**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** “Come All You People” *Alexander Gondo*

**Candle Lighting** “Now the Silence” *Carl Schalk arr. John Carter*

**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: VU 564 “A Prayer for Discipleship”**

**Hymn:** VU 856 “Psalm 133: Miren qué Bueno” *Pablo Sosa*

**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace,

 For the ways in which we harm ourselves, others, and the earth,

 forgive us.

 For the opportunities we miss to lavish love on all of Creation,

 forgive us.

 Help us treasure the companionship of one another and the beauty of this earth.

 Help us honour your many gifts.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”  *arr. John Carter*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading:**

Acts 7:55-60

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 31, VU 758 Parts One & Three

**Gospel Reading:**

John 14:1-14

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Anthem:** “Come Into the Presence” *Judith Snowdon*

**Sermon:** “The One We Follow”

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn:** MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name” KELLY

**Offertory Prayer**

**Poem:** “And the Table Will Be Wide” *by Jan Richardson*

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

**Hymn:** VU 563 “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** “Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*” *Healey Willan*

Guest Preacher: Alcris Limongi

Reader: Bettina Nyman

Communion Servers: Dorothy Reid, Allan McKay, Brett Lougheed,

 Denise Jones, Al Mapes

Production & Camera: Peter Sim & Kevin Sim

Conductor: Ruth Denton

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd QR Code for Westworth donations

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And the table And we will
will be wide. open our hands
And the welcome to the feast
will be wide. without shame.
And the arms And we will turn
will open wide toward each other
to gather us in. without fear.
And our hearts And we will give up
will open wide our appetite
to receive. for despair.

 And we will taste

And we will come and know

as children who trust of delight.

there is enough.

And we will come And we will become bread

unhindered and free. for a hungering world.

And our aching And we will become drink

will be met for those who thirst.

with bread And the blessed

And our sorrow will become the blessing.
will be met And everywhere
with wine. will be the feast.

