**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

May 5th, 2024

Easter 6

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** This Joyful Eastertide John Bertalot

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 98)*

Sing to our God a new song,

 **For God has done wondrous things.**

The Holy One’s might is not found in destruction,

 **But in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.**

These gifts are not for us alone,

 **They are for one and all.**

May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Lord, all the earth.

 **Break forth into songs of praise.**

Let all creation praise the Lord.

**Opening Prayer**

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us –

  **Into our hearts,**

 **Into our minds,**

 **And into our souls.**

 **Let your presence speak within us –**

 **In the languages we speak,**

 **In the ways we live and have our being.**

 **For we long to hear you, Gracious One,**

 **And to understand.**

 **We pray that you would abide in us,**

 **That we may abide in you.**

 **This day and all days. Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 603 In Loving Partnership We Come PARTNERSHIP

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

 **O God, you are bigger than the world,**

 **Bigger than our fears,**

 **Bigger even than our foolish mistakes.**

 **We are grateful for the immensity of your ove,**

 **Even when it sometimes scares us.**

 **When the immensity of your love frightens us,**

 **We long to return to you in hope.**

 **When we want to make you smaller –**

 **Small enough that we can hold you –**

 **Help us see beyond our narrow vision.**

 **Remind us again, O God,**

 **That you will always find and hold us,**

 **For your heart is big enough**

 **To hold the whole world, including us.**

 **Teach us once more that we will always grow**

 **When we love others as we love you. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Sung Response** MV 90 Don’t be Afraid John L. Bell & Graham Maule

**The Peace of Christ**

**Communion** Communion Meditation Jay Althouse

**Prayer after Communion**

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,**

**This meal, these people,**

**We give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people**

**Because we have shared the Living Bread**

**And cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,**

**Enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, God, may we live to your glory**

**Both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth**

**Of heaven. Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTEAD

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture: Acts 10: 44-48**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture: John 15: 9-17**

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**Anthem** Make Me an Instrument Mary McDonald

**Sermon**

**Hymn** MV 89 Love is the Touch Allison Robertson & John L. Bell

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace STUTTGART

**Offering Dedication**

**Oh God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving**

**For the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives.**

**We give you thanks for your steadfast love**

**And faithful Spirit.**

**Receive this offering**

**And the gift of our whole selves,**

**That we might give as we have received**

**And loved as we have been loved. Amen.**

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

**Hymn** VU 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy TREES OF THE FIELD

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** MV 219 Ameni Dave Dargie

**Postlude**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Philip Keveren

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