

# Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

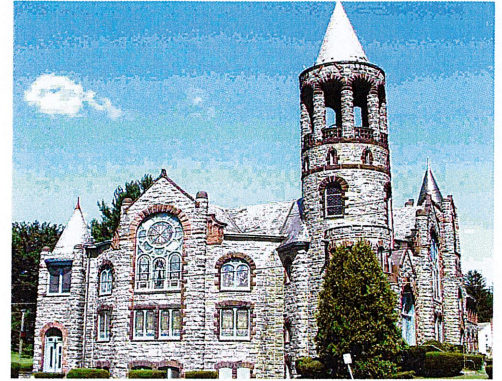
**Biblical, Traditional, Protestant**

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

January 21, 2024

*"Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord  
GOD, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?"*

(Ezekiel 18:23)



[**REMINDER:** Please pick up a self-contained **Communion Cup** from one of the tables in the back, if you are going to take part in the Supper. Also, the **offering plates** remain in the back if you wish to give onto the Kingdom.]

## Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

**Prelude** – Arietta on “Bunessan” – Gregg Sewell

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## Call to Worship – 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Leader: If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love,  
**People: I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**  
 Leader: If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,  
**People: But do not have love, I am nothing.**  
 Leader: And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned,  
**People: But do not have love, it profits me nothing.**  
 Leader: Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous.  
**People: Love does not brag and is not arrogant, it does not act unbecomingly.**  
 Leader: It does not seek its own, is not provoked, it does not take into account a wrong suffered.  
**People: Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;**  
 Leader: Love bears all things,  
**People: It believes all things,**  
 Leader: It hopes all things.  
**All: Love endures all things.**

**\*Hymn #5** (green hymnal) “Morning Has Broken”

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## Prayer of Invocation and Confession

**Anthem** – “Amazing Grace” – arr. Walter Rodby

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## Apostles Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

### \*Presentation of the Offering

#### \*Doxology #515 (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Hymn #21 (green hymnal) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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## Scripture Readings –

### 1 John 2:1–6

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world. <sup>3</sup> By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup> The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

### 2 Peter 3:9

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

### 1 Timothy 2:3–4

<sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### 1 Timothy 4:10

<sup>10</sup> For it is for this we labor and strive because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

## Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

## Musical Response

## Prayer of Illumination

### Sermon Text – 1 John 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### Gloria Patri #513 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

### Sermon – “The Unlimited Love of God”

### \*Communion Hymn #317 (red hymnal) “I Love to Tell the Story”

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## Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

### Invitation and Prayer

### Communion Text- Hebrews 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. <sup>9</sup> But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

### Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Closing Hymn #677 (green hymnal) “They’ll Know We Are Christians by our Love”

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### \*Benediction

### Musical Response

### \*Postlude - “Menuetto” – Joseph Haydn

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Children's bulletins are available in the Main Street entry hall, located in the brochure holders attached to the wall on your right as you enter.

The two nursery rooms downstairs are clean, sanitized, and available should you need a place to change a diaper, feed your baby, or simply need a quiet place to take your child during the service. There is an audio speaker in the room so the service can be heard.

### **Service Information**

*Preaching:* Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

*Monthly Deacon:* Jeff Liskin, Sr.

*Last Week's Attendance:* 47 total

*Last Week's Offering:* \$ 10,703.00

(\$4,000 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

### **Special Announcements:**

**Reminder** - Next Sunday, **January 28, 2024**, the Annual Meeting will be held. This meeting was pushed ahead one week due to some minor problems with our church's realignment. It is normally held on the third Sunday in January. All are welcome to attend, even if you are not a voting member. The Church Council will host coffee hour immediately after worship with sandwiches and goodies for all in attendance.

At 11:30 AM each church (Baptist & Congregational members) will break out into their respective meetings. The Baptist church will meet in the parlor area and the Congregational church will meet in the sanctuary. We will come together at noon for the federated meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Second Congregational Church Inclement Weather and Snow Cancellation Policy** - We try not to cancel Sunday Worship, though with moderately bad weather we could have a late opening, where there will only be the worship service at 10:00 AM. If there is a cancellation or late opening, it will be posted on Channel 3-WFSB and 8-WTNH, the church's webpage, and an email notification will be sent to the congregation.

### **A Message from Pastor Dan:**

#### **Greetings in Christ,**

I am excited for the opportunities that we have in the coming years to build a church truly united in Christ! I had planned to announce this on Sunday, but the weather did not cooperate. As you may know, I will continue on at Second Congregational as Senior Pastor, preaching approximately twice per month. The search committee is hard at work finding a Christ-focused pastor to complement my efforts. When hired, he will share preaching responsibilities with me, also preaching approximately twice per month. Until we hire a new pastor, I will preach on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month, and a pulpit supply preacher will preach on the other Sundays. Two large churches in the area (Walnut Hill Community Church and Valley Community Baptist Church) have graciously agreed to help us by providing capable preachers for January and February on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. I have also recruited other individuals for the months ahead as the search committee continues its work.

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As we walk through this process, I ask that you help us by filling out the online survey sent by the search committee via email late last week. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the church on Sunday. ***I also ask for every member of the church to pray each day for God to provide us with a new pastor to complement my efforts in the pulpit and minister to our youth and young families.***

Change is difficult, but with Christ, our future will be bright. Six people have enrolled in our new members' class for January! We have a dedicated congregation united in the essential doctrines of the Christian faith and a beautiful, iconic church. I have confidence that if we pray, God will provide the right candidate for our church and continue to sustain our ministries when we seek to glorify Him!

Grace and Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Dan

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## Now in January . . .

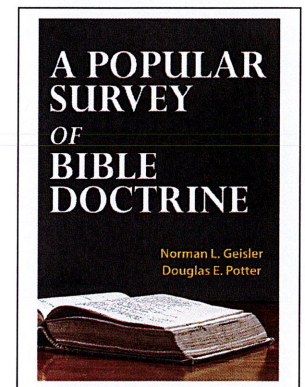
**New Members Class**—Several people have expressed an interest in joining the church. Pastor Dan held the first class last week and will continue. Please contact Pastor Dan if you would like to join this class or a future class.

**Adult Sunday School Class**—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 am (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)—The first class started last Sunday, and will work through books of the Bible, in sequence, alternating between the Old and the New Testament. We began with Genesis and will cover two or more chapters every week. There's still time to join Pastor Dan if you wish.

**Youth group:** No Youth Group today; however a special planning meeting will be held today right after the service. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. We plan to have a snack and talk about our goals for the coming months. Bring ideas and we hope to see all youth in 4th grade and older attend!

**Wednesday Bible Study**—Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 pm (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all). We will work through the chapters of this excellent book, which lays out the biblical case for the essential Christian doctrines handed down by the apostles, which have been affirmed by Christians since the foundation of the church. The class has begun, but still time to join in. **There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to attend this study. The cost of the book is \$13 and is due as soon as possible. Books are available, see Pastor Dan to obtain your copy.**

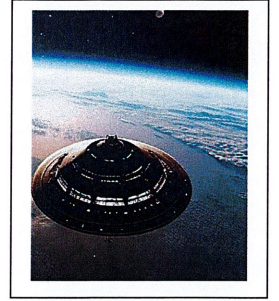
***Excerpt from the back cover:*** Christians, more than ever, need a basic introduction to Bible doctrine that is systematic and true to Scripture. This book is a popular introduction to the study of Bible doctrine firmly in the evangelical tradition. Each chapter covers a biblical doctrine and stresses its doctrinal importance and inter-connectedness to formulating a Christian worldview.



**Special Presentation**—**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** **Aliens: A Biblical and Scientific Perspective**—Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, following worship in the music room (50 minutes). Recently, Pastor Dan was invited to teach an apologetics seminar at Christian Way Ministries in Virginia Beach. This presentation was among those eliciting the greatest interest. It combines biblical truth and scientific fact (not speculation) and

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deals with the questions: Are there any credible UFO sightings? How might they be explained? Is it likely that there is another planet like the Earth in the universe? How long would it take to get to the nearest star? Is interstellar travel possible? What has the last 40 years of the search for extraterrestrial life uncovered? Why are humans truly unique? What are the links between UFOs, alien abductions, and the occult? Please join us for this enlightening presentation.



## Other Announcements

- "If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or input for the pastoral search committee please email Jeff Liskin [jdlinkin33@gmail.com](mailto:jdlinkin33@gmail.com) or see any member of the search committee: Will Minton, Colleen Gundlach, Michael Kiilliany, Robbin Liskin, or Bonnie Sterpka."
- The Council has voted to rejoin the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army. We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to all those that gave so generously last Sunday. The next collection date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **PLEDGE REMINDER:** Many thanks to those who returned to the Lord the first fruits of His generous blessings by pledging your financial support to our church. We are in the process of preparing our budget for 2024. If you intend to pledge your financial support to the Second Congregational Church and have not yet done so, we encourage you to please submit your pledge card as soon as possible. A great big **THANK YOU** for sharing your blessings and being a partner in this journey of faith!
- The **Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for the first quarter of 2024 is posted on the board in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to fill in any open slots available.
- **The Diaper Bank** is now accepting donations of baby and toddler foods. We have seen an increase in families who are very much helped by these extra items. Non-perishable food donations may be left in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. **NOTE:** We will be looking for volunteers to help with the diaper bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. Please see Kathy Craig if you are interested in helping.

## Weekly Events:

### *Sunday:*

9:00-9:50 AM

**Sunday School** for all ages

Children (downstairs, see Pastor Dan for information)

Adult Sunday School (led by Pastor Dan in the parlor area)

**Youth Group for grades 4-6** will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month following worship (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) in the basement. (See prior listing for detailed information).

### *Wednesday:*

7:00-8:15 PM

**Bible Study for all** (led by Pastor Dan in the Music room)



## **Sermon Schedule**

(Subject to change)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1.28		Guest Preacher	Annual Meeting
2.04	tba	Pastor Dan	
2.11	tba	Guest Preacher	
2.18	tba	Pastor Dan	
2.25	tba	Guest Preacher	

## **SCC Online**

Church Email: [info@sccwinsted.org](mailto:info@sccwinsted.org)

Church Webpage: <http://sccwinsted.org>

Church Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/sccwinsted](http://www.facebook.com/sccwinsted)

Youtube Channel for Livestream Services: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ)  
(Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)

Church Library & Media Center: [www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary)

Pastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

## **Hours & Staff**

<b>Church Office Hours:</b>	*(See changes for January only)
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday only*	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday only*	8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

### **Staff:**

#### **Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote**

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Office Hours: Sun. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and Wed. 6:00-8:30 PM

(Other days as needed or by appointment)

#### **Office Administrator: Kathy Craig**

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#### **Organist: Christopher King**

#### **Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy**

## **Statement of Faith**

- 1. We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.**

(Ex. 20:1–6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4–5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)

- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**

(Ps. 119; Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 1Thess. 2:13)

- 3. We believe that God, in His goodness, created only two distinct and complimentary genders, male and female, which is defined by one's biological sex at birth. These two genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's created order and the image of God within that person.**

(Gen. 1:26–28,31; 2:2-24; Lev 18:22-23; 20:10-21; Deut 22:5; Is3:12; Rom 1:24-27; 1Cor 6-9; 11:7; 1Tim 2:11-15)

- 4. We believe that man and woman sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that we are all born with a sinful nature that mars God's image in us.**

(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7; 3:1-24; Ezek 13:23; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1-3; James 3:9)

- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**

(Is 7:14; Matt 1:18,23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:6-7,40; John 1:14; Phil 2:6-7; Heb 1:2-5; 2:14)

- 6. We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**

(Is 53:4-6; Mark 1:14-15; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 8:3; 1John 4:10; 1Pet 2:24-25)

- 7. We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**

(Luke 24:1-7; John 2:19-21; Acts 1:9; Heb 4:14,10:11-13; Rev 1:17-18)



- 8. We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**

(John 1:12-13; 3:16-18,36; 5:24-29; 10:27-29; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:1,9-12,15-17; 10:9-11; Gal 4:24-29; Eph 1:5; 1John 5:12-13)

- 9. We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**

(Matt 16:18-19; 18:17; John 17; Acts 2:42; 6:1-6; 20:28-32; 1Cor 10:1-14:40; Eph 5:21-32; 1Thes 5:12-13; 1Tim 3:1-16; 5:17-22; Heb 10:25; 1Pet 5:1-4)

- 10. We believe that God created marriage to be a holy and lifelong covenant union, which can only be between one man and one woman who are not closely related, and that the only lawful place for intimate relations is marriage.**

(Gen 2:22-24; Ex 22:16-17; Deut 22:14; Mal 2:16; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:5,21-6:4; Col 3:18-21; 1Tim 1:8-10; Heb 13:4)

- 11. We believe that at The Last Day our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**

(Matt 25:31-46; Rom 8:35-39; 1Thes 4:13-17; Rev 20:12-15, 21-27)

# Morning Has Broken

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*This is the day that the Lord hath made; we shall rejoice. . . . — Psalm 118:24*

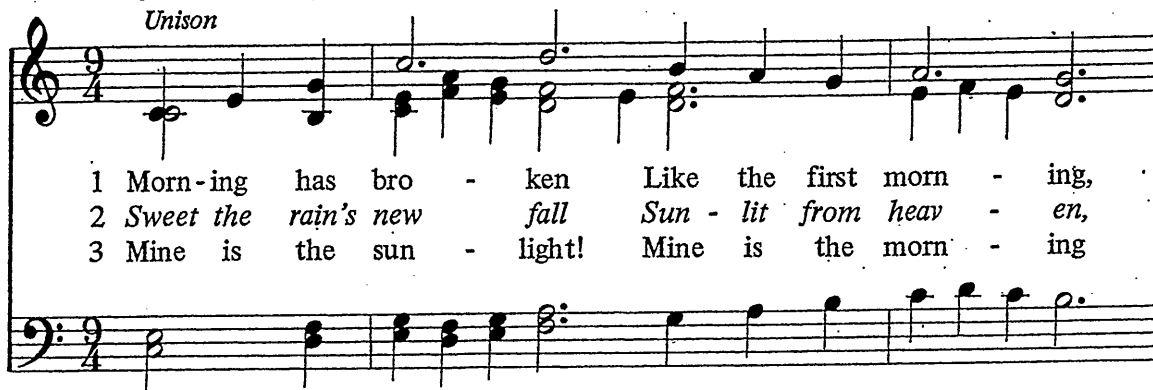
BUNESSAN

Traditional Gaelic Melody


Arranged by David Evans

Eleanor Farjeon \*

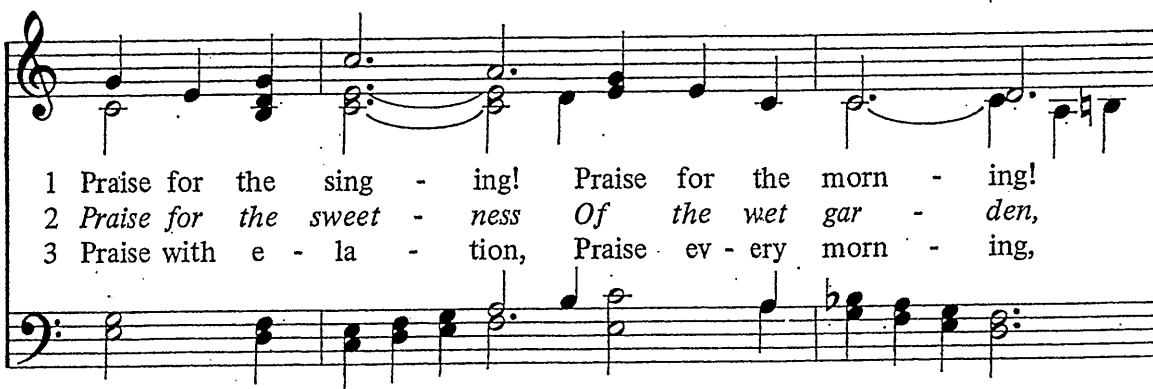
*Unison*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



1 Black-bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.  
 2 Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.  
 3 Born of the one light E - den saw play!



1 Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 2 Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,  
 3 Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,



1 Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 2 Sprung in com-plete - ness Where His feet pass.  
 3 God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day! A - men.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

For the law of the Spirit of Life, . . . hath made us free from the law of sin and death.

— Romans 8:2 (Read Romans 7:24, 25; 8:1-5)

BEECHER  
John Zundel

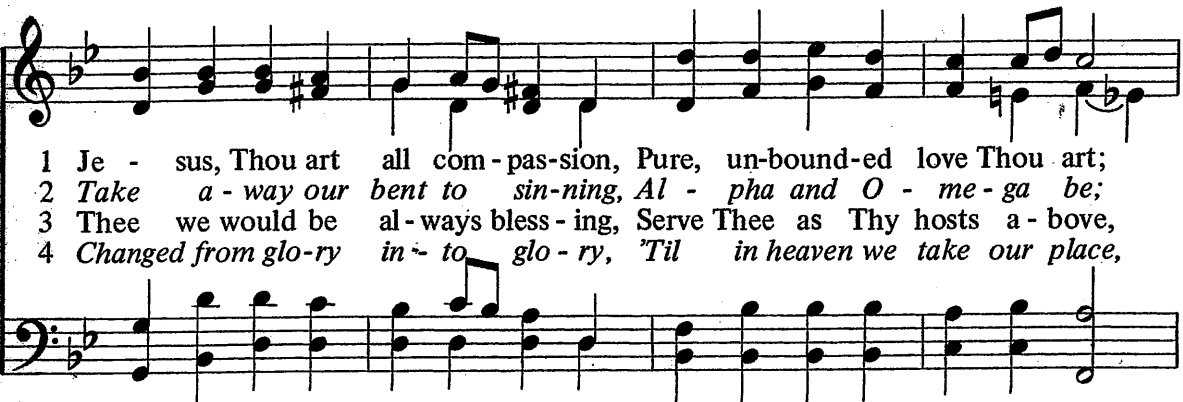
Charles Wesley



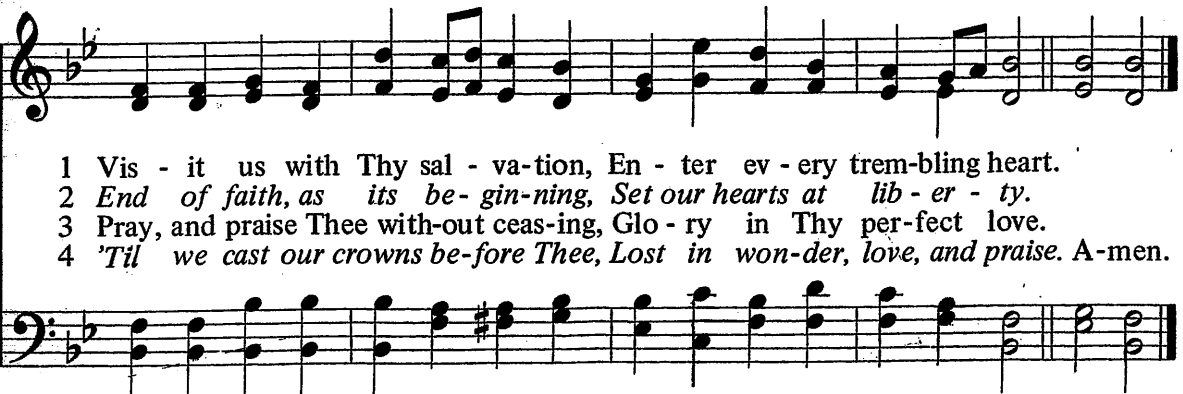
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it In-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, Let us all Thy life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish then Thy new cre-a-tion, Pure and spot-less let us be;



1 Fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
 2 Let us all in Thee in-her-it, Let us find Thy prom-ised rest.  
 3 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, Nev-er-more Thy tem-ples leave.  
 4 Let us see Thy great sal-va-tion Per-fect-ly re-stored in Thee.



1 Je-sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art;  
 2 Take a-way our bent to sin-ning, Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 3 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a-bove,  
 4 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, 'Til in heaven we take our place,



1 Vis-it us with Thy sal-va-tion, En-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 2 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 3 Pray, and praise Thee with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in Thy per-fect love.  
 4 'Til we cast our crowns be-fore Thee, Lost in won-der, love, and praise. A-men.

Alternate Last Verse Harmonization

Arranged by Robert J. Powell

4 Fin-ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot-less let us be;

Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect-ly re - stored in Thee.

Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'Til in heaven we take our place,

'Til we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

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GOD'S LOVE



## I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D. with Refrain  
William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

**REFRAIN**  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the 'old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love. A - men.

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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Based on John 13:35  
Peter Scholtes

... that they may be one, even as We are one. . . . — John 17:22

ST. BRENDAN'S  
Peter Scholtes

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son,

1 And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
2 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
3 And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:  
4 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love.