**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

September 25, 2022

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Acknowledgements**

**Welcoming Song** *Walking Wolf Singers*

**Candle Lighting**

**Prayer of Confession** (see back of bulletin)

**Meditation**: “Prélude in E Minor” *Frédéric Chopin*

**Kyrie** MV 67 *John Bell*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Treaty People’s Creed** *All My Relations Network, SK Conference, 2011*

**We are, all of us, Treaty People:**

**original inhabitants**

**and those who came later—**

**inheritors of a diverse history,**

**dwellers in a common land,**

**travellers toward a better day.**

**We have known**

**friendship and animosity,**

**cooperation and oppression,**

**blessing and pain.**

**And now we embrace**

**the sacred covenant**

**that heralds a new beginning:**

**that softens the heart**

**and dismantles the prisons of**

**the present and the past.**

**We joyfully claim our rights and responsibilities**

**as Treaty People. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 226 “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX VU 81

**Passing the Peace:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” *arr. John Carter*

**Children’s Time**

**Hymn** MV 37 “Each Blade of Grass” *Keri K. Wehlander*

**We Hear the Word**

**First Reading:** “We Live by the Sun” *Stephanie Kaza, Green Gulch Farm*

**Anthem:** “Sound Prayer for Mother Earth” *Andrew Balfour*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:15-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response MV10 “Come and Seek” vs 1,3 *Ruth Duck*

**Solo:**  “Runaway” from *Children of God* *Corey Payette*

**Sermon**: “Whole Earth Reconciliation”

**We Respond**

**Solo:** “Homeward Bound” from *Children of God Corey Payette*

**Offering Prayer**

**Anthem:** “God be in my Head” *arr. Andrew Balfour*

**Prayers of the People**

Prayer Introit: MV 175 “May We but Wait” *Will Petricko*

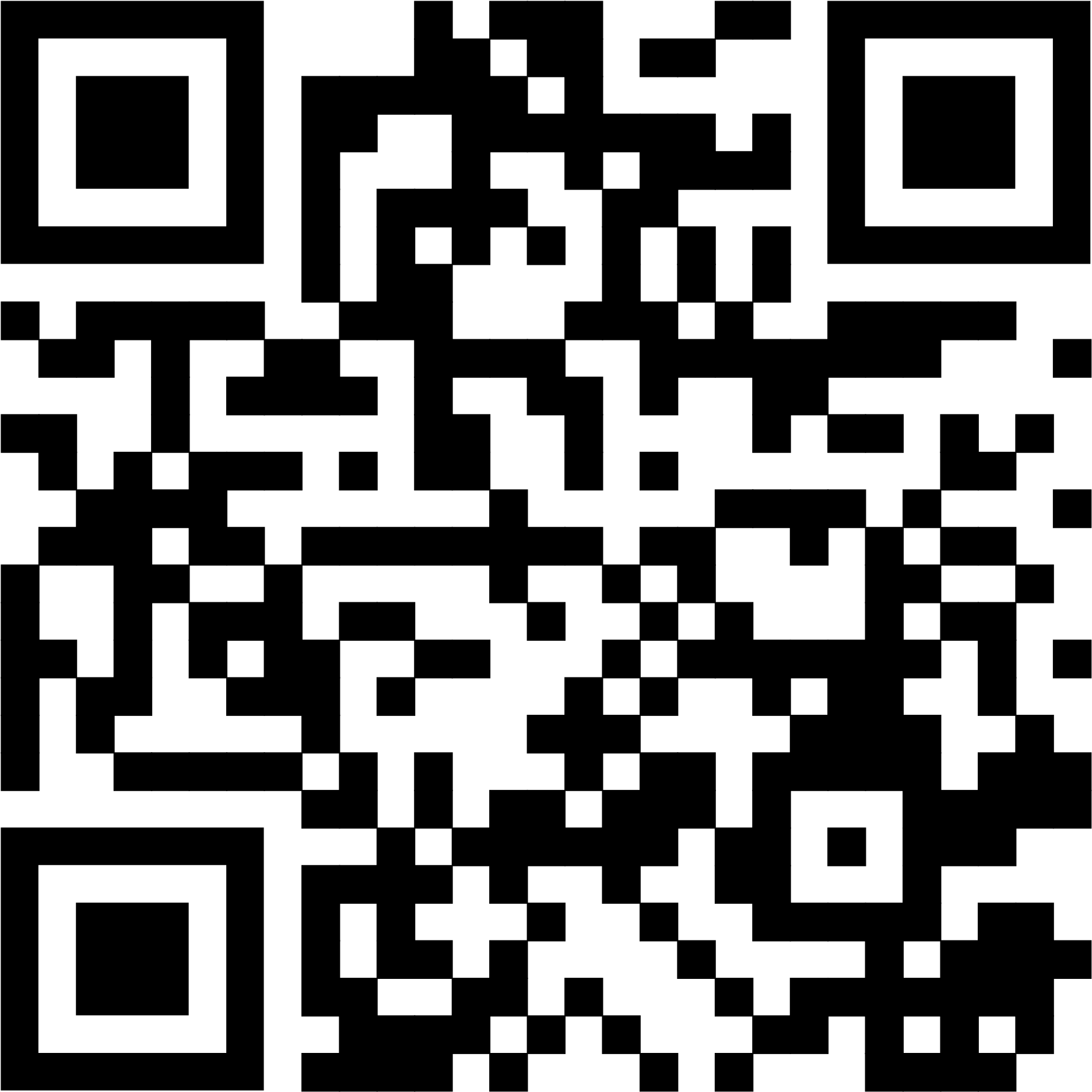
**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 307 “Touch the Earth Lightly” *Shirley Erena Murray*

**Benediction**

**Honour Song** *Walking Wolf Singers*

Soloist: Keely M QR Code for Westworth donations

Sermon: Elder Very Rev. Dr. Stan McKay

Reader: Phio W

Director of Music: Bill Q

Organist: Dorcas W

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

**Prayer of Confession**

Adapted from United Church for Orange Shirt Day

**Christ Jesus,  
we are grateful that you came to us as a child,  
 who grew out of a community that nurtured,**

**supported, and taught you the way of your ancestors.  
You have asked us to do the same:  
      to treat every child as we would treat you,  
      to love every person as you have loved us.**

**As we prepare for Orange Shirt Day,**

**we remember the stolen childhood of the children**

**forcibly raised by church-run residential schools.  
We lament how these institutions  
      stole from children the opportunity to grow**

**in a safe and loving environment;  
      stole from Elders the opportunity to share**

**their teachings and wisdom with younger**

**generations;**

**and stole from communities**

**the opportunity to live intergenerationally.**

**We mourn the children who never made it home,  
      the communities that were destroyed,  
      the broken hearts,  
      the stories never shared, and  
      the shattered relationships.**

**We ask that you provide**

**comfort to all who are seeking healing**

**and who daily wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of these colonial institutions;**

**strength to all who name how colonial powers have harmed us as peoples and as a nation,**

**often at great personal cost;**

**and courage to all who are working toward reconciliation.**

**Through the Christ Child, we pray. Amen.**