My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can’t know him if you don’t love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.

—1 John 4.4-7 (The Message)

GATHERING AT GOD’S INVITATION

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Lydia Bradford

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Charles Callahan

Hyfrydol Tune

HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL
WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP
Rev. Chris Cherry

A TIME FOR CHILDREN
Christina McCord

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

CHORAL PRAYER
Write Your Blessed Name
K. Lee Scott
Sanctuary Choir
Tony Sanders, Music Intern piano

Write your blessed name, O Lord upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE
Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
OPENING OF GOD’S WORD

Ellis Moody

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Debbie Huneycutt, deacon

SERMON
Rev. Sherouse
Unbounded Love

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 486
Wellesley
There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

MISSIONS MOMENT
Tommy Starnes
Upward Director

OFFERTORY PRAYER
CHORAL OFFERING

Roy L. Belfield, Jr.

Do You Love My Lord?
Sanctuary Choir

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus?
Anybody here who loves my Lord?
I want to know, do you love my Lord?

SENDING INTO GOD’S WORLD

†Benediction
Rev. Sherouse

†Congregational Response
Doxology

†Organ Dismissal
Charles Callahan

Do You Love My Lord?

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus?
Anybody here who loves my Lord?
I want to know, do you love my Lord?

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low; praise God for all that Love has done: Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

Finale on Hyfrydol