

Sunday Worship

December 13, 2020



*Unwrapping
Joy*

Rev. Raygan Baker

Welcome! Are you a guest with us, or interested in learning more about who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved? Text “New” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude “Gloria” - A. Jordan Scott Horton, organ

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

Lighting the Advent Wreath Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

One: O Holy One, we light this third candle,
and delight in the sparkle of its outrageous reminder
to “rejoice!”
Let its flame cast light into shadowy places,
and show where work is to be done.
Let a community of builders
be formed in the light of Joy.
Let Joy find home in our hearts,
and make space for your presence there,
as we work for justice and peace in the service of Joy.

All: God be with us in this Light of Joy.

Invocation Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

***Come into our midst, O Holy One,
Rider of the Clouds of Heaven,
Surprising answer to heartfelt prayer.
In whatever way you choose—
Come. Shake us up.
Help us find you at work in our lives
Showing the way to make all things new.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.***

Hymn “Now Is the Time Approaching”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

Time for Discovery

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

Sermon

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Hymn

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Sung Call to Prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Prayers of the People

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

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Blessing and Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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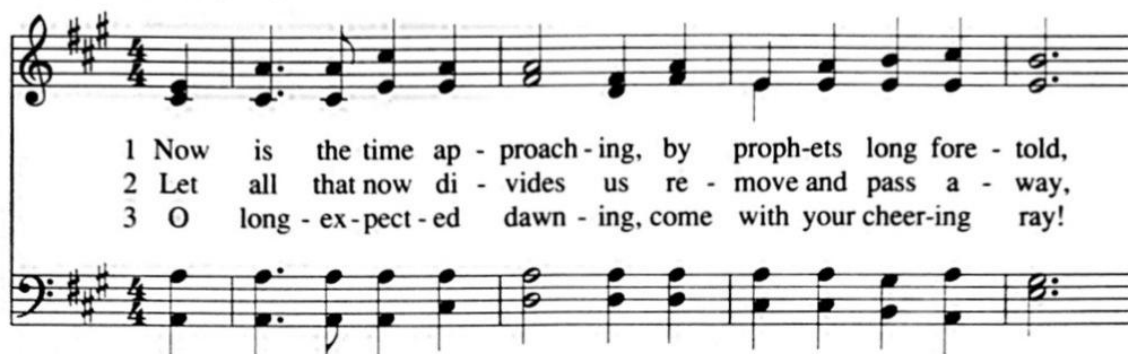
Postlude

"Fum, Fum, Fum!" - R. Lind

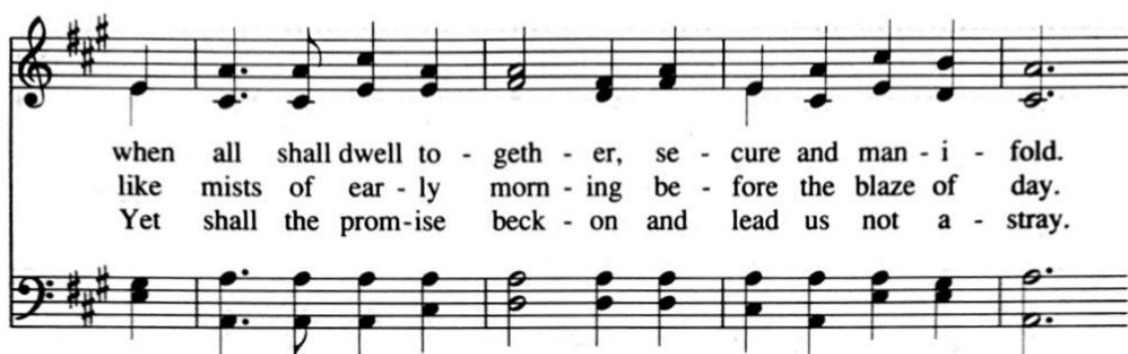
Scott Horton, organ

Now Is the Time Approaching

Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; alt.



1 Now is the time ap - proach - ing, by proph-ets long fore - told,
2 Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a - way,
3 O long - ex - spect - ed dawn - ing, come with your cheer - ing ray!



when all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold.
like mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day.
Yet shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray.



Let war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease,
Let all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove,
O sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch - ers on

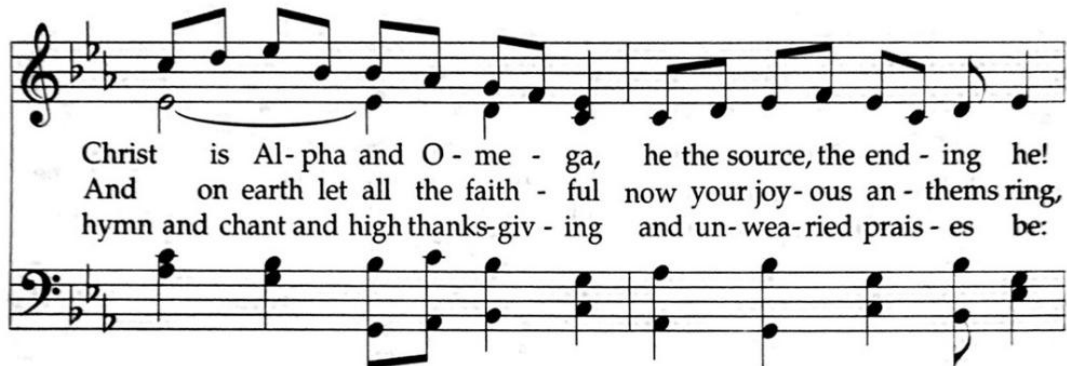


all earth a bless - ed gar - den that God shall tend in peace.
a clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.
to pray, and hope, and la - bor till Christ's new realm is come.

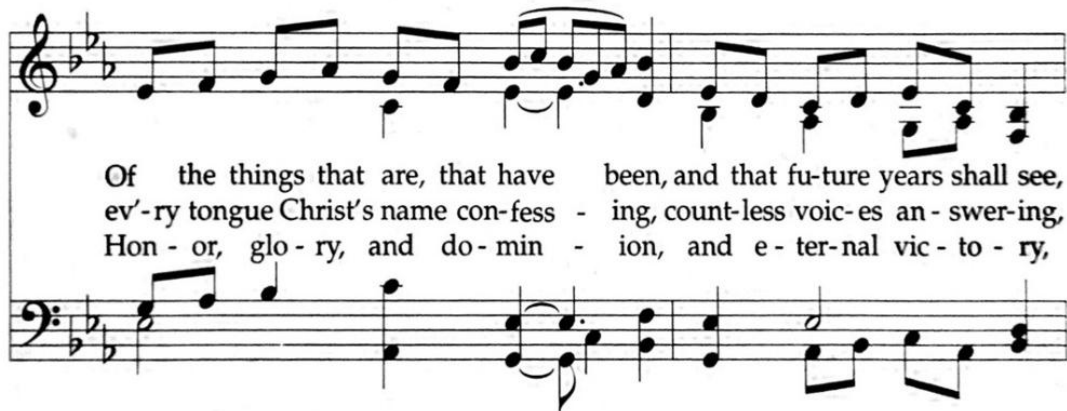
Of the Father's Love Begotten (Of Eternal Love Begotten)



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten,* ere the worlds be-gan to be,
2. O ye heights of heaven sing prais-es; an-gels and arch-an-gels sing!
3. Christ, to thee with God Cre-a - tor, and O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



Christ is Al-pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he!
And on earth let all the faith - ful now your joy - ous an - thems ring,
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un - wea - ried prais - es be:



Of the things that are, that have been, and that fu-ture years shall see,
ev'-ry tongue Christ's name con-fess - ing, count-less voic-es an - swer-ing,
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.



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