble and gentle. Be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope when we were called - one Christ, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Leader: Let us join in worship.

People: Amen. We are ready.

*Hymn #46, "Sing Praise to God"Invocation, Prayers of the Church (*Rev Tom Jordan St. Louis, Miss* ~~Paula Nielsen - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.~~)Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Scripture Reading - Galatians 3:23-28

(Dr. Richard Follett, S.T.I. - Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.)

"But before Faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

*Hymn #10, "Dear God, the Source of Humankind"Sermon - "All One in Christ Jesus"(The Rev. Brent Hawkes - Toronto, Ontario, CANADA) *Gal 3: 28*Offering of Our Gifts (Gloria Root - Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.)Anthem (Ziegler, Crocker, & Cornish Trio, New York and Worcester, MA, U.S.A.)*Doxology: "Praise God the source of all we know.

Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow.

Praise to the Holy Spirit give,

That we in love with God shall live. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication*Hymn #34, "Our God Is Like an Eagle"*Benediction (all sing, led by Lisa Crawford - Boise, Idaho, U.S.A.)

"Come, O God, be with us. Give us joy and thanksgiving.

May our hearts flow with peace. Bring your love and surround us.

Friendship and peace may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.

Bless your world, bless us all, bless your children forever."

Edelweiss

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People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope when we were called - one Christ, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Leader: Let us join in worship.

People: Amen. We are ready.

*Hymn #42, "Sing Praise to God"

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (Paula Nielsen - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)

Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Scripture Reading - Galatians 3:23-28

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"But before Faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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Sermon - "All One in Christ Jesus"

(The Rev. Brent Hawkes - Toronto, Ontario, CANADA)

Offering of Our Gifts (Gloria Root - Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.)

Anthem (Ziegler, Crocker, & Cornish Trio, New York and Worcester, MA, U.S.A.)

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*Hymn #34, "Our God Is Like an Eagle"

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Vice-M F. Smith
Clerk W. Wilson
Tr. M. Mank

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*Singspiration (Jerry Sloan - Sacramento, California, U.S.A.)

Welcome and Announcements (George Kennedy - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.)

Introit - Trombone Solo (Colleen Darraugh - Toronto, Ontario, CANADA)

*Call to Worship (Tim Holman - Joplin, Missouri, U.S.A.)

Leader: What are you doing here this evening?

People: We have come to discover for ourselves who this Jesus is.

Leader: What have you heard from Jesus himself as to who he is?

People: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to God but by me." (John 14:6)

Leader: Jesus is the way to God, the truth of God, and true life in God. Can you affirm this?

People: Yes, Christ Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Let us worship.

*Hymn #47, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Rev. Claudia Vierra - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)
Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Offering of Our Gifts (Adam deBaugh - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.)

Anthem (Daybreak Quartet - San Diego, California, U.S.A.)

*Doxology: "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Reading - Matthew 7:15-23 (New International Version)

(read in Danish by Mia Anderson - Copenhagen, DENMARK)

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Dominion of heaven, but only those who do the will of God who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

*Hymn #2, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Sermon - "What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son Is He?"

(The Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey, Elder - Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.) *John 14:6*

*Hymn #5, "Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction (The Rev. Stephen Pieters - Hartford, Connecticut)

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (Michael Mank - San Francisco, California, U.S.A.)

*Call to Worship (Timothy Spiers - London, ENGLAND)

Leader: Let us come together in the spirit of the One who unites us all.

People: We gather in the spirit of Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Let us remember that Jesus the Christ is always with us and
guiding us.

People: We claim the words of Jesus - "Where two or three are gathered
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Leader: Then let us join in worship.

People: Amen. We are ready.

*Hymn, "Sing Praise to God", #43

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Rev. Randall Cypherd - North
Sung Prayer Response: Hollywood, California, U.S.A.)

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen."

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (Revised Standard Version)

(Alma Sawyer - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.)

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so adjusted the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

*Hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God", #30

Sermon - "Equal Members"

The Rev. Jean White, Elder, London, England

World Church Extension Executive Secretary

Offering of Our Gifts (Amani - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)

Special Music (Bruce Hill, Ron Ivins, Richard Wolf - Redwood City, CA)

*Doxology: "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
Amen."

THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP (page 2)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn - "Blest Be the Tie", #6

*Benediction (in both Spanish and English by the Rev. Jose Mojica,
Los Angeles, California,
U.S.A.)

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(based upon Matthew 11:28-29)

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People: We hear the summons of Christ to learn and to act, and we present ourselves at this time to our God.

*Hymn, "Pass Me Not", #37

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Rev. Jan Johnson - Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.)

Sung Prayer Response:

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

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*Scripture Reading - Mark 8:31-38 (Revised Standard Version)

(read by Ken Wright - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.)

"And Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Humanity must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter, and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of human beings.'

"And Jesus called to him the multitudes with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any of you would come after me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me. For whoever of you would save your life will lose it; and whoever of you loses your life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit you to gain the whole world and forfeit your life? For what can you give in return for your life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of you will the Son of Humanity also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of God with the holy angels.' "

*Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee", #28

Sermon - "Molehills or Mountains"

(The Rev. John Hose, MCC Atlanta, Georgia; Treasurer of the Board of Elders)

Offering of Our Gifts (Glenn Haralson - San Jose, California, U.S.A.)

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*Hymn, "Higher Ground", #18

*Benediction (The Rev. Sandy Taylor - Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A.)

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*Singspiration (Bob Crocker - New York, NY, U.S.A.)

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Call to Worship (The Rev. Jose Mojica - Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.)

"And the One who sits upon the throne said, 'See, now I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End' "
(Revelation 21:5-6).

We have come to worship God - our Source, our Savior, our Sustainer -
the One who makes all things new.

Dance Processional - "When the Spirit of the Holy One Is Near"
(General Conference Dance Choir)

*Hymn #19, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Invocation, Prayers of the Church (The Rev. Jennie Bull, Washington, D.C.,
Sung Prayer Response: U.S.A.)

"Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.

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Offering of Our Gifts (Jack Evans - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.)

Offertory Anthem - "River of Jordan" (Rita Cisneros-Hunt and Barb Haggart,
Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.)

*Doxology (all sing and gesture, led by Dance Choir):

"Take our bread, we ask you. Take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Jesus. We are yours, we are yours." (Repeat)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading - Acts 3:1 - 4:12 (New English Bible)

(Reader #1 is Linda Laster - Stillwater, Oklahoma, U.S.A.)

Reader #2 is the Rev. Reid Christensen - Quincy, Illinois, U.S.A.)

- 1) One day at three in the afternoon, the hour of prayer, Peter and John were on their way up to the temple. Now a man who had been a cripple from birth used to be carried there and laid every day by the gate of the temple called "Beautiful Gate", to beg from people as they went in. When he saw Peter and John on their way into the temple he asked for charity. But Peter fixed his eyes on him, as John did also, and said, "Look at us." Expecting a gift from them, the man was all attention. And Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Then Peter grasped him by the right hand and pulled him up. At once his feet and ankles grew strong. He sprang up, stood on his feet, and started to walk. He entered the temple with them, leaping and praising God as he went. Everyone saw him walking and praising God, and when they recognized him as the man who used to sit begging at Beautiful Gate, they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
- 2) And as he was clutching Peter and John all the people came running in astonishment toward them in Solomon's Portico, as it was called. Peter saw them coming and met them with the words: "People of Israel, why be surprised at this? Why stare at us as if we had made this man walk by some power or godliness of our own? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has given the highest honour to God's servant Jesus, whom you committed for trial and repudiated in Pilate's court - repudiated the one who was holy and righteous when Pilate had decided to release him. You begged as a favour the release of a murderer, and killed the one who has led the way to life. But God raised Jesus from the dead; of that we are witnesses. And the name of Jesus,

by awakening faith, has strengthened this man, whom you see and know, and this faith has made him completely well, as you can all see for yourselves. And now, my friends, I know quite well that you acted in ignorance, and so did your rulers. But this is how God fulfilled what God had foretold in the utterances of all the prophets: that God's Messiah should suffer. Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. Then God may grant you a time of recovery and send you the Messiah God has already appointed, that is, Jesus. Jesus must be received into heaven until the time of universal restoration comes, of which God spoke by God's holy prophets. Moses said, 'The Sovereign YAHWEH will raise up a prophet for you from among yourselves as YAHWEH raised me; you shall listen to everything this prophet says to you, and anyone who refuses to listen to this prophet must be extirpated from Israel.' And so said all the prophets, from Samuel onwards; with one voice they all predicted this present time. You are the heirs of the prophets; you are within the covenant which God made with your ancestors, when God said to Abraham, 'And in your offspring all the families on earth shall find blessing.' When God raised up God's Servant, God sent him to you first, to bring you blessing by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

- 1) Peter and John were still addressing the people when the chief priests came upon them, together with the Controller of the Temple and the Sadducees, exasperated at their teaching the people and proclaiming the resurrection from the dead - the resurrection of Jesus. They were arrested and put in prison for the night, as it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the message became believers. The number of people now reached about five thousand. Next day the Jewish rulers, elders, and doctors of the law met in Jerusalem. There were present Annas the High Priest, Caiaphas, Jonathan, Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. They brought the apostles before the court and began the examination. "By what power", they asked, "or by what name have such people as you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered, "Rulers of the people and elders, if the question put to us today is about help given to a sick person, and we are asked by what means he was cured, here is the answer, for all of you and for all the people of Israel: it was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; it is by his name that this person stands here before you fit and well. This Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders which has become the keystone - and you are the builders. There is no salvation in anyone else at all, for there is no other name under heaven granted to people, by which we may receive salvation."

Anthems (General Conference Vocal Choir)
(General Conference Dance Choir) - "The Dancing Heart"

Sermon - "Victory in Jesus"
(The Rev. Freda Smith, Elder - Sacramento, California, U.S.A.)

*Hymn #11, "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*Benediction (The Rev. David Pelletier - Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.)