**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

February 12, 2023

A Service in Honour of Black History Month

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit:** “You Are the Light” *Ken Bible & Tom Fettke*

**Candle Lighting**

"I’ve Got Peace Like a River” *arr. Phillip Keveren*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Children’s Time:** Katie Anderson

**Hymn: VU 670** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *Thomas Dorsey*

**Prayer of Confession:** by Alydia Smith, Parables Prayers & Promises

God, we hold in prayer

our struggles to untangle the mess

create by our individual and communal brokeness:

the stereotypes, biases, and systemic form of injustice

that enmesh, confine, and block us

from being in right relations with each other.

We invite your forgiving, reconciling, and transforming grace

to be with us as we attempt to unravel

the systems of injustice, violence and hatred

that we created with our misguided prejudices and fears.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

“Jazz in Gilead”  *arr. James E. Clemens*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew: 5:21-26

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Anthem:** “Hymn to Freedom” *Harriette Hamilton & Oscar Peterson*

**Sermon:** “Jesus and the Disinherited**”**

**Hymn:**  VU 612 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *African-American Spiritual*

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry of the People**

**Prayers of the People**

VU 951“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Hymn:** VU 577 "I've Got Peace like a River" *African-American Spiritual*

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *arr. Mark Hayes*



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