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

## Central United Methodist Church December 12, 2021 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## **Altar Flowers**

The carnation on the altar this morning is in memory of Barbara Heichel
April 29, 1921 - December 7, 2021
Member of Central since January 26, 1969

PRELUDE Aran Kim

Away in a Manger - J. E. Spillman (1812-1896), arr. Gregory Cohn

**OPENING HYMN** (standing) UMH No. 218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Vs. 1 & 3)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (standing) Myke Robson (From *Flames of the Spirit*, Ruth C. Duck, The Pilgrim Press, 1985, 18)

Let our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, who has done great things for us and for all people.

God scatters the proud in the imagination of their hearts and raises up those who humble themselves.

God fills the hungry with good things and satisfies those who thirst for goodness.

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Steve & Nancy Albery

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Jack

SEASON OF PRAYER
PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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

**READING OF THE GOSPEL (standing)** 

Luke 1:39-55

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Covenant Choir

Carol of the Roses - Richard Kountz

MESSAGE Rev. Cora

The Journey - Mary and Elizabeth

**OFFERTORY** Aran Kim

Silent Night - Franz Gruber (1787-1963) arr. Roger House

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CLOSING HYMN** (standing)

**UMH No. 249** 

There's a Song in the Air (Vs. 1 & 3)

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE Aran Kim

Ukranian Bell Carol with What Child is This Traditional, arr. Roger House

(In quiet reflection, you may either remain to listen, or you may exit.)