**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

October 13th, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday – Creation Time 6

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** Lo, God is Here Winnifred Sim

**Call to worship**

Praise be to God

who created Earth

and gives us harvest.

 **God provides all that we need.**

Praise be to God

who surrounds us with love,

and strengthens us by the Holy Spirit.

 **God’s care never ends.**

People of God, let us give thanks.

 **Praise be to God!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 516 Come, You Thankful People, Come ST GEORGE’S, WINDSOR

**Prayer Seeking and Committing to Reconciliation**

God of all creation,

you love us into being,

yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation.

We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us,

and dominate the richness of the natural order.

Forgive our greedy grasping.

We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home,

mirrored in the violence of cities,

and the brokenness of our hearts, O God.

Nurturing God, remind us of the other ways to live

and of a place called home,

where creation reflects your goodness

and each thing lives in balance with all others.

Come find us, set us right again,

and take us home.

**Gift of Grace**

**Sung Response** MV 32 Hallelujah

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 182 Grateful S. Hart, T Tomaszek

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture**

Joel 2:21-27

 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 VU 850 Refrain 1

Matthew 6: 25-33

This is the Gospel of Christ.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** All Good Gifts (Godspell) Stephen Schwartz, arr. John Leavitt

**Sermon**

**Hymn** VU 310 God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty GLEN BERNARD

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** Waldesruhe A Dvorak

**Offering Dedication**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

 **we thank you God.**

For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends,

 **we thank you God.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,

 **we thank you God.**

For health, strength, and skill to work,

and for leisure to rest and play,

 **we thank you God.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,

 **we thank you God.**

For those who are brave and courageous,

patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

 **we thank you God.**

For all who pursue peace, justice and truth,

 **we thank you God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,

revealing the image of Christ,

 **we thank you God.**

Today we give thanks especially for…

and for all saints whose lives

have reflected the light of Christ,

 **we thank you God.**

**Hymn** VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Voluntary in G H. Heron

Reader: Kim O’Grady

Soloists: Evan Glazier, tenor; Sloan Smith, soprano; Ruth Denton, oboe; Sophie Caron, cello.

Pianist: Megan Dufrat

Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Guest Preacher: Earl Gould

Minister: Tricia Gerhard QR Code for Westworth donations