**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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

January 28th, 2024

 4th Sunday after Epiphany

The Story of Jesus Lost

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** VU 374 *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

**Call to Worship**

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

 **All around us we see glory and beauty, life and light.**

We have no words good enough for what we experience so we cry out: “God!” “Holy One!” “Creator!” “Source of Life!”

**In this moment of worship may that Loving Presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the Divine Presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place and gathered virtually, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places, who never loses track of us.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of Life

 **May your light shine on us today, as it has shone in each moment of history. May the warmth of your presence inspire our worship, inspire our lives, that together we will praise You and see You, as source of all creation, as strength that sustains, as sap that nurtures, as wisdom that foresees, as clarity that discovers, as love that understands, as mercy that forgives…. May your presence, eternal and inextinguishable, be with us now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

**Hymn** VU 663 *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

**Assurance**

In this moment, may we open ourselves to God’s peace to dwell in our hearts trusting that the Holy One gives us hope, gives us peace, and gives us new life through the gifts of endless grace and mercy.

**We join our hearts in thanksgiving, for in the gift of God’s forgiveness frees us to love and forgive ourselves and others. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sung Response** MV 97 *Listen, God is Calling*

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 130 *Rise Up, Rise Up*

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 111 (VU 833)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

 **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2: 41-52

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

**Anthem** *Rivers of Living Waters* Marrolli

**Reflection**

**Hymn** MV 174 *Soil of God, You and I*

**Offering**

**Offertory** VU 541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Offering Prayer**

**We Respond to the Word**

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

**Hymn** MV 20 *God of Still Waiting*

**Benediction**

Before we go, before our minds are filled with to do lists, before we turn to face the week with all its obligations, before we allow our hearts to take in the busy, the stress, the highs and lows of living, what’s say we steal a couple of extra moments in the temple of God.

 **Let’s breath in the peace we find here, let’s embrace the hope that is ours to claim here, let us linger a little longer, in the light of our Christ, that somehow shines a bit brighter when we’re here together.**

And when it is time for us to go, may we do so trusting the blessing that goes with us.

**The blessing of Mary, who never stopped thinking, the blessing of Joseph who never stopped searching, the blessing of Jesus who never stopped learning.**

The blessing of God who never stops loving. And all God’s people said: **Amen!**

**Sung Response** VU 974 *Amen*

**Postlude** *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g’mein, BWV 755*  J.S. Bach

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