



### Meditation Text

*Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.*

*This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

Brian Wren, 1983

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Chiming the Trinity

#### Prelude

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Donald Hustad

#### Call to Worship

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fetteke

Sanctuary Choir

Recorded Sunday, March 1, 2020

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;*

*The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels.*

*You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.*

*Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.*

*O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia*

#### Invocation

Emily Harbin

#### Hymn

*Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

BEECHER

*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.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!*

*Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest.*

*Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;*

*End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;*

*Suddenly return, and never, never more 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.*

*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.*  
Charles Wesley, 1747

**Introduction of Rev. Matthew H. Marston**

Cindy Haygood, Senior Minister Search Committee Chair

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Alan Reddish

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Children's Moment**

Janet Cleland

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Frank Granger

**Scripture Lesson**

II Corinthians 5:16-18

Matthew Marston

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

*Always Becoming New*

**Hymn**

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

BUNNESAN

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.*

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**Church Conference**

Gary Blasingame

**Benediction**

Frank Granger

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