

Immanuel United Church

June 23, 2024

Fourth After Pentecost

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 welcoming community, and that all belong here. the Spirit candle is present, pointing to the presence of God guiding our lives always.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER

It's summertime, and we at Immanuel like kids in school will scatter for a time to seek Gods presence in the sun and the wind, and the earth and the water. We will gather in different ways, to celebrate the life of a dear friend, to gather with neighbours as part of churchorama, as part of Manitoba Harvest, maintaining a

connection to our local community. May the movements of God's Spirit guide us and renew us in a different way of being church.

Let us Pray:

Creator,

Be with us in the movements of this season, as we travel, as we explore new ventures, as we seek rest and renewal in nature and community.

May we feel your presence in the warmth of the sun, be awash in your spirit as we gather with family and friends in celebration and ceremony. May your Grace fill us, and Peace be with us.

AMEN

Hymn : VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

MOMENT TO PONDER

June brings a lot of changes. Perhaps none more significant than graduation. Thousands of University and College students, and high school students are finishing a chapter in their lives and moving on to new possibilities. Other celebrations of summer involve weddings, anniversaries, family reunions. Of course parties can happen any time of the year, but summer offers space and weather to celebrate and enjoy the parties. May we all find our little pockets of delight in the midst of family and friends.

HYMN: MV# 40 Never Ending Joy

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 4:35-41

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 625 I Feel the Winds of God Today

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

The earth yields its abundance,
The human community is filled with Grace and welcome,
Let us plant seeds, in love and in hope,
In loving thanksgiving let us make our offerings.

Doxology MV #191 What Can I Do

Let us Pray:

**Holy One, may our loving and our action
bring Hope and Peace to our community and
to our world.**

AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

HYMN: VU#641 Lord Jesus You Shall be my Song

COMMISSIONING:

CHORAL AMEN

A-a-men, A-a-men, Hallelujah, A-a-men (VU # 974)

POSTLUDE