**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

February 11th, 2024

The Story of the Transfiguration

**We Gather to Worship**

**Candle Lighting**

**Welcome**

**Introit** Jazz Introit Curry

**Call to Worship**

Before the light of Epiphany fades, before we don the ashes of Lent, before we intentionally turn to face whatever the wilderness holds for us, we pause and bask in this Epiphany Light.

 **A light that is brighter than our vanities and fabricated pleasures. A light that is stronger than our fears and reflected in the faith of our ancestors.**

A light that will guide us when flail in the dark, when we grope for some certainty and assurance along our way.

 **A light that blazes in brilliance and proves the shadows in our lives to be fleeting and deceptive.**

**Opening Prayer**

God, you call us to this mountain top:

 **we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.**

Christ, you challenge us on this mountain top:

 **we embrace it, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.**

Spirit, you are revealed to us on this mountain top:

 **sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.**

God, Christ, Spirit, as we worship You on this mountain top:

 **help us lift our hearts and all they carry toward your light this day and always. Amen**

**Hymn** VU 104 We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

On this Transfiguration day we remember how Jesus was bathed in light, dazzling and radiant…

 **Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in Your name and calling it good enough.**

We remember how Jesus appeared with Elijah and Moses…

 **Forgive us, God, for demanding exclusive expressions of faith even in the face of Your expansive vision.**

We remember how Jesus face shone and Your voice declared, "this is my Beloved; listen to him!"

 **Forgive us, God, for silencing Your voice and seeing ourselves as anything other than a loved creation. Hear now our prayers and help us stand in the glory of your mercy.**

**Sung Response** MV 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

**Assurance**

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 182 Grateful

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 50 (VU 775)**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** Light of the World Marrolli

**Sermon**

**Hymn** VU 595 We are Pilgrims

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering**

**Offertory Special Music** Sicilienne Maria Theresia von Paradis

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

Help us walk in your Light O God.

**Sung Response** MV 79 Spirit Open My Heart (chorus only)

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**Hymn** VU 582 There’s a Spirit in the Air (v1, 2, 5, 7)

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen**

**Postlude** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart* arr. Keveren

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