WHAT WONDROUS LOVE
A Hymn Festival

United Methodist Church of Hartford, Connecticut
September 28, 2008

ORGAN PRELUDE
Prelude in C Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
“All Creatures of Our God and King” David Schack, 1971

Welcome and Announcements
Introduction Scott Lamlein

PRAISE AND SINGING
*HYMN Insert: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BLAENWERN
Reading: “Music Is a Fair and Glorious Gift from God” Martin Luther
HYMN 292: “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE
The congregation joins in singing verses 2, 3 and 4.
Reading: “Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer” John 17:20-21, 25-26
*HYMN 62: “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1, 5, 7 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE – CHRIST’S GRACIOUS LIFE
Reading: “We Call Thee” Gregory W. Harrison
*HYMN 119: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1, 2, 6, 7 VENI EMMANUEL
Piano: “Wondrous Love” Kevin Keil, 2000
HYMN Insert: “Ah, Holy Jesus” HERZLIEBSTER JESU, arr. John Ferguson, 1994
Reading: “Making All Things New” Henri J. M. Nouwen
*HYMN 312: “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” LLANFAIR
THANKSGIVING AND SINGING
Reading: from “The Creation”  
James Weldon Johnson

THE OFFERTORY
Piano: “Be Still My Soul”  
Laura Bergquist, 2002
*PRESENTATION HYMN Insert: “Heleluyan”  
HELELUYAN
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reading: from “Grace”  
Kathleen Norris
*HYMN 517: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
BEECHER

BENEDICTION

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Come, Almighty to deliver;
Finish then thy new creation.

Joy of heav’n, to earth come down,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling.

Sudden return and never,
Let us see thy great salvation,
All they faith full everlasting crown.

Never more thy temples leave,
Perfectly restored in thee.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Changed from glory to glory.

Pure, unbounded love thou art,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Till in heav’n we take our place.

Visit us with thy salvation,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Till we cast our crowns before thee.

Enter every trembling heart.
Glory in thy perfect love.
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Ah, Holy Jesus

Choir 1. Ah, holy Jesus how have you offend-ed. That mortal judgment has on you descend-ed? By foes derided, by your own rejection, O most afflicted!
Men 2. Who was the guilt-y? Who brought this up -
Women 3. Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is
tied you; I cruci-fied you.
Choir 4. For me, kind Je-sus, was your in-car-
All 5. There-fore, kind Je-sus, since I can-not

Johann Heerman, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930; alt. J.F.
Ah, Holy Jesus (11-10572) setting by John Ferguson

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Heleluyan
(Alleluia)

He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan;
He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan.