

A heart-shaped stone, light orange with darker orange speckles, is the central focus, resting on a bed of dark grey, textured rocks. The background is a close-up of these rocks, creating a sense of depth and texture.

...and the greatest of these is  
love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

December 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

- PRELUDE Henry Repp  
“Improvisation on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” (Roberts)
- GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE — “Love”  
Readers: Bernadette Lattig, Lorien Lattig  
Responsive Hymn: “From God on High”  
Sung following the lighting: **Love came down from God on high,  
The choir will sing it through, As the star shone in the sky.  
then the congregation will Love came down on Christmas morn  
repeat it. In the form of a baby born.**
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith  
Come, worship our God who communicates in many ways!  
**Creator, we are ready to listen.**  
God guides us through Scripture, dreams, and conscience.  
**Jesus, we are ready to listen.**  
As God spoke in ages past, God speaks still.  
**Spirit, we are ready to listen.**  
**ALL: God, as we attend to you, fill us with love.**
- \*OPENING HYMN “Love Has Come” W&S 3059
- \*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith  
**Caring One, in our doubts and fears you claim us as beloved.  
When life feels heavy you meet us where we are. Lord, help us to  
be bearers of your love in the world by affirming the worth of  
others. Inspire us to trust in what is possible, dwelling in each of  
us. May love be our guide. Amen.**
- CHOIR ANTHEM “Nowell Canon” (Liebergen) Chancel Choir
- COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig
- CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir
- KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig
- SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel,  
which means ‘God is with us.’”

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

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| ANTHEM    | “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Darke)             | Chancel Choir |
| SERMON    | <del>IM</del> POSSIBLE: “Love Made Possible” | Rev. Lattig   |
| OFFERTORY | “Noel” (Mulet)                               | Henry Repp    |

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Oh God of Love, we offer you our tithes and gifts in response to your love and grace. We pray your blessing upon these gifts as well as our efforts to serve you and your children with boundless love. Please grant us your blessing and grow what we give so that your kingdom on earth may be fulfilled through your love. We pray all this in the name of Jesus who taught us to love. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH 217

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Henry Repp

# Christmas Services 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.

Blue Christmas Service  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight and Carols  
Combined Christmas  
Service

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Advent Candle Lighting/Readers  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Kathleen Meredith  
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Bernadette and Lorien Lattig  
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