Blue Christmas Service Wesley United Church

Minister: Cindy Bourgeois

Soloist: Tessa Whyte **Pianist:** Sarah Stubbe

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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

WE SING VU #374

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

GATHERING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

WE SING VU #17

O Ancient Love

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

This candle is traditionally known as the candle of Hope, but tonight as we light this candle we acknowledge those things that rob us of Hope.

(First candle is lit)

Watching, waiting, making space for Hope.

SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:19-23

SUNG RESPONSE

PRAYER

This candle is traditionally known as the candle of Peace, but tonight as we light this candle, we acknowledge those things that rob us of Peace.

(Second candle is lit)

Watching, waiting, making space for Peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:27

SUNG RESPONSE

PRAYER

This candle is traditionally known as the candle of Joy, but tonight as we light this candle, we acknowledge those things that rob us of Joy.

(Third candle is lit)

Watching, waiting, making space for Joy.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:22-23

SUNG RESPONSE

PRAYER

This candle is traditionally known as the candle of Love, but tonight as we light this candle, we acknowledge those things that rob us of Love. (Fourth candle is lit)

Watching, waiting, making space for Love.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-10

SUNG RESPONSE

PRAYER

CANDLE LIGHTING AND TEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

WE SING VU #670

Precious Lord

Take My Hand

PARTING WORDS

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE