

**Immanuel United Church  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 24th , 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.*

*And the Christ candle is present*

*pointing to the presence of God's spirit guiding our lives always.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER**

Spontaneous trips, especially into a wilderness, seldom go smoothly. It did not take the Hebrew people long to discover that they could not carry all the food they would need for a long journey. They would have to learn to live by their wits and initiative, but more, they would have to learn to accept grace. They would have to learn to humbly accept the gifts that came unexpectedly and without being deserved.

**Let us pray:**

**Holy One, We are well fed. And we are grateful for that. Our journey requires us to be imaginative, to find companions and allies, and courage to take risks. Grant us the humility to know we can't do it ourselves, and the willingness to accept grace, manna, wherever we find it.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN:** VU# 460 All Who Hunger

**MOMENT TO PONDER:**

**HYMN:** Will be announced on Sunday

**SCRIPTURE:**

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Family of Faith

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** MV# 127 I Saw the Rich Ones

**OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER**

We are a people blessed and gifted. As we have received, so let us share, our lives, our talents, our living, so we might be part of a transformed world, and become transformed people.

Doxology VU# 538 For the Gift of Creation

**Let us Pray:**

**Creator God, Bless the gifts we offer, so all we are and all we have might be multiplied and shared, for the blessing of all creation. AMEN**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG VU#959)**

**HYMN:** VU # 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

**BLESSING**

**CHORAL AMEN**

A-a-men, A-a-men, Hallelujah A-a-men!

**POSTLUDE**