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Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4:30pm
Theme: Blue Christmas

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE

WELCOME to our Livestream Blue Christmas Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: *(Responsive)*

Isaiah spoke of the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually and there shall be endless peace.

Let us celebrate our inner peace and seek peace for the world.

Let peace embrace creation, winding like a ribbon until it enfolds the earth.

(light 2 blue candles)

INTROIT: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope* (vs.1,2)

MV#33

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We gather here in this place of refuge,

for we may be feeling lost, lonely, and afraid.

We gather, daring to wonder if God has indeed come in Jesus,

discerning the rejection we have known, intimate with our failed relationships, holding our heartache in hands of tenderness.

We gather with neighbours and strangers, a family made one by our brokenness, coming with our hearts full of hope, and our pockets filled with doubts.

We gather, just as we are, for God has promised to meet us here and to welcome us for whom we are.

†HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **VU#1**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Leader*)

ASSURANCE OF OUR ACCEPTANCE BY GOD (*Leader*)

†HYMN: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **VU#44**

SCRIPTURE: *John 1:5*

†HYMN: *Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark* **VU#19**

SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 31:9-10*

†HYMN: *Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark* **VU#19**

SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 18:28*

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SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 139*

You are invited to come forward to light your own candle(s)

The Strummers: You Don't Count the Cost - by Jones/Waters/Shapiro

STORY/MESSAGE: *"Alone? Are you crazy?" (Leader)*

CALL TO PRAYER: *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (v. 1)* **MV#220**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF JESUS (*Leader*)
The Lord's Prayer **VU#959**

POEM (*Leader*)

HYMN: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

VU#67

COMMUNION (*Leaders*)

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

COMMUNION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Strummers, Elaine Taylor-Kerr, John Robertson, The Pastoral Care Committee.