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## **BLUE CHRISTMAS ZOOM WORSHIP INFO**

Meeting ID 812 7823 4982 Passcode 261349 Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJy Mngxa3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES IN-PERSON & ZOOM**

7:00 pm Children's Nativity Pageant, Carols & Choir 9:00 pm Candlelight and Contemplative Communion

#### IN-PERSON/ZOOM WORSHIP 10:00 am



# KNOX UNITED CHURCH December 12, 2021 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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Our Core Values are:

# Compassion, Inclusion, Joy and Spirituality Our Mission:

Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we are called to build community that cares, shares, and dares.

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Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*Kris Epps, *Music Director*Leslie Hawley, *Visual Arts*Jane Walker, *Reader* 

**Welcome to Worship at Knox!** We extend a very warm welcome to all who are a part of our community of faith, those who are joining us on zoom and those who are seeking a new church home. May you receive what you need today and sense the presence of the Spirit of God moving among us. Our thanks to all those who are participating in today's service.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HEALING

(Please choose a contemplative prayer station in which to sit and

and remember and find comfort, healing, and hope.)

**PRELUDE** 

**MEDITATION:** 

"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." -Helen Keller

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THIS TIME TOGETHER

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** 

One: We come with heavy hearts into these sacred spaces.

We gather to draw strength and comfort from the All:

presence of The Spirit and one another.

One: We gather to remember the love of our

Creator made manifest in the child of Bethlehem

All: who softly enters into our hearts this Christmastide

to soothe and bring comfort and even moments of joy.

One: May the journey of grief break us open to

receive the love that came down at Christmas.

a love that heals and gives us the hope and strength

we need to journey on.

**CENTERING PRAYER** 

OUR JOURNEY OF GRIEF THROUGH CONTEMPLATIVE STATIONS

THE CROSS O Come, O Come Emmanuel

In the Bleak Mid-Winter THE CONVERSATION

THE STORIES Somewhere in My Memory THE COMFORT Still, Still, Still

THE MIRACLES O Holy Night

THE MANGER: What Child is This?

HONOURING OUR LOVED ONES (slideshow) CLOSER

A TIME FOR CANDLE LIGHTING AND HEALING

(At this time, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of someone on the screen of candles and then to make your way to one of the healing stations if you so wish or return to your seat for a time of stillness and peace)

> Alex and Chelsea McDonald **MUSIC: Come Healing**

THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING (Unison)

PASSING OF THE LIGHT

CAROL: Silent Night **67VU** 

**BLESSING** 

**POSTLUDE** 

**OUR GRATITUDE** 

A special thanks to our wonderful guest cellist Hannah Wilson, to Alex and Chelsea McDonald for their duet and our music director Kris Epps for an evening of sacred music that heals. Thanks also to Dianne Burrough for joining with Jennifer in reflections and to Leslie Hawley for visual arts, to Sandy Machan for Tech and to the healing team and prayer shawl team for their many gifts to us. Thanks to

Rane Love for hosting the zoom.