**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday

*adapted from Ian Cowie’s “Beginning” and Alison Etter’s modification*

**We Gather to Worship**

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect the Indigenous peoples of this land. We share the responsibilities and privileges of living, working and worshipping on Treaty 1 territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation. We receive water from Shoal Lake on Treaty 3 land, and Hydro power from all 5 treaty lands in Manitoba. We are all Treaty People.

**Welcome**

**Anthem:** “Stay With Us” *Herbert F. Brokering & Walter L. Pelz*

**Call to Worship**

As the soft glow of the golden hour draws the shadows near,

**We begin to quiet our souls.**

Dusk beckons the unseen and the unknown.

**We pray that God will guide us through whatever lies ahead.**

Grant us courage to face our fears,

**Not our will, but thine be done.**

**Hymn:** VU 458 “Christ, Let Us Come with You” WROSLYN ROAD

**We Hear the Word**

**First Gospel Reading:** John 13:1, 12-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** VU 462 “Before I Take the Body of My Lord” LAYING DOWN

**Litany of Response**

We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses to the faith, who ran their races before us and have entered into their rests.

We join with them now to praise God.

For the first apostles, and for all those who have kept the light of the gospel burning down the centuries,

**we give thanks.**

For those who went before us and passed the light on to us,

**we give thanks.**

Come, Christ Jesus,

**take your rightful place as host at this, your table.**

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

**Second Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26:36-46

 This is the Gospel of Christ.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Stripping of Sanctuary:**

 **Hymn:** VU 182 “Stay with Us through the Night” CASSWELL

**Silent Meditation**

You are welcome to remain for a few moments of silent meditation. Please leave quietly.

Reader: Mac Watts

Communion Servers: George & Bettina Nyman, Petra Thanisch, Arlene Hintsa

Candle Lighter: Glenn Aitchison

Sanctuary Attenders: Petra Thanisch, Glenn Aitchison,

Kathy & Alan Wilson

Production & Camera: Kim O’Grady & Walter Watts

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Flutist: Bettina Nyman

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd QR Code for Westworth donations

**Special Appeals**

As per tradition, we are making an Easter appeal for donations that support our community partners. **Please send in your donations by April 9, Easter Sunday**.

During COVID shutdown, the UCW has not been able to hold their regular fundraisers. The congregation has therefore generously stepped forward and contributed double what is usually given so that we don’t have to cut back on our support for our community partners. We are hoping that this generosity continues! The annual report has the detailed breakdown of our support last year and includes the following:

Theological Education: Prairie to Pine Regional Council Bursary Fund St. Andrew’s College

 Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre

 Centre for Christian Studies

Local Social Justice: Willow Place

 1JustCity for West Broadway Community Ministry summer programming

 1JustCity for general funds

 L.I.T.E. (Local Investment Towards Employment)

 Rossbrook House

 Jubilee Fund

Youth Support: Days for Girls, Winnipeg Chapter

 Rock Lake United Church camp