

Immanuel United Church
February 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday
Stewardship Season

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

For the past six weeks or so we have watched Jesus take his place in the world. At each step his new role was revealed. Baptized, gatherer of disciples, exorcist, healer, challenger of norms and traditions. In his early life he emerges as a figure of a historical context. Yet we know that Jesus is much more than that. A Christ

of Cosmic proportions, an Apocalyptic figure, a divine mystery. Today in the sight of his disciples Jesus, the continuation of history, becomes something more, a Christ beyond history.

Let us pray:

Creator, Let us hear and learn from the words of Jesus. Let us also be touched by the mystery of nature and awe in the presence of the universe. May we learn from one another the power of compassion and caring. Guide us through wonder, and majesty, and delight, and into wisdom. In Jesus name we pray.

AMEN

HYMN : MV# 44 Shadow and Substance

MOMENT TO PONDER:

We are aware of the stories of Viola Desmond whose face is on our ten dollar bill, Jean Augustine our first Black woman in a federal cabinet, Lincoln Alexander also a federal politician and the first black Lieutenant-Governor of a Canadian province, and Wilbur Howard, the first black moderator of the United Church. But I didn't know them. I did know Mike Gaston, my grade seven social studies teacher, gym teacher and for many of us the most popular teacher that year. Who do you remember? Who from the black community made a difference in your life?

HYMN: VU# 104 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

SCRIPTURE:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

CHOIR ANTHEM: "High Upon a Mountain"

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 628 Come, My Way, My Truth

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

There is a Spirit that moves in our midst inviting us to share who we are and what we have. Let us take a moment to indulge that spirit and open ourselves to offer what we are able.

Doxology **MV# 182 Grateful (chorus)**

Let us Pray:

Holy One, bless the gifts we share and the hope we hold so our community and world might be transformed by your Grace.

AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

VU# 959

HYMN: MV# 144 Like A Healing Stream

BLESSING

CHORAL AMEN

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

POSTLUDE