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THE GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we read and hear the stories of God calling and persons responding, we are touched by the wisdom and courage with which the stories have been saturated.
People: WE LISTEN IN AWE AND SOMETIMES SKEPTICISM FAR REMOVED FROM THE STORIES WE SEARCH AND WONDER.
Leader: But God still calls persons to be wise and courageous. The stories keep coming about people like you and me who follow not knowing exactly where the path may lead.
People: BY FAITH, WE BELIEVE GOD IS CALLING US INTO EVER INCREASING PATHS OF BLESSING AND SERVICE. WE FOLLOW ONE STEP AT A TIME.

HYMN "Pilgrims"

As pilgrims we are walking, walking to a promised day
We struggle with our baggage, with temptations call to stay
We find the journey tiring, and confusing in demand
We long for safer travel charts and maps of promised land.
As pilgrims we are talking, talking with our family here
We struggle with our language and the changes that we fear
We find the journey frees us from the strictures of the past
We seek new understandings and community to last.

As pilgrims we are singing, singing praises on the way
From worship comes direction and the shape of each new day
God's earth made new is promised, with justice flowing strong
There's courage for our walking and for overthrowing wrong.

As pilgrims we are seeking, seeking grace from you our God
We need to know your presence, guide us with Christ's shepherd rod
Give us strength to serve you truly, as we move from place to place
Let us journey on as pilgrims while relying on your grace.
(Klusmeyer/Farguharson)

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Leader: Great God of all the earth, the more we understand about creation the more we marvel at your faithfulness. Your covenant is for all generations, your promise is forever.
People: BLESS OUR LIVING AS A COVENANT PEOPLE.

LENT 2
MARCH 15, 1987

Leader: With the hymn writer we pray:
'Lift from our life the blanket of convention; give us the nerve to live our life for others; be with your church in death and resurrection, Lord of all ages.'

for at times we have drifted along neither convinced nor committed.
People: SPEAK THAT WE MIGHT HEAR, TOUCH THAT WE MIGHT BE HEALED FORGIVE US THAT WE MIGHT BE BORN ANEW.
(A time to listen in silence)
Leader: Amen.

WE DISCOVER THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF GOD
Choir "Because You Are God's Chosen Ones"

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Genesis 12:1-8
Lector: This is the Word of God.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

UNISON PSALM 33:18-22 & GLORIA

EPISTLE READING - Romans 4:1-17
Lector: This is the Word of God.
People: THANKS BE TO YOU, O LORD, OUR GOD.

HYMN (263) "O God of Bethel" [Martyrdom]

GOSPEL LESSON - John 3:1-17
Lector: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People: THANKS BE TO YOU, CHRIST OUR LORD.

SERMON - Guest Preacher - Rev. Jack Shaver

ORGAN SELECTION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.
Leader: (Leads in prayer and allows for people prayers during time of silence)

THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN (305) "Lord, As We Rise to Leave"

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

THREE FOLD AMEN

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Gen 12:1-8

Ro 4:1-12

Jno 3:1-17

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I am wondering

if our readings for this 2nd Sunday
in Lent come on as the religious talk
of some other age. —

or the religious talk of some different kind
of Christian community than our own.

— This insistence on being born again.

— the convoluted argument concerning Abraham
as part of a quaint, drawn-out discussion
about the relative merits of faith + works

I am not without fear — that the more
we talk about it the worse it will get.

However →

It is just possible that a wind which
can fan this smoking flog into flame
is hidden in that most familiar of GOSPEL
Phrases.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Even we may not be so fabled but that this
news can blow our minds.

Bring to life for us such hoary admonition
as "you must be born again" →

and such irrelevant questions as to whether Abraham
was justified by works or had his righteousness reckoned to him.

What is that

TO LOVE THE WORLD?

A few days ago:-

Very interesting speaker.

Professor of Human Geography.

Gentle, charming, thoughtful social analysis

came on convincingly ^{and} ~~but~~ ^{his case} ~~was~~ ^{that}.

Church & Belgium:-

New land

recently populated & immigrants. →

many roots - familiar space - marks of identity -

individuals - regions

individual compounds - individual isolation

Get out your own - ~~closure~~

prejudice analysis →

Restricted circle love & concern.

~~closure~~ →

Man on way to Ferry. →

Comforted & a warm cozy night →

Ferry load of people kept late →

LOVE THE WORLD -

operating in that Party →

Much MORE Motivation ^{Imaginative & Drivings} ~~than~~ Much Much More

~~concentrated~~ on individual parts

Close around our own kind.

Limit our circle of love.

Not a pretty world:

Rain - comforted? if you include world.

Latin America

Massive battle from India

10 million - 5 - 100M

1. Terrorism

2. Corruption

3. Street -

reign of war

high oppression

labour

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not a blowless stand to be taken,

not a flawless stand to be taken,

GOVT: Paralysis - Power to earth. { Explicit

Maple Trees

(6) draw - hot water in →

Hard back —

Gertt Porelles

Built Powerful
Responsible — ~~without any words~~

Government to have words

18 inches of head - Balded and fine chest.

All questions without answers - Pair

~~Support the quality~~

Griffith

Babe on hand for X -

Window to God

Parafel & Guld.

Blond Tere w/ ~~magenta~~ red

Задание →

justified as a gift

Recovered to 6000 →

That's The Kind of God God's

Responsibility - awarded by right

- Royal regulations of 1700

trust for purification
opposed to accomplish it

Suppose the question

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Radical difference

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Pat - Wounded for long time

" " for some time

Don't Again? -

Bring it back but what can we do
Modernity? Useful - ~~subal~~

one can subvert with words & be
born again - ??

That kind of Birth -
again & again

fit us living world.