

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus, arr. J. Chrisman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Divine Voice,

People: You sing and the universe comes into being;

Leader: O Divine Breath,

People: You breathe and all things spring to life;

Leader: O Divine Word,

People: You call and creation is sustained;

Leader: O Divine Flesh,

Leader: You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;

People: O Divine Spirit,

Leader: You fill all that has been formed;

People: O Divine Life,

People: You are the pulse of all that is. And so we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder.

HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Hyfrydol

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, O God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray,

(continue with silent confession...). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON

Orphans No More

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns,
Pastoral Prayer,
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ, More Love to Thee

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ,
to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ,
to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to
thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cornet Voluntary, S. Goodwin

Leaders Today

Pastor.....	Rev. Scott Anderson
Liturgist.....	Roger Fletcher
Minister of Music	Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech.....	John Tarr