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Crossroads UMC Online Worship 12-20-2020

Centering Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Remember the messengers of faith you have known, rejoice, and give thanks for their witness.

People: We, too, will prepare the way of Christ; we will help to level the hills and valleys of life.

Leader: Hold one another in your hearts this day; pray that love may rule all your relationships.

People: We will weep with those who weep. We will rejoice with those who rejoice.

Leader: God will be with you wherever you go. AMEN.

Hymn

In The Bleak Midwinter UMH# 221

In the bleak mid-winter
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 mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;



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But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

Opening Prayer

God of love and understanding, we gather here this evening to confront our pain in the midst of the world's celebration. Help us know that you are present with us in all of our moods and feelings and seasons. Grant us a taste of the hope, peace, joy, and love that you promise to all of your people through the gift of your son Jesus. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-29: When burdens get piled on top of other burdens, the load can crush us. In his promise, Jesus offers us help to carry our burdens and responsibilities.

Candle Lighting

Hymn

Star Child, earth Child, go between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

**Star-Child
FWS#2095**

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,



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sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child, memory full of years,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Prayer

Blessing

Leader: Go in peace, knowing that the God whose love created this world,
sent Jesus into the same world to be our friend, companion, and Savior. The
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out!

People: Thanks be to God. AMEN.



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