**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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

January 14th, 2024

Star Words – Epiphany

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** Arise, Shine, For thy Light is Come Thiman

**Centering Words**

**Call to Worship**

Well, at the very least YOU CAN SHINE

**We gather to celebrate**

**And absorb the shine God puts in us**

**And to shine forth the light**

**That is ours to light a path and enable a way;**

**And if we are to do that,**

**our shine will share our scars**

**as well as our niceness.**

**Let’s worship.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy One of Wisdom,**

**God of the Epiphany Star,**

**We come before you in search of peace,**

**In search of new life,**

**In search of the extraordinary.**

**In this time of worship we,**

**like the Wise Ones of Old,**

**Yearn to find you.**

**We have seen your star,**

**We have heard rumours of your arrival,**

**And we gather in anticipation and excitement**

**As you reveal yourself to us.**

**May it be so. Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 79 Arise Your Light Has Come

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

Creator, as we enter this New Year,

We confess that sometimes

We are caught up living in the past,

Or only looking to the future.

 **Help us to be present in the moment now.**

 **Call us into your ways of justice and peace.**

 **Encourage us to live in your way,**

 **Today, in this moment.**

 **Nudge us towards helping our neighbours**

 **And newcomers who are in need,**

 **Now, not when have more time.**

 **And more resources,**

 **And more energy.**

 **Remind us that we are surrounded by your creation,**

 **And birth in us a renewed respect and love for it.**

 **In the name of Jesus, we pray.**

**Words of Grace**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:** **Reflection, Ritter**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 87 I Am the Light of the World

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 60: 1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

 **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 2: 1-12

 This is the Gospel of Christ
 **Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** Christ, Whose Glories Fills the Skies Bissell

**Reflection**

**Hymn** VU 97 When a Star is Shining

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

**Offertory** VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v4)

**Offering Prayer**

**We Respond to the Word**

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

**Receiving Star Words**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light

**Benediction**

**Sung Response**

**Postlude** *La Estrellita* (The Little Star) Ponce

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