

A Worship Service For the Ordination of

RUSTY CURLING

To the Christian Ministry

Ridge Baptist Church

Richmond, Virginia

November 25, 1984

The Organ Prelude

"Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Dr. Jack L. Flowers, Jr.

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Rev. Meredith K. Roberson

Leader: "Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; Re-

move the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good:

People: Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow:

People: Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Invocation

Dr. Flowers

Hymn of Praise No. 216 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession and Repentance

People: The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of mankind.

Leader: The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence.

People: But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Hymn No. 146

"Forward Through the Ages"

Prayer

Dr. Flowers

(After prayer remain silent until the organ begins. At the organ's starting you are dismissed.)

Organ Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Luther

Rusty Curling was born in Norfolk, Va., moving to Richmond while a senior in high school. He graduated from Douglas Freeman High School; received his B.S. degree from V.C.U. and will be receiving his M.D. degree from Southern Seminary in December, 1984. During the summers while a student in college, Rusty worked with the Home Mission Board; as a youth director; and with the B.S.U. Rusty is making missions his life work and hopes to work with the Home Mission Board upon graduation from Southern Seminary and later with the Foreign Mission Board.

***A reception will follow the Ordination Service in the activities building.

Celebration of God's Call

Responsive Reading

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: "Here am I! Send me."

Leader: When the Lord saw that he had turned aside
to see, God called to him out of the bush,
"Moses, Moses!"

People: "Here am I."

Leader: As in days of old when the Lord called ser-
vants to speak God's words and deliver the
oppressed, so God calls us today.

People: Here we are Lord, send us!

Leader: Whenever sin reigns and God's word of
justice and righteousness, of mercy and
peace must be proclaimed - God calls us.

People: Here we are Lord, send us!

Leader: Whenever we are carried away with things of
this world and depend on them instead of
God and someone must speak to turn us from
our idolatry - God calls us.

People: Here we are Lord, send us!

1. Must suffer ^{wounded healer} ~~Moses~~ Joseph Paul
2. Find out how he can use pain to help others - Face &

Learn from it
Leader: Whenever sin reigns even in one person's heart and he needs to hear of the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ -- God calls us. ^{own-buried wound & self doubt, apathy}

3. Care for his ^{etc, etc} ~~etc, etc~~ take care of own hurt before can help others
People: Here we are Lord, send us! ^{quiet place, conference, retreats, etc}

Leader: And whenever God calls us, God also is calling each one of us individually to follow and each one must answer.

^{Healing power to a hurting world}

People: Here I am Lord, send me!

Hymn No. 281 "We've a Story to tell to the Nations"

Interpretation of Ordination: Rev. Frank Hughs, Jr.

^{Eph. 4:11-12}

Laying on of Hands

Prayer for Preparation Rev. Meredith K. Roberson

The Lord's Prayer Pat Wegman

*Laying on of Hands: All are invited to participate in accordance with Acts 13:1-3 where after prayer "they laid their hands on them and sent them off."

Charge for Ministry: Rev. Nancy Whitmore

Hymn No. 10 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Benediction:

All: The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

Leader: May the Lord give you increase, both you and your children! May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth!