**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

October 22, 2023

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *This is the Day*

**Candle Lighting**

 *Just As I Am*arr.Phillip Keveren

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Hymn** MV 14 *Where Two or Three are Gathered*

**Call to worship**

We gather today, proclaiming God’s love and seeking God’s blessing.

 **God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always, even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.**

In gratitude we come, sharing our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

 **In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We**

 **are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Thanks be to God. Let us worship!

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 222 *Come Let us Sing*

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you**

*Reflection*David Ritter

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 191 *What Can I Do?*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 138 (VU 860)** responsive

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: John 21: 15-19**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response** VU 717*Hallelujah*

**Anthem** *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Cox & Lindh

**Sermon**

**We Respond to the Word**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer** VU 921

Creating God, we thank for the gift that is life: for the changing

seasons, for the tiny seeds that in your Holy Mystery become life-

sustaining food, cleansed air, beauty to behold and life itself.

 **We thank you for the gift of life.**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of family, friends, and

community – those who know us so well that they know when to

hold our hand and when to let go.

 **We thank you for the gift of love.**

Compassionate God, we thank you for holding us in troubling

times. We pray for those who are journeying through illness,

awaiting medical diagnosis, those with life-threatening and

degenerative diseases. We know that we do not journey alone but

that you are with us.

 **We thank you for the gift of compassion.**

Challenging God, we thank you for writing your law upon our

hearts so that we are called to seek justice and to love kindness.

Thank you for moving us to action and challenging us to be your

hands and feet in a world so desperately in need of healing.

 **We thank you for the gift of challenge.**

God of all time and place, we thank you for the gifts of life, love,

compassion and challenge. Help us to know that each small

individual action together with another’s can make a difference to

the world and make a world of difference. May your kin-dom come

on earth as it is in heaven.

 **We thank you for the gift of our call to discipleship.**

Let us join our hearts, minds and voices together as we pray the

words Jesus taught:

 **Our Father…**

**Hymn** MV 169 *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides*

**Benediction**

**Sung Response** VU 974 *Amen*

**Postlude** *I’ve Got Peace Like a River* arr. Paul Johnston

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