**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude** Prelude in C Major, BWV 846 J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Introduction**

**Call to Worship**

As we gather together in this place,

Let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind,

The crackle pop of fire.

**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.**

**We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God’s spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!**

**Let us worship God.**

**Hymn** VU 381 Spirit of Life SPIRIT OF LIFE

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

**God, you invite us to wonder.**

**We confess that we find more comfort**

**in the mundane.**

**We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing**

**As suspicious or even threatening.**

**We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain,**

**And we’re willing to give up joy in exchange.**

**Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.**

**Awaken our senses to your wonderous work**

**in the world,**

**and give us the courage to follow you.**

**Words of Assurance** (from Psalm 104)

The Psalmist writes,

**“O God, how manifold are your works!**

**In wisdom you have made them all;**

**The earth is full of your creatures.”**

When you give to them, they gather it up;

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;**

**And you renew the face of the ground.”**

It is through the same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God’s grace.

**We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!**

**Sung Response** VU 376 Spirit of the Living God (V.1 only)

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 383 Come O Holy Spirit WA WA WA EMIMIMO

**We Hear the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture: John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15**

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**Solo**  Art Thou Troubled Handel

**Worthy Theatre** “Three Witnesses at Pentecost”

**Hymn** VU 195 On Pentecost They Gathered MUNICH

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Solo**  The Lord’s Prayer Malotte

**Offertory** VU 540 Grant us God

**Offering Dedication**

**Holy God, we dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole creation, which even now you are still enacting. We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing and joy. Amen.**

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

**Hymn** VU 642 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** MV 219 Ameni

**Postlude**Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish

Reader: Paul Galbraith QR Code for Westworth donations

Pianist: Megan Dufrat

Soloist: Alice MacGregor

Soloist: Evan Glazier

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