**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

The Baptism of Jesus

January 8, 2023

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

"Divinum Mysterium" *Wilbur Held*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Children’s Time with Asperging**

**Hymn** VU 449 “Crashing Waters at Creation” *Dunstan/Cross*

**Prayer of Confession**

God of love and grace,

Help us know deeply and fully

 that we are loved by you.

Help us accept that everyone else,

 including those we fear or despise,

 are also loved by you.

Forgive us when our love is limited.

Grant us the grace

 to break down walls that divide.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *Charles Callahan*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the testimony to the Word of God.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 3:13-17

This is the Gospel of Christ.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response:** VU 895 “Gloria” *Pablo Sosa*

**Solo**

**Sermon:** Beloved to Love

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn MV 161** “I Have Called You by Your Name” *Damon/Fines*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry of the People**

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Introit:** VU 951 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Hymn** VU 100 “When Jesus Came to Be Baptized” (vs 1-4) WINCHESTER NEW

**Benediction**

**Sung Response:** VU 87 refrain “I am the Light of the World”

**Postlude:**  “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Charles Callahan*

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