

The City of Edinburgh  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Morning Worship**

Preachers: Laurence Wareing and Deidre Homer

Director of Music: Damien Mason

**WE COME BEFORE GOD**

Opening Voluntary: Wie schön leucht uns der Morgenstern  
*Buxtehude*

Introit: Sicut Cervus *Palestrina*  
*Translation:*  
*Like as the hart desireth the water:-*  
*so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

Steward's Welcome

Call to worship: H&P "A song of the incarnation"  
*(read responsively)*

**Hymn 281** **Come down, O Love divine**

Responsive reading: Psalm 29

You dwell in heaven ascribe glory to the Lord  
He is full of glory and strength.  
His name is glorious  
Worship the Lord in his holiness.

The Lord's voice reaches over the water  
The God of glory thunders over the oceans.

**His voice is full of power  
His voice is majestic.**

The Lord's voice breaks the cedars,  
The cedars of Lebanon shatter at his voice.  
**Lebanon skips like a calf,  
The mountain dances like a young wild ox.**

The Lord's voice flashes like fire,  
The wilderness shakes at his voice.  
**From end to end of the whole land  
Even to the north and south his voice is heard.**

The oaks whirl, the forests are stripped bare,  
All those who dwell in the Lord  
**Cry "Glory!", and see him in the storm  
The wild wind displays the Lord's power.**

When the Great Flood covered the earth  
The Lord sat on his throne  
King for ever.  
**The Lord will give strength to his people,  
He will grant them peace.**

Prayer of praise

**Hymn 230**            **There's wideness in God's mercy**  
*(Breakout departs at end of hymn)*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7  
Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Hymn 284**            **Come, thou Holy Spirit come**  
*(Tune: "Te Laudant Omnia" H&P 331)*

Sermon

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn 326**            **There's a spirit in the air**

Offertory

Reflection on the prodigal son

Anthem: "I will arise" from *One is the body*, written by *John Bell*

Prayers of confession and intercession

**Hymn**            **Love is the touch of intangible joy**  
(CG 80)

Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Prayer of dismissal

Sung amen from South Africa (CH4 825)

Closing Voluntary: In dir ist Freude, BWV 615            *Bach*  
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