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Church of the Saviour

SEEKERS CHURCH

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REFLECTION

"In each of us the amazing and dangerous seed of Christ is present... It is very small, like the grain of mustard seed... But if we take this awakened seed of Christ into the midst of the world's suffering, it will grow."

Thomas Kelly, The Eternal Promise, pg 42.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

The church's one foundation

is Christ, God's one true child,

In whom the whole creation

is freed and reconciled.

To bring the church together,

Christ lived and freely died;

Raised up by God forever,

Christ lives to be our guide.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make your paths known to us, O God;
teach us your ways.

People: Unto you we open our hearts.

Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

People: Unto you we open our minds.

Unison: O God, you confide life's purpose

to all of us who listen,
and your wisdom is ours to know.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CLASSES

SILENCE

LITANY

Leader: We are here not because we have found God,
but because God our Creator
has called us here.

People: Challenging us
to accept the cost and joy
of discipleship,
and to be servants

of the whole human family.

Leader:But the call is also God's promise:

People:A promise of forgiveness of sins

and fullness of grace,

justice and peace,

courage in the struggle for

realm

and eternal life in God's

which has no end.

Unison:Blessing and honor, glory and power

be unto God! AMEN.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION (Unison)

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness,

we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope.

But we are frightened by your call.

We are afraid of taking chances;

We are afraid of following your light,

because it leads into places where you need us.

We don't want to see your light

shining in the eyes of those we do not trust.

Yet, we know that in those places

your grace also shines.

Forgive us for our fears and hesitation.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

ASSURANCE (Leader)

Through Christ, life has been given to us

as a new gift for today.

We are a new and different people from this moment on.

Arise, then, and walk in the light of Christ.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

HYMN

THE WORD

Scripture

Sermon

Silent Reflection

OFFERING

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION (Leader)

Glory to God, whose power working in us

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation in the church,

and in Jesus Christ forever. AMEN.