



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

The Cockrell Family

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope.
We light this candle for peace.

One: Hear now these words of peace from Psalm 85:10–11:
“Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.”

**Sung: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

One: God of hope, God of peace,
you are the way of love, and those who abide in love, abide in you.
Teach us how to love one another
as reflections of your light in the world.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Hymn (#366)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.**

***Silence for Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith With God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1–11
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon **A Reason to Shout** Rev. Steve Snipes

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer


Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Prayer of Dedication**

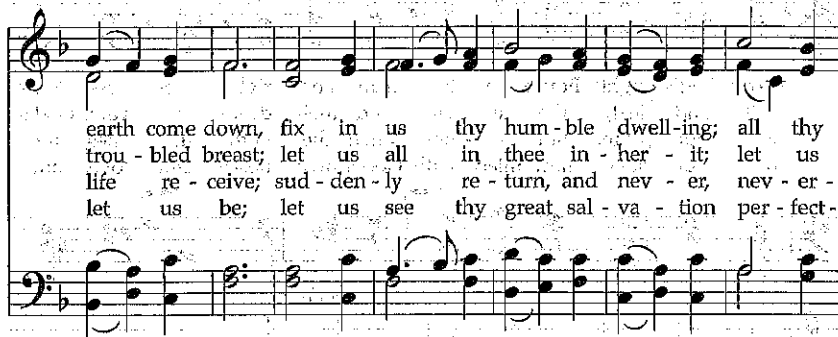
WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

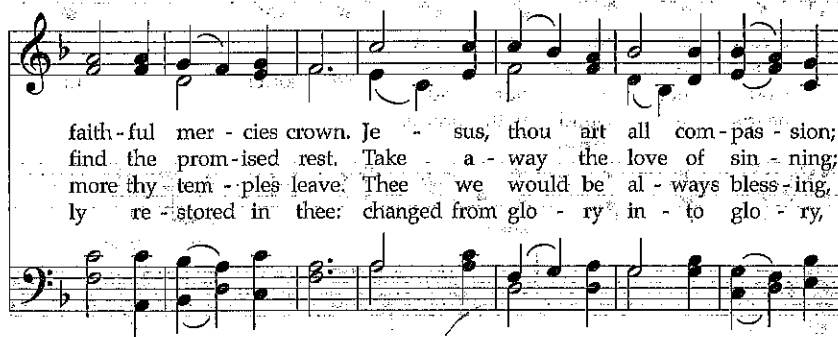
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take - a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave: Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.