**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

October 27th, 2024

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**  Adoration Carol Robson Nowell

**Introduction to Nightmare Before Christmas**

**Call to worship**

Come, you who feel like you belong here!

**We come to be your people, God.**

Come, you who feel kind of weird and awkward at times,

**We come to be your people, God.**

Come, you who are sad, stressed or anxious,

**We come to be your people, God.**

Come, you who are calm and at peace,

**We come to be your people, God.**

We come, all of us at times sad, stressed, a little weird, and a little awkward

**But all of us belonging to you, O God.**

**May we truly be your people as we worship you!**

**Opening Prayer**

**God, we come this Halloween weekend sharing the stories of your ancient people, and to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest of us, and we ask that you shape us into faithful hopeful people. Fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We turn to you this morning in praise, setting our feet on the same path that our ancestors took as they followed you. Amen.**

**Hymn** MV 122 This is the Day Bruce Harding

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

**But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.**

Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast,

and that it is not proud.

**But we confess that sometimes we have been envious,**

**and boastful, and proud.**

Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

**But we confess that in many ways**

**we have been inconsiderate of those around us,**

**thinking only of ourselves.**

Your word tells us that love is not easily angered,

and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

**But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle,**

**and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.**

Your word says that love does not delight in evil

but rejoices with the truth,

that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes,

always perseveres.

**Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is hateful or mean,**

**but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love.**

**Protect us with Your love, Lord, knowing that love never fails,**

**and that You never fail. Amen.**

**Gift of Grace**

**Sung Response** MV 32 Hallelujah Julian Pattison

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** MV 90 Don’t Be Afraid John L. Bell & Graham Maule

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Introduction**

**Scripture:** Psalm 42: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying through the stories of our faith.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** God is Seen tune, Captain Kidd, arr. Alice Parker

**Reflection**

**Hymn** MV 21 Open Our Hearts Jim Strathdee

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 13: 1-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Hymn** MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our BreathBruce Harding

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th

**Offering Dedication**

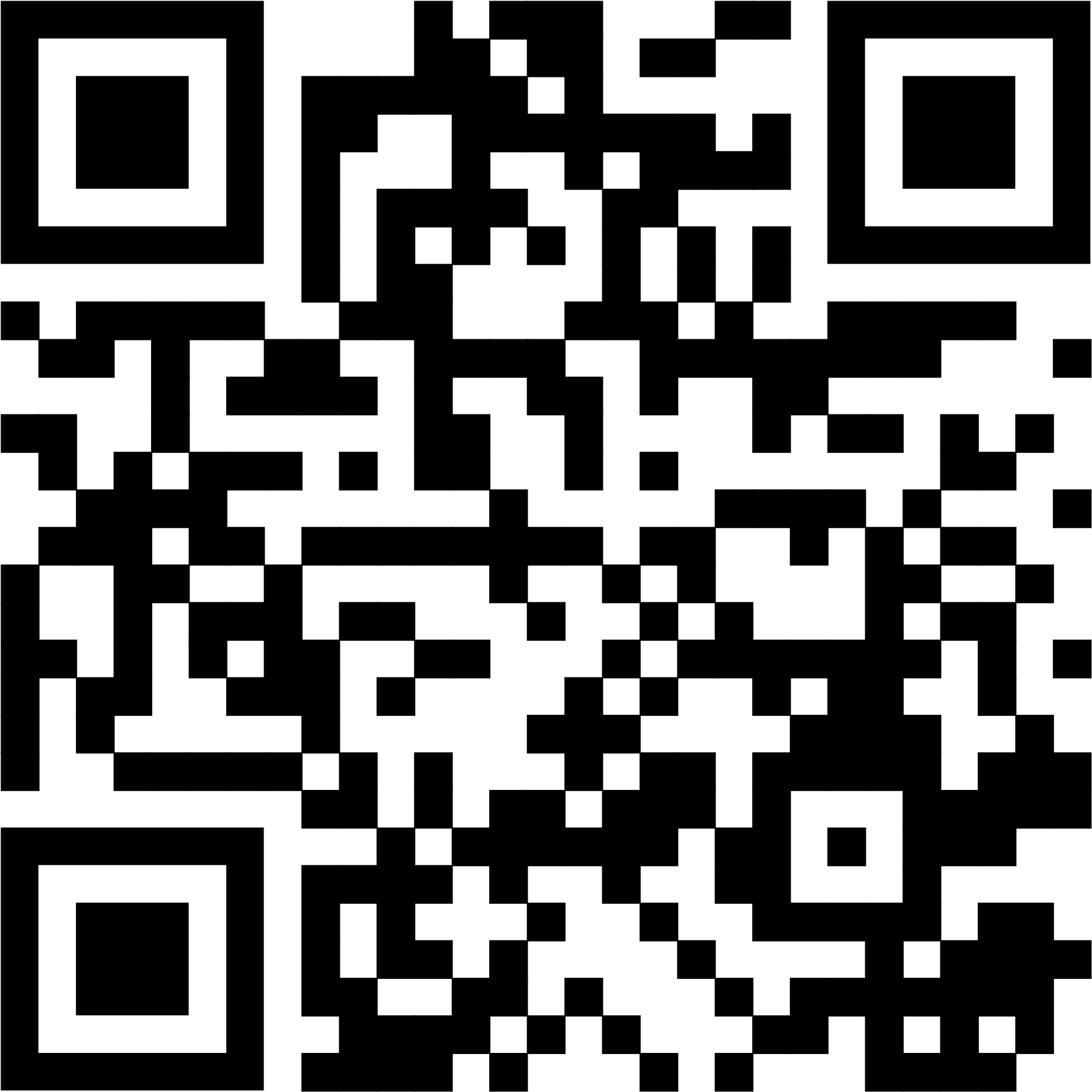
**God of extravagant love and generosity, in response to your gifts to us we bring before you our offering this morning to be used for your people. Bless what we do here in this community and help us to use it to share your presence in this world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Community**

**Hymn** MV 140 As Long as We Follow Joseph Kabemba

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Toccata in D Minor J.S. Bach

Reader: Daryl Brooks

Pianist: Megan Dufrat

Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Tricia Gerhard QR Code for Westworth donations

