**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

November 19, 2023

25th Sunday After Pentecost

 **We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *All that hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord* Clausen

**Candle Lighting** *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* G. Böhm

**Call to worship** (based on Psalm 34: 1-3)

There is a richness here –

**A richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps.**

There is a richness here **–**

**a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives.**

**The richness holds us in our weakness,**

**Fills us in our hunger,**

**Finds us when we’re lost.**

So here, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found.

Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace. **Amen**.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 468 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

Holy One,

We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

  **To serve each other in love and humility.**

 **To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,

When our words and actions are not guided by love.

**Turn our hearts when we act in folly.**

 **Restore our energy when it is gone.**

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

**But your abundant love and grace**

**is strong and eternal.**

Hear us as we offer to you the actions and words,

the inaction and the silences

that we regret and carry with us.

We release them to you now

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Affirmation**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 361 *Small Things Count*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Judges 4: 1-7**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *When the Stars Fall* Hatfield

**Reflection**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn** VU 806 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer** (VU921)

**Hymn** MV 212 *Sent Out In Jesus’ Name*

**Benediction**

**Sung Response** VU 974 *Amen*

**Postlude**Fantasia in D minor, P.124 J. Pachelbel

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Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

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