**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Red River Métis Nation

October 29, 2023

22nd Week After Pentecost

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *Organ Prelude no 3* Denis Bédard

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

**Lighting the Candles** *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Keveren

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 612 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

 *Vision* David Ritter

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 574 *Come Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22: 34-46

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** *Ancient Words* Craig Courtney

**Reflection** Have You Seen the Promised Land?

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn** VU 232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn** MV 212 *Sent Out in Jesus Name*

**Benediction**

**Sung Response** VU 974 *Amen*

**Postlude** *Joy Song* arr. Mark Hayes

Reader: Denise Jones QR Code for Westworth Donations

Organist: Megan Dufrat

Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Ray Cuthbert

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*Credit: Lindsay Vautour*

The question “What would Jesus do?” often shortened to the acronym “WWJD,” has graced wrist bands, T-shirts, and bumper stickers since the 1990s. And while it might sound like an overused cliché, it’s a question that can lead our spirit and, by extension, our lives to profound transformation.

What did Jesus do? He crossed a lot of boundaries. In fact, when we think about the boundaries that separate people―things like money, gender, education, culture, religion, and class―Jesus crossed them all, inspiring hope, inclusion, and compassion.

In the same way, our generosity through [Mission and Service](https://united-church.ca/donate) breaks down walls that divide and builds bridges that draw us together.

Your generosity supports organizations like hospitals, counselling centres, drop-in circles, and homeless shelters that are there when people need them most. Your gifts sustain education programs that teach farming skills, provide job training, and help remove obstacles so children can remain in school. Your generosity stands up for victims of human trafficking, ensures workers and children know their rights, and advocates for those persecuted because of their sexual orientation, gender, or beliefs. It fosters anti-racism, supports healing and reconciliation, and deepens spiritual practice.

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Thank you for your support.