**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Métis Nation

March 31st, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith With Peter

*And I Hope*

**We Gather to Worship**

**Unboxing the Hallelujahs!**

**Opening Hymn** VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Welcome**

**Introit** *This Joyful Eastertide*  John Bertalot

**Call to worship**

Yesterday we thought death had won.

Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

 **But not today.**

 **Today we know that love has won.**

 **Today we know that hope is real.**

 **Today we know that Christ is here.**

We have a reason to hope.

 **We have a reason to sing!**

Hallelujah!

 **Hallelujah!**

Christ is risen today!

**Hymn** VU 186 Now the Green Blade Rises

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

The stone is rolled away!

 **We assume it was a mistake.**

The angels say, “He is not here!”

 **We assume their news is fake.**

The women tell the story,

 **But we do not want to hear it.**

Peter runs to the tomb,

 **But we do not understand.**

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb

is nothing more than a prank.

 **Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths**

 **And still holding tight to death.**

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope

When you are alive and well in the world.

 **Teach us to see what you see.**

Unravel the threads of our disbelief.

 **Amen**

**Assurance**

**Sung Response** MV 77 Be Still and Know

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

**We Hear the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 1-12**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *The Heavens are Telling (The Creation)* Haydn

**Sermon**

**Hymn** VU 167 Christ Is Risen From the Dead

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering**

**Solo** I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (The Messiah) Handel

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the Community**

**Hymn** VU 187 The Spring Has Come

**Benediction**

**Alleluia** Hallelujah (The Messiah) Handel

**Postlude**  *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* arr. Lani Smith

Soloist: Alice McGregor

Guest Organist: Dorcas Windsor

Reader: Dorcas Windsor

Organist: Megan Dufrat

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