

Immanuel United Church
January 15th, 2023

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND TREATIES

Today, we acknowledge the land that we are gathered on is Treaty 1 territory..... the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota Peoples, as well as the homeland and the heart of the Metis Nation, who for thousands of years, walked gently on this land with deeply rooted gifts of spirituality, culture and ways of knowing.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and give thanks for the connection we share with this land – in times past and also in the present day.

Today we are called to seek a new relationship as Indigenous and non-indigenous people, creating one based on friendship, built on respect, and one that produces peace, remembering that we are all treaty people.

As we enter this time of worship,
we acknowledge the Christ candle, marking the presence of light in our midst, and the Rainbow Candle, symbolizing that we are an inclusive and affirming community, and all belong here.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit: VU # 595 verse 1 We are Pilgrims

Opening Prayer: Let us pray.

God, like a bakerwoman, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise.

With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives.

Warm us with your love.

Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, that we may nourish hope among humanity.

We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn: VU #79 Arise, Your Light is Come

Scripture:

Psalm 28: 1-2

Matthew 25: 34 – 40

Choir Anthem: Here I Am, Lord

REFLECTION

Hymn: VU 595 We are Pilgrims

Offering: As we bring forward the offering plate, let us sing the refrain from
MV 191 What Can I Do

Prayer:

May these gifts open others to the blessings of: the gift of childlike wonder, the gift of radiant hope, the gift of peace which passes all understanding, the gift of joy which knows no bounds. With these gifts we bring ourselves, O God, to continue your work in the world.

Prayers of the Community: Marian Matthews

Hymn: MV 120 My Soul Cries Out

Benediction

Extroit: VU 701 What Does the Lord Require of You – in a round

Postlude