**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday of Epiphany

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** “You Are the Light” *Tom Fettke*

**Candle Lighting**

"Steal Away”  *arr. Marianne Kim*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Children’s Time:** Katie Anderson

**Hymn:** MV 12 “Come Touch our Hearts” *Gordon Light*

**Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, radiant with grace,

Thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits;

Make us shine with your Word, our hope;

Shine with your communion, our life;

Shine with your peace, our joy;

Through Christ, who is our Light.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**“**Let Us Break Bread Together”  *arr. Mark Hayes*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

This is testimony to the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading:** VU 834 “Psalm 112”

Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon: “**Seeking the Light**”**

**Video:** “The Lone, Wild Bird” *arr. Dan Wiebe*

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Anthem:** “Bread of the World” *Reginald Heber & Ron Klusmeier*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** MV 206 (see insert)

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** VU 87“I Am the Light of the World” *Jim Strathdee*

**Benediction**

**Sung Response:** “Hallelujah” *St George’s*

**Postlude:** “This Little Light of Mine” *arr. Mark Hayes*

Communion Servers: Glenn Aitchison, Ron Bailey, Olwyn Lewis,

Teresa Sztaba & Bruce Tefft

Reader: Larry McPhail

Production & Camera:

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Flute: Bettina Nyman

Viola: Vijay Chalasani QR Code for Westworth donations

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

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From October 11 to November 25, 2022, the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism program relaunched with brand new content. The response to date has been overwhelming, with high levels of participation.

The program, designed to move people through a journey towards becoming anti-racist, offered an opportunity for participants within the United Church and beyond to engage in learning and develop their faith.

The learnings allow for deep, thought-provoking discussion for both individuals and communities of faith. Written reflections, video workshops, and readings explore internalized racism, systemic racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and more.

The United Church of Canada has made the declaration that it will become an anti-racist denomination, and the work of becoming anti-racist is an ongoing journey for everyone. Your [Mission & Service gifts](https://united-church.ca/donate) support expanding this crucial initiative each year, amplifying voices and encouraging deep reflection.

To deepen your learning and understanding, [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism materials](https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism) are available at any time on the United Church website.