**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

June 11, 2023

Interfaith Service

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** MV 82 **“**Bathe Me in Your Light” vs 1

*John Oldham & Ron Klusmeier*

**Candle Lighting:** “Song” *Flor Peeters*

**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.**

**Children’s Time**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 679 “Let There Be Light” CONCORD

**Prayer of Confession**

Creator of light and love,

Of diverse peoples, cultures and faiths,

Of earth and all its creatures,

We gather together

To listen to you and to one another.

We confess times when we do not hear

The cries of our siblings from various faiths.

We confess times when our words and actions

Cause harm to others and to the earth.

In your mercy and grace, forgive us.

Open our minds to understanding,

Our hearts to loving

And our hands to service.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**Taizé Chant:** Taizé Songs for Prayer#8 “In God Alone My Soul”

**The Passing of the Peace**

May God’s peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hebrew Chant: “**Od Yavo Shalom”

(uses the word for peace in both Arabic and Hebrew)

“Peace will come upon us yet, upon us and upon the whole world”

**We Hear the Word**

**First Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 16:13-15

וַתִּקְרָ֤א שֵׁם־יְהֹוָה֙ הַדֹּבֵ֣ר אֵלֶ֔יהָ אַתָּ֖ה אֵ֣ל רֳאִ֑י כִּ֣י אָֽמְרָ֗ה הֲגַ֥ם הֲלֹ֛ם רָאִ֖יתִי אַחֲרֵ֥י רֹאִֽי׃

And she called יהוה who spoke to her, “You Are El-roi,” by which she meant, “Have I not gone on seeing after my being seen!”

עַל־כֵּן֙ קָרָ֣א לַבְּאֵ֔ר בְּאֵ֥ר לַחַ֖י רֹאִ֑י הִנֵּ֥ה בֵין־קָדֵ֖שׁ וּבֵ֥ין בָּֽרֶד׃

Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it is between Kadesh and Bered.—

וַתֵּ֧לֶד הָגָ֛ר לְאַבְרָ֖ם בֵּ֑ן וַיִּקְרָ֨א אַבְרָ֧ם שֶׁם־בְּנ֛וֹ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָ֥ה הָגָ֖ר יִשְׁמָעֵֽאל׃

Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram gave the son that Hagar bore him the name Ishmael.

Hear what the Creator is saying to the people

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Scripture Reading**

Surah al-Hujurat 43 from the Qu’ran

سورة الحـجـرات

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۚ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O, people! We created you from a male and a female, and We made you races and tribes, so that you may come to know one another. The best among you before Allah is the most righteous. Allah is Knowing and Aware.

Hear what the Creator is saying to the people

**Thanks be to God**

**Third Scripture Reading**

Matthew 7:12

Hear what the Creator is saying to the people

**Thanks be to God**

**The Verse of Light**

**Sung Response:** VU 840 “Your Word is a Lamp”

**Reflections on the stories of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn:** MV 148 “Hope of Abraham and Sarah, Friend of Hagar” CAELAN

**Offertory Prayer**

There is an offering box attached to the back wall into which you may place your offering. As well, there is a QR code below, which will take you to the secure donation button on Westworth’s website. We are grateful for gifts of time, talent and treasure.

**Anthem:** “River in Judea” *Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman*

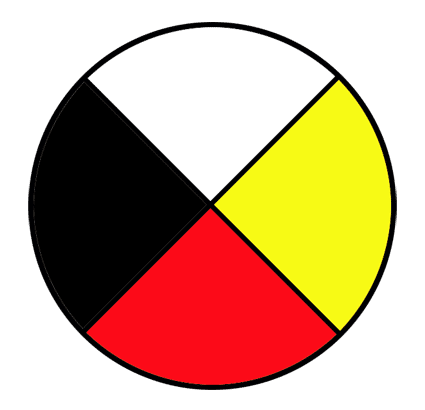
**Prayers for Healing**

**Hymn:** VU 647 “Travel On, Travel On” TRAVEL ON

**Benediction**

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

**Travelling Song**

**Luncheon Blessing**

**Postlude:**  “This Little Light of Mine” *Harry D. Loes arr. Mark Hayes*

Opening Prayer in Muskego Cree: Cree Elder, The Very Rev. Stan McKay

Arab Recitation: Izzedin Hawamda

Hebrew Chants: Rabbi Kliel Rose, Rabbanit Dorit Kosmin

English Reader: Phio White

Reflectors: Executive Director of Central Mosque Idris Knapp, Rabbie Kliel Rose, Humaira Jaleel, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

Traditional Travelling Song in Ojibway: Jedediyah Swampy

Taizé Ensemble: Bettina Nyman (flute), Rachel Landrecht (cantor),

Anass Sebbahi (guitar)

Luncheon Blessing: Rev. Dr. Eleanor Geib

Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Interim Director of Music: Ruth Wiwchar

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson Westworth Donations

Minister: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd



