**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

July 7th, 2024

*Communion*

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** Scenes from Childhood #1 Robert Schumann

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

Loving mystery,

 **As we enjoy the gifts of summer,**

 **May we be reminded of our deep connections.**

 **Not just to creation,**

 **But to each other and to You.**

 **As we worship together,**

 **May this connection deepen,**

 **Helping us to recognize links**

 **To all who surround us –**

 **Both stranger and friend.**

 **May our worship remind us**

 **That the love You share**

 **is not limited or boxed in**

 **By categories or descriptions.**

 **Your love,**

 **Which fills this space and your people,**

 **Is for all.**

 **Let your Holy Spirit fill this place today.**

 **Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 402 We Are One WE ARE ONE

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

 Open our eyes, God,

 **Open our eyes to see this world the way you see it.**

 Open our eyes, God,

 **Open our eyes to see beyond difference to that which is common.**

 Open our eyes, God,

 **Open our eyes to see the truth:**

 **To see where our privilege blinds us,**

 **And binds us.**

 **Open our eyes to see where**

 **The real needs of others are;**

 **To see beyond skin colour,**

 **Beyond ethnicity,**

 **Beyond difference to see deeply enough**

 **That we see you.**

 Let us be still, and in the silence – in the breathing – in the beating of our hearts – know that God is here.

**Words of Assurance**

**Sung Response** MV 90 Don’t Be Afraid J.L. Bell & G Maule

**The Peace of Christ**

**Celebrating Communion**

**Hymn** VU 483 Now Let Us from This Table Rise NIAGARA

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture:** Genesis 38

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** Heaven in SongG. Nyman

**Sermon**

**Hymn** VU 702 When a Poor One EL CAMINO

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

Romance-Impromptu Arthur Benjamin

**Offertory** MV 191 What Can I Do? Rumbolt, McCarthy, & Whitmore

**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.**

**Closing Prayer**

**Hymn** MV 212 Sent Out in Jesus’ Name traditional song, Cuba

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** MV 219 Ameni South African

**Postlude**Light Foot William Alwyn

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