

Immanuel United Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 30, 2023

PRELUDE

Acknowledgement of the 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 Red River Metis people, 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,
The rainbow candle is lit
To symbolize and remind us
Of the commitment that we have made
To be an inclusive and affirming community
And that all God's people belong here.***

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER

As we move past Easter, our story highlights the early church and it's life. We can't recreate the early church, but perhaps there is much we can learn from it's community practice.

Let us pray:

Holy one, teach us through the stories of the past, so we might test our life today, and imagine the possibilities of a new future.

AMEN

HYMN: VU #227 For the Fruit of All Creation

MOMENT TO PONDER:

HYMN: VU#388 Spirit Dancing

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Brother James' Air (Psalm 23)*

REFLECTION:

HYMN: MV#126 Are You A Shepherd?

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

Doxology MV# 191 What Can I Do?

Let us Pray:

Creator, God, bless what we offer,

Gifts shared, lives given in service, hands and feet dedicated,

Community of Faith inspired, to make the world a place of Hope and Joy.

AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - SUNG

HYMN: MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts

Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude