

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

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The Baptism of Christ

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Be the Church: Love God**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Mayo

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Our God is a God of power and strength!

**P: God has created each of us with tender care.**

L: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**P: God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

L: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

**P: God is with us and calls us by name.**

L: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

**P: God is with us and calls us by name.**

L: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

**P: Called by God, we will worship and serve with love.**

*\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 165** (black hymnal)

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)*

**ALL SING:** Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*

**MESSAGE**

*Be the Church: Love God*

**HYMN NO. 168** (black hymnal)

*O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Natalie Behrends, David Firestone, Jodi Graham, & Sandy King*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

**(10:30 AM) WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*More Love to Thee*  
by Prentice, Doane/Bartlett

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine* by Smith

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 163 (black hymnal, vs. 3 & 5)

*Many are the Lightbeams*

**ALL SING:** Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus. Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus. Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN (see attached)

*Be the Church*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

arr. Hopson

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Pastor Dani as we welcome her back from maternity leave, by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Tillie Henry by the Ladies' Aide. The bulletins are presented in honor of Logan Kline's birthday, with love, Grandma & Auntie Anne Henry.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of Karson David Abel, born to Lance & Katherine Abel. Karson was born on January 5th, 2019 at 12:50 AM, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces, and he was 21 inches long. Congratulations to the Abel family!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz; Deb & Terry Barnes

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carol Hartman, Tim, Juliana, & Katrina Rhinehart

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is adapted from liturgies found at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3490/worship-connection-january-10-2016> and <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3492/worship-elements-january-10-2016>

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession is from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3492/worship-elements-january-10-2016>

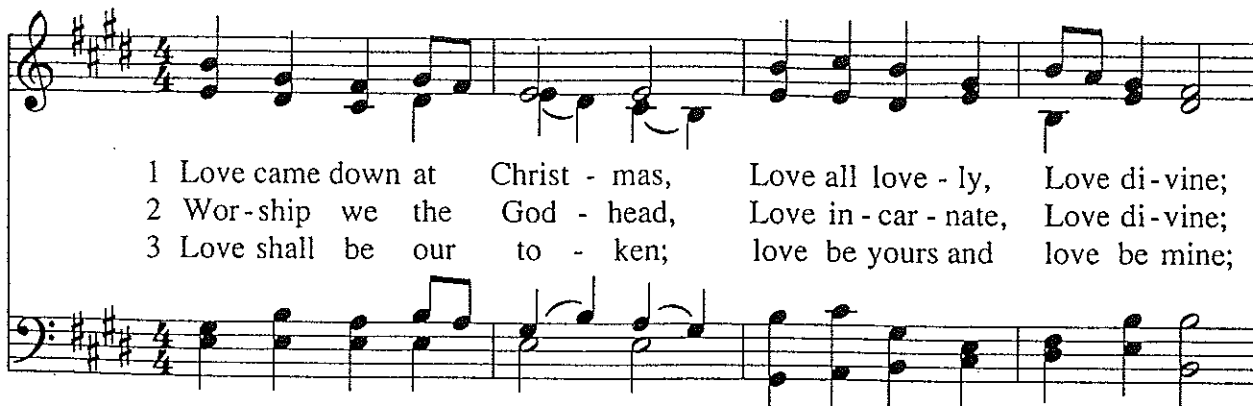
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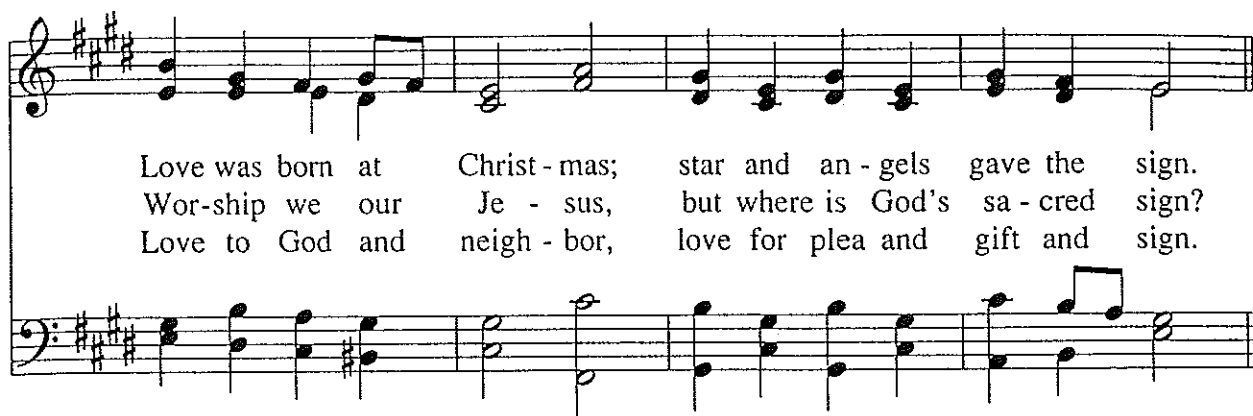
## Love Came Down at Christmas

Matt. 2:1-11; Luke 2:8-18

Christina G. Rossetti, 1885; alt.



1 Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;  
 2 Wor-ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;



Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 Wor-ship we our Je - sus, but where is God's sa - cred sign?  
 Love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*Christina Rossetti, author of the more familiar carol "In the Bleak Midwinter," lived a very quiet life in England. This text has been described by the noted editor Percy Dearmer as a "gem, where so much is said in so little space."*

Tune: WHITNEY 6.7.6.7.  
 Maurice C. Whitney, 1962

dove-like form the Spir - it de - scends on God's A-noint-ed One.  
 led to paths of ser - vice through maz - es of ad-ver - si - ty.  
 us a cho - sen peo - ple trans - formed by love to be your own.

## O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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Ruth Duck, 1989

Isa. 60:19-20; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11

1 O ra - dian't Christ, in - car - nate Word, e - ter - nal  
 2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too tired to  
 3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the font where  
 4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our faith and

love re - vealed in time: Come, make your home with - in our  
 care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our shad - owed  
 we were born a - new. At - tune your church to know you  
 hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples to your

hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.  
 world; your ra - dian'ce bathes with power to heal.  
 near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.  
 peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Commissioned by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ruth Duck's text provides a fitting center for Epiphany celebrations, with its sense of wonder at the incarnation and petition that through Christ's revelation

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE L.M.  
 Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962  
 Alternate tune: WAREHAM

## **BE THE CHURCH**

*Composed by Dosia Carlson*

*Hymn tune: ST. DENIO*

Remember with gratitude those in the past  
Who labored and struggled so this church would last.  
We honor their faith as we worship with praise.  
God said BE THE CHURCH from our earliest days.

Much more than a building, much more than a place,  
We are a deep fellowship rooted in grace.  
From various backgrounds fresh insights we found.  
God said BE THE CHURCH -as we moved to new ground.

The Spirit invites us to travel new roads  
Into the community, sharing life's loads.  
We reach out with love helping neighbors in need.  
God says BE THE CHURCH in both word and in deed.

Envision a future where Christ's love will reign  
With justice and harmony, comforting pain.  
Our minds and doors open, new missions await.  
God says BE THE CHURCH as we all celebrate.

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Composed for St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance, OH in honor of their FAITH (Fiftieth Anniversary In This House) Celebration, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their present location, and 155 years as a congregation.