

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Maureen Kolot

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

On this fourth Sunday of Advent we join together in quiet reflection to consider the nature of Love.

***Watching, waiting, making space for love.***

The season points to Love found in gatherings of friends and families. But Love extends beyond family and friends into our relationship with our

neighbour, across the street and around the world.

***Watching, waiting, making space for love.***

Perhaps, by centering Love, we might help create harmony in the world.

***Watching, waiting, making space for love.***

So today we light the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

VU #6 A Candle Is Burning (V.4)

A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
a candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

OUR OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF JESUS

***...Unknowable Mystery,***

***We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.***

***May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.***

***May we have only what we need each day that all  
might have enough and more tomorrow.***

***May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we  
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.***

***May we be strengthened through our trials; and may  
we face evil with courage, truth and love.***

***As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.***

\*WE SING VU #17

O Ancient Love

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## **WE LISTEN**

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

***may we find wisdom for living.***

ANTHEM

O Holy Night (Traditional)

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU #12

She Walked in the Summer

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE VU #5

All Earth Is Waiting (V.3)

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,  
open new highways, new highways for our God,  
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

# **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING MV #120

My Soul Cries Out

\*WORDS OF MISSION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE