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Seekers Church

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

Fall 1995 (Revised for January 30, 2000)

Pioneering Faith

REFLECTION

The way through the wilderness of our time is going to have to be improvised by us or by God or by both together. To speak of Christ and community, then, is to speak of Christ the improviser and of a community without a center, without clear boundaries, and with no secure place of dwelling. One must speak of a community ... drawing its strength from the solidarity it creates in the face of ... unpredictable events.

Tom Driver, *Christ in a Changing World*, pg 151.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set
 out
because God beckoned.

People: In faith, we seek to follow God
 in our lives.

Leader: In faith, the church continually
 seeks
to understand what tasks God has set before us
at the present moment.

Unison: In faith, we gather now to
 worship,
knowing that as we reach out to God,
God will make us new.
Give us the faith, O God, to go forward
 and embrace the newness
 to which you call us.

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

PIONEER LITANY

Leader: The gospel of Jesus Christ
is a call to risk the practice of radical trust.

People: This trust is the active response
 of faith
to the gift of Divine Love.

Leader: Radical trust draws us toward
 life at the edge,
the territory of paradox and ambiguity.

People: Such trust encourages us
to embrace the world from the heart of the Gospel.

Unison: Radical trust is a way of living
 with care,

a way of acting out of the strength of love
rather than out of the weakness of fear.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CHANT

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.*

CONFESSION

Leader: Loving Maker of Mystery,
we come together as a community
hungry for assurance
in the midst of unpredictable times.
We want to claim simplistic answers,
live in superficial harmony,
and know that there is only one way.

People: We work so hard to gain control,
to keep violence and uncertainty at bay.
We want the comfort of being right,

Chant

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION (Leader)

May the God of grace

create in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;

and may the God of peace

equip you with everything good,

that you may do God's will.

Amen.

Hebrews 13:21

Call to Worship: *Flames of the Spirit*, pg 65.

Confession & forgiveness: After Driver, *Christ in a Changing World*, pg 77.

Assurance: After Driver, pg 77.