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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 19, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**PRELUDE**

Aran Kim

Ave Verum "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" - W.A.Mozart (1756-1791)

**OPENING HYMN** (standing)

UMH No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vs. 1 & 2)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (standing)

Pam Coleman-Gay

It won't be long now 'til a child is born,

**And angels sing and shepherds visit a king!**

It won't be long now

**'til "Silent Night" is sung in candlelight.**

It won't be long now

**'til children squirm in their beds with eager anticipation.**

It won't be long now

**'til joy is unwrapped, feasts are shared  
and a birth is remembered.**

It won't be long now, so ready the heart, quiet the rush

**And worship the One who comes to break oppression  
and set the captives free!**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Bryan Murphy, Marshall Rice, Mike Kaul, Myke Robson

**WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Cora

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Agape Bells

Away In The Manger - Arr. Douglas Wagner

**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 2:1-7

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Covenant Choir

Midnight, Sleeping Bethlehem - Liang Chi-Fang

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Jack

The Journey - Mary and Joseph's Journey Begins

**OFFERTORY**

Aran Kim

We Wish You a Merry Christmas - arr. Aran Kim

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN** (standing)

UMH No. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High (Vs. 1 & 4)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Aran Kim

We Three Kings

David Clark Isele (1946-2016), arr. John Henry Hopkins

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