**St. Andrew’s River Heights & Westworth United Churches**

Affirming Ministries located on the lands of Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

June 30th, 2024

*Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice\*:*

*A Worship Service*

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** Morgen R. Strauss

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

Why? That is the question. Why are we here? Is it convention, a loyalty to the traditions of our parents?

**Our parents were guides but being here is our choice.**

Is it habit, the practice of a lifetime?

**Habits we perform without thinking but being here is our choice.**

Is it friendship, the tie to others?

**These ties bind us but being here is our choice.**

**We choose to come**

For our lives to be transformed

**For the transformation of the world.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation\***

Eternal One,

As we come today, we are grateful for your presence in our church. We lift up the legacy of those who have gone before us. We humbly pray for your guidance in the new paths you are forging ahead for us.

**We now pause to recognizing our failing**

**We have not been as you have called us to be.**

**We say United yet we are broken in so many places.**

**We say diversity is welcome yet those who are different**

**struggle to find their place.**

**We say forgive us yet we seem to find it hard to forgive.**

Quietly speak to our hearts Divine One. You are the potter in whose hands we now yield. Break us and mold us into what you want us to be. Fill us with your spirit and give us new utterings. May we profess with joy in seeking to:

**Collaborate to mend our Church and our world.**

**Invigorate our leadership in steering us to bold discipleship**

**Embrace equity and sustainability in our resources**

**Live out our climate commitments**

**Be humble and confident in sharing our Faith**

**And work towards the strengthening of the Indigenous church initiatives.**

This we pray in the name of the One who guides our path. **Amen**

**Words of Assurance**

**Sung Response** MV 96 And When You Call for Me

**The Peace of Christ**

**We Hear the Word**

**Exploring the New Purpose Statement**

**Deep Spirituality**

**Hymn** VU 672 Take Time to Be Holy HOLINESS

**Bold Discipleship**

**Gospel:** John 2: 1-11

Hear what the Gospel is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering** Bright Morning Stars arr. J Althouse

**Daring Justice**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts FREED

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

**Offering Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 625 I Feel the Winds of God Today KINGSFOLD

**Blessing**

**Sung Amen** VU 970 Amen

**Postlude** Study in D Major F. Swinstead

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