**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

April 14h, 2024

Easter 3 – Volunteer Appreciation

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** Bright Morning Stars arr. Jay Althouse

**Call to Worship**

Welcome friends – old and new; neighbours – near and far; members – in person and online; as we hear our call to worship.

**Through worship we are called into fellowship, prayer and service. We are called to celebrate and share the good news of God’s love with all the world. We are called to live out our faith in tangible and life giving ways both within the church community and beyond it.**

In this space our faith is renewed as we are offered an overflowing joy that endures and a hope that inspires. These are gifts that spill over into our community as we serve one another in God’s name.

**As we worship today may compassion and love increase among us. May our hearts and minds be open to the call of discipleship, the call to serve God in heart, body, and mind. May we be transformed by the good news of God’s love as we pray together.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 575I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

God of connections, You do not call us to community service hours, You call us into relationships. You send us out to do justice and love kindness. You ask us to act in loving and generous ways. When we follow You, we discover there is no other way to live.

 **But we confess that there are times when the burdens of our neighbours feel too heavy, the needs of the world too great, the call to serve in Your name too uncomfortable.**

 **Forgive us for these moments and replace our hesitation with the courage to embody the qualities of servanthood and compassion that Jesus showed. We pray for a spirit of readiness and willingness so that the needs of our community may be met among and through us. Hear now our personal prayers of confession that we lift in hope to you.**

**Assurance**

**Sung Response** VU 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

**The Peace of Christ and Interlude**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 605 Jesus Teacher Brave and Bold

**We Hear the Word**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b-49**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** I’ll Fly Away arr. Craig Courtney

**Sermon**

**Hymn** VU 509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering**

**Offertory** VU 542 We Give You but Your Own

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the Community and the Lord’s Prayer**

 ***Ecumenical Lord’s Prayer***

**Our Father in heaven,**

 **Hallowed be your name,**

 **Your kingdom come,**

 **Your will be done,**

 **On earth as in heaven.**

 **Give us today our daily bread.**

 **Forgive us our sins**

 **As we forgive those who sin against us.**

 **Save us from the time of trial**

 **And deliver us from evil.**

 **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

 **Now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** VU 973 Amen

**Postlude**Sarabande Pierre Gallant

Reader: Glenda Oldham

Pianist: Megan Dufrat

Guest Musician: Dorcas Windsor

Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Tricia Gerhard QR Code for Westworth donations

