**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

April 23, 2023

Earth Week April 16-23

3rd Sunday of Easter

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit:** “The Spring Has Come”

*Shirley Erena Murray & Colin Gibson*

**Candle Lighting**

 **“**This is God’s Wondrous World” *arr. Penny Rodriguez*

**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.**

**Story Time**

**Hymn:** MV 30 “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”

*Ruth Duck & Ron Klusmeier*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Creator God,**

**we come before you in a time of crisis.**

**We know that much of your creation struggles;**

**we begin to see and acknowledge the changes around us;**

**we search for the collaborative ways we can commit to care for creation.**

**We want to do what’s right**

**but we don’t always know what that is**

 **or agree how best to do it.**

**Help us learn what we must,**

 **listening to the diverse voices of creation itself.**

**Help us understand and love what you have loved and called “very good.”**

**Enliven that understanding, we ask,**

**to allow ourselves to be moved to act as we should and to halt actions that harm.**

**Guide us as we try to discern how best to truly listen to each other as well as creation**

**and heed your call.**

**We ask for forgiveness where we have taken too much or cared too little,**

 **for hearts willing to listen and change and will to follow through.**

**May the knowledge of your presence and the assurance of your love**

**shape our time here and always.**

**We pray in your name, as we now continue in silence:**

**Amen**

***—From For the Love of Creation, Faithful Climate Conversations***

**Words of Assurance**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

“Now the Green Blade Rises*” arr. John Carter*

**We Hear the Word**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 139 VU 861

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 10:25-37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Anthem:** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” *John Rutter*

**Sermon: “**Parables of Earth**”**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn:** VU 229“God of the Sparrow” ROEDER

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry of the People**

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

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

**Hymn:** VU 296 “This is God’s Wondrous World” TERRA BEATA

**Benediction**

**Sung Response:** VU 974 “Amen” *Jim Strathdee*

**Postlude:** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *Robert A. Hobby*



Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Denton

Reader: Rev Earl Gould

Conductor: Ruth Denton

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

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