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

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

July 14th, 2024

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Introit** MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary Thompson & Scruggs

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

Holy One, dwell within us.

 **Whisper in our ears;**

Glimmer in our vision;

 **Write upon our hearts.**

We wait

 **With open ears, open eyes, open hearts.**

 **Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of Community

 **We have gathered here, in person and on line,**

 **To be together as your people.**

 **Whatever our reason for being here,**

 **Speak to our hearts and souls.**

 **Speak to us of your love.**

 **Speak to us of your call.**

 **May your words and this time of worship,**

 **Imbue us with courage and compassion,**

 **And may your presence be felt**

 **in all that we do together.**

 **Amen.**

**Hymn** MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (v.1-4) G Light

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

God of love,

**Why is there so much hate in your world?**

God of forgiveness,

**How do we forgive a killer?**

God who loves us like a parent,

**Help us to act with compassion,**

**Following the example of Jesus’ ministry.**

**Be gentle with us when we react**

**With fear and anger,**

**instead of love and justice.**

**Be with us when we turn ourselves from the news,**

**Trying hard to ignore the hurt, the violence, the hate.**

**Forgive us when our words and actions**

**Do not reflect our call to love one another,**

**When our thoughts and actions further**

**The harshness of the world around us.**

**Forgive us, Holy One…**

**Words of Assurance**

**Solo** How Beautiful are the Feet Handel

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 249 Rejoice in the Lord Always REJOICE IN THE LORD

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture:** Joshua 2 (selections)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn** MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name KELLY

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

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

**Offering Dedication**

 **We give these gifts with gratitude so that your work of ministry and love can happen here and throughout this community. May they find the places where love is needed desperately. May they be a beacon of hope for all. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer** (VU921)

**Hymn** VU 598 When Pain of the World CALLED TO FOLLOW

**Benediction**

**Sung Amen** MV 219 Ameni South African

**Postlude**  Etude for the Left Hand Swinstead

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