

**Central United Methodist Church
Baby's First Christmas
Third Sunday in Advent Worship Service**

December 13 2020 • 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	Prelude on "Angel's Story" - Robert J. Hughes	Jun Bernier
HYMN	In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1 & 2)	UMH No. 221 Bryan Murphy
INVITATION TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
CHILDREN'S TIME - BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS		Rev. Cora
SEASON OF PRAYER		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
READING OF THE SCRIPTURE		Hebrews 12:11-15
READING OF THE GOSPEL		Matthew 1:18-25
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Michael Helmari	Agape Bells (12/9/18)
SERMON	Travel Light - Letting Go of Bitterness	Pastor Jack
OFFERTORY	Carol of the Epiphany - John Bell	Jun Bernier
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
CLOSING WORDS OF COMFORT AND THANKS		
CLOSING HYMN	Love Has Come (vs. 1 & 3)	W&S No. 3059 The Merle Family
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Lift Up your Heads - chorus from <i>Messiah</i> - G.F. Handel	Jun Bernier

Our Mission Statement - Central Church:
Connecting with God * Connecting with Others * Changing our world with Christ's Love

Hymn Lyrics

In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1 & 2)

UMH No. 221

VERSE 1:

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made
moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a
stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on
snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

VERSE 2:

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor
earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he
comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place
sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Love Has Come (vs. 1 & 3)

W&S No. 3059

VERSE 1:

Love has come a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

VERSE 3:

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!