

**Immanuel United Church  
Children's Sunday  
Named By God, to bear God's Name  
October 22, 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 nonindigenous 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**

The Israelites of the Exodus seemed to be guided by a presence they could neither see nor fully understand. Even when they tried to conjure up images for this presence, they were inadequate or just plain wrong. Yet many followers report a conviction that they are known, accepted, and loved.

Let us pray from ancient words that we all know;

**O Lord you have searched me, and known me,**

**You know when I sit down, and when I rise up,**

**You discern my thought from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down,**

**And are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Help us all to understand you more fully,  
in your presence and in your mystery,  
in your guiding, and in your sustaining.  
In Jesus Name we pray,  
AMEN**

**HYMN:** MV# 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

**MOMENT TO PONDER:**

Many of us experience a closeness to the Holy in nature, in the created world. Some imaginative souls have put some of those experiences to music in a sort of musical body prayer. Perhaps you would join me in singing Like A Rock.

**HYMN:** MV# 92 Like A Rock

**SCRIPTURE:**

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Let There Be Joy In This Place

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** MV# 126 Are You A Shepherd

**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 MV# 191 What Can I Do

**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:** MV# 48 I Can Feel You Near Me God

**BLESSING**

**CHORAL AMEN**

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

**POSTLUDE**