**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

April 16, 2023

Beginning of Earth Week April 16-23

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit:** “The Spring Has Come”

*Shirley Erena Murray & Colin Gibson*

**Candle Lighting**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” *Marilyn Biery*

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

We are Treaty People!

**We live and work,**

We worship and play,

**On Treaty 1 territory,**

The traditional lands of:

**The Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Nations**

And the homeland of the Red River 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.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Storytime**

**Hymn:** VU 187 “The Spring Has Come” VERVACITY

**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace,

We are grateful for the gift of doubt,

Which allows us to critically assess

And discern between truth and falsehood.

We are also aware that doubt can disable.

Forgive us when we doubt a greater love

That enwraps our world.

Help us believe in your healing love

When we cannot see it.

Open our eyes and our hearts,

Open our hands and our minds,

That we may be your vessels of healing

Within all of Creation.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” *arr. Paul Manz*

**We Hear the Word**

**Responsive Readings:** Psalm 16 VU 737 vs 1,4,5,6

**Gospel Reading:**

John 20:19-31

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response:** VU 717 “Hallelujah”

**Anthem:** “We Walk by Faith”

*Henry Alford & Samuel McFarland*

**Sermon: “**The Gift and Curse of Doubt**”**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn:** VU 168“The Risen Christ” WOODLANDS

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry of the People**

**Prayer Introit:** VU 400 **“**Lord Listen to Your Children Praying**”**

CHILDREN PRAYING

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

**Kyrie:** VU 946 “Kyrie Eleison”

**Hymn:** VU 186 “Now the Green Blade Rises” NOËL NOUVELET

**Benediction**

**Sung Response:** VU 974 “Amen”

**Postlude:** “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” *Johann Crüger*

Reader: Denise Jones

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Conductor: Ruth Denton

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Oboe: Ruth Denton

Flute: Bettina Nyman

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

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