

Community Worship

Wednesday

January 20, 1988

Prelude

Call to Worship	Beth Turner
Hymn 101 "Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee"	MELITA
Community Concerns and Prayer	Donna Forrester
New Testament Reading	John 14: 12-27
Meditation: "How Good is Your Memory?"	Donna Forrester
Solo: "Sometimes a Light Surprises"	Mike Hawn

Confessional Litany

Leader: O God, in a time of change and unrest, we are all here, a curious mixture of memories of the past and hopes for the future.

People: Living as we do at the boundary of what has been and what is yet to be, we are often puzzled, confused, and unsure.

Leader: In a world where none of us can see very well--either ourselves, or each other, where we are heading, or even where we are standing now . . .

People: . . . we who are looked upon as teachers, healers, question-answerers often forget some things.

Leader: God of Grace, bring to our remembrance all that you have said to us.

People: May we have the kinds of ears that can hear the reminders, the stories which help us know who we are and how we got that way.

Leader: May we decide wisely between what is to be valued in our past and what is to be relinquished; between what holds promise for the future and what leads only to destruction.

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People: May we know the difference between what matters  
and what only seems to matter.

Leader: May we know when to remain bound and when to struggle  
to be free.

People: Bring to our remembrance all that you have said to us.  
Bring to our remembrance a living memory: a Presence  
that holds everything worth keeping.

ALL: We ask for these things in the name of the One who  
redeems all of our memories and shapes our futures.  
Amen.

Benediction

Mike Hawn

Postlude

#### Worship Leaders

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