**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** “Be Still and Know” *arr.* *Fred Bock*

**Candle Lighting**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail” *arr. Denis Bédard*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Lenten Tenebrae**

We are timid when we approach relationships of diversity.

We are afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing.

We fear that we might offend and we back away.

Give us the courage to befriend boldly

And to acknowledge our mistakes with humility.

**Response:** MV 90 “Don’t Be Afraid”*John L. Bell*

**Children’s Story**

**Hymn:** MV 1 “Let Us Build a House” TWO OAKS

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

“The Gift of Love” *arr. John Carter*

**We Hear the Word**

**Responsive Reading:** VU 814 “Psalm 95” Part One

**Scripture Readings:**

John 4:5-30, 39-42

 This is the Gospel of Christ.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response:** MV 10 “Come and Seek” vs 2 MADELEINE

**Anthem:** “All Things Are Yours, My God” *Jaroslav J. Vajda & Carl Schalk*

**Sermon: “**Boundary Crashers**”**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn:** MV 138“My Love Colours Outside the Lines” *Gordon Light*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry of the People**

**Prayers of the People**

Prayer Introit: VU 381 “Spirit of Life “

**Hymn:** VU 567“Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** “Go Ye Now in Peace” *Joyce Elaine Eilers*

**Postlude:** “The Trumpet of Faith” *Edward Broughton*

Reader: Heather Robbins

Production & Camera: Kim O’Grady & Grace Jeffers

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

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WSCF-ME’s role is to be a mediator of

peace and understanding.



“Cast your nets,” public beach, Sidon, Lebanon

*Credit: WSCF-ME*

The entanglement of religion and politics in the Middle East often divides communities and leads to conflict, particularly among young people. “We all agreed that it is important to focus on universal values and ethics, reject extremism, and make the necessary efforts to develop practical formulas for fruitful cooperation,” says Rima Bayan Sleem, a 33-year-old judicial assistant from Chouf, Lebanon.

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Thanks to your Mission & Service gifts, Rima and 36 other young adults gathered in Beirut, Lebanon, for the World Student Christian Federation-Middle East Region (WSCF-ME) 2021. They participated in an Interfaith Dialogue program that develops leaders skilled in preventing violence and fostering peace between communities.

WSCF-ME’s role is to be a mediator of peace and understanding amid all the overwhelming regional issues that include sectarian strife. “The Interfaith Dialogue program’s importance lies in the fact that it brings together youth from different religious backgrounds…to engage in a constructive peace-facilitating dialogue,” says Mira Neaimeh, Regional Executive for WSCF-ME. “I personally believe that change is done in small steps, starting from our regional gatherings that sow seeds of peace to be reaped in the future.”

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