**Advent 2, 2020**

**Cross Lanes United Methodist Church**

**Prelude**  *In The Bleak MidWinter*

Offered by The Early Worship Band

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle– even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us, that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.**

Pause

*Pastor:* Help us face this fear of difference and dare to see what love can do. **Amen.**

*Light the wreathAdvent Wreath*

[*To see instructions for making your own Advent Wreath click here!*](https://crosslanesumc.org/advent-2020/)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Opening Hymn *O* *Come O Come Emmanuel* v. 1, 4**

**Gospel Reading**

1An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ 22All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
23 ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
   and they shall name him Emmanuel’,
which means, ‘God is with us.’ 24When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Sermon** *Love Makes a Family* Rev. Krysta Rexrode Wolfe

**Litany of Belief**

*Leader:* I believe that we have been taught to fear one another AND

***People:* I believe that we are capable of learning to love.**

I believe that our society is built on a foundation of oppression of some over others AND

**I believe that we can speak this truth and move to act in ways**

 **that balance this inequity.**

I believe that we are afraid AND

**I believe that we can lean on each other and God for courage to face anything.**

We believe, even when we are discouraged.

**We believe, that when we are discouraged,**

**raising our voices for justice will bring about more love in the world!**

**Prayers in the Stillness** *“Stillness”*

**Response:**

*Cross Lanes United Methodist Church is an active faith community, committed to services that exhibit love. If you feel called to give a financial gift and be a part of the life giving ministries at CLUMC, go to crosslanesumc.org and find the “giving” tab where you can see instructions for giving with by mail, echeck, debit/credit cards and text-to-give.*

*If you are looking specifically for ways to be engaged in our Advent discipleship opportunities please go to crosslanesumc.org, go to the worship tab and look for Advent 2020 in the drop down menu. Right now, I am looking for volunteers to make luminaries for Christmas Eve and artists and crafters to contribute visual pieces for our Journey to the Manger prayer stations. For more information you can contact church leadership at crosslanesumc@gmail.com*

**WE GO FORTH**

**Benediction**

**Handbell Benediction**