

Thanksgiving 2002

Crossings: Looking Ahead, Looking Back

SEEKERS CHURCH

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

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REFLECTION

What will we carry with us?

SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the

earth.

People: Remember that the Holy One is God:
the One who made us,
the One who holds us,
the One who breathes within us.

Leader: Let us enter the holy gates with thanksgiving.

All: For God is good,
with steadfast love that endures forever,
and faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

LITANY

Leader: To you, Holy One,
we bring our gifts and heartaches,
those things visible and invisible
that we carry with us,

People: Our hopes and fears; our dreams and scars.

Leader: We offer them to you
that you might transform them
into the milk and honey of new life in our new land,

People: Our hopes and fears; our dreams and scars.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God of all Creation,
we count on you for constancy, for change.

Voice 1: We want to trust you in all things,
but fear and anxiety cloud our trust.

Forgive us for our failing faith.

Voice 2: We want to trust you in all things,
but when we face the threat of war
our nights grow long with worry.

Forgive us for our failing faith.

All: We stand before the churning waters
of the river of new life.

We look across to new lands filled with promise,
but long for the familiarity of home.

Forgive us for our failing faith.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

Leader: Each day the God of all Creation
offers us an opportunity to trust again,
to give ourselves to Christ,
to wade into the muddy wall of water.

The Holy One loves us
more deeply than we can ever imagine.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: Be open to the Holy Spirit.

Remember to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Go out and proclaim the Good News

for all the people of the earth.

All: Amen.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 100, from the lections for the Feast of the Reign of Christ, the last Sunday before Advent